

WATOA Teleconference
March 12, 2008

Attendance: Bill, Marlene, Mike, Randy, Dal, Judy, Dea, Donna

1:36 Approval of minutes: February, 2008
Randy motioned to approve – Dal seconded – motioned approved

Financial Report:

Dea Drake, Treasurer – Will arrange with Bill and John to do signatory signing at US Bank

14,261.68 current balance

State Legislation

SB 6438 - Internet deployment and Broadband policy would require Department of Information Services to work with CTED to lead a local technology planning team. Bill passed in Legislation this morning. The exact definition of broadband, who is partnering and how to handle proprietary mapping information will be handled by work group when looking at funding sources.

Victoria Lincoln, AWC, said decisions will be made at later time in environment that is not legislative. AWC hopes to be part of work group. Local government is identified as having seat on work group. Dept of Information Services will put together work group.

Committee Reports:

WATOA Conference – Randy and Judy met at Hilton Garden Inn to talk with coordinator. Menu for breakfast and lunch, snack were selected. Room price is \$400 a day. Menu cost is \$52.80 per person. Agenda will include – 4 sessions , morning on UTC broadband study to include members of UTC and contractor CBG who is conducting broadband study

Afternoon would be on digital conversion, with reps from cable companies and discussions on cable plan and requirements. Mike C. will make contact with Charter reps to see if they are willing to participate. Bill will contact Comcast reps.

Then annual meeting would have roundtable discussion with members on what issues they want addressed in year ahead.

Evening reception – possibly at local winery/art gallery. This would include finger foods and wine.

Donna motioned that we set registration fees to \$75 for members \$100 non members – Judy seconded – motion carried

Once agenda is solidified then a mailer would be sent out to members and others to promote workshop

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Bill will continue to work with John to get website updated

Bylaws Revisions

Mike C. hopes to get help and do at least one phone conference by next month meeting. Anyone interested in looking at bylaw revision please let Mike C. know.

New Business

NATOA has petitioned FCC to take action on its Request for Stay of the Second Report and Order. The Request for Stay was filed on December 21, 2007. The Commission has failed to respond to the Request for Stay for over 60 days. NATOA wants the commission to make a decision to either grant or deny the request

Board Comments

Chas replacement at City of Tacoma is Jeff Leudel. He has expressed interest in being involved with WATOA

Mike C. commented that Charter Communications had approached Richland about moving PEG to the digital tier. Charter would like to have this transition lined up by mid year.

2:32 Adjourn

Minutes prepared by
Michael Charboneau, Secretary