

**WSAC/WSACE Fall Legislative Conference
Vancouver, Washington
November 13-16, 2007**

**WSACE Business Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2007**

1. Call to Order at 9:05am
2. Roll Call, 17 Counties present
3. Agency Report, H & LP by Kathleen Davis
 - a. Kathleen Davis handed out the Fall 2007 Highways & Local Programs Division report and went through the key issues as articulated in the report. Of particular interest to the membership was the Federal Bridge Program and the fact they anticipate having the next call for projects in the Spring of 2008. She indicated there may be \$30 million available to local agencies if all goes well.
4. Special Reports
 - a. Tony Giancola, Executive Director of NACE, brought the membership up to speed on several national issues including reminding us that next years (April, 2008) NACE conference is located in Portland Oregon and it would prudent for the Washington members to make themselves available for this event considering it may not be that close to home for many years. Tony also briefly discussed legislative issues, sign retro-reflectivity and lastly training opportunities available for the membership.
 - b. Bob Fogel, NACo, discussed the solid relationship NACo and NACE have enjoyed over the years and looks forward to his continued work with Mr. Giancola. Mr. Fogel also discussed "Reauthorization", gas tax increases, and other Federal related issues as they may pertain to the local agencies.
5. President's Report
 - a. Kent Cash briefly discussed his Washington D.C. Timber fly in and the group's efforts to get the Timber Bill reauthorized on behalf of the "timber" counties.
6. Adjourned at 10:15am for the WSAC & WSACE Joint Session. We will reconvene the business meeting tomorrow at 9:15am.

**WSACE Business Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2007**

1. Call to order at 9:20am
2. Roll Call, 18 Counties present
3. President's Report, Continued –
 - a. Kent Cash discussed the Managing Director's Position, including its current status with WSAC, and the fact that the agreement between WSACE and WSAC should be signed very soon allowing us to move forward with the selection process. Kent indicated to the membership that Brian Stacy would discuss the budget implications of the position during the Secretary Treasurer's Report.

4. President-Elect's Report

Derek Pohle briefed the membership on the Standing Committee Reports as well as the Ad-Hoc Committee Reports.

Standing Committee Reports

Past President's Committee - nothing to report

Legislative Committee – nothing specific to report at this time although we need to better develop this group in the future considering its importance.

Prof Development Committee – scheduled for January 30- February 1st, 2008 and the topic is Crucial Conversations. Should be a great program again and Joe Rutan suggested that participants should consider going to Skamania Lodge several days in advance and enjoy some skiing at Mt. Hood. It was decided to add another member to the committee and Ken Hash volunteered for the position.

Membership Committee – Welcome to Ken Hash of Lewis County and Jim Voetberg of Skagit County, both new members to our organization.

By-Laws Committee – Decided that we should wait on any further changes on the By-Laws until our new Managing Director is onboard.

Ad-Hoc Committee Report

Survey Committee – the bill is currently dead although will likely resurface in the future. Kent Cash gave a brief report on behalf of Ken Stone.

Day Labor Committee – bill is currently dead.

Eminent Domain Committee – Owen Carter gave an update on HB 2016 on behalf of Art Louie.

Stormwater Committee – Committee has not meet in some time but Dale Rancour was able to give a report on several stormwater related meetings he has attended in the last several months. We're hoping to find some committee help for Dale in the very near future.

Derek Pohle had some general discussions with the group about increasing participation in the business meetings and in the organization in general. Perhaps many of the County Engineers should consider engaging their second tier managers for involvement in the organization. Kent Cash asked the members if there are any other issues facing the engineers we should discuss and the long standing issue of hiring engineers was brought up again as a statewide problem for the Counties.

5. Secretary Treasurer's Report

- a. Brian Stacy handed out three reports and discussed the general financial health of the organization. The three reports included a "Year to Date Actuals", Proposed 2008 Budget and lastly the WSACE fee breakdown for each County with the new Managing Director's Position included in the costs.

6. Eastern District Report
 - a. Todd O'Brien reported that the Eastern District did not meet this fall but hope to get together in the spring. Nothing else to report.

7. Western District Report
 - a. Joe Rutan pleaded with the membership to vote in a different Western District Representative since he really doesn't have the time, or interest, to invest in this position any longer. He thinks there should be someone out there that could be more proactive.
 - b. There was some general discussion from the membership that the Eastern/Western District Officers should go to their respective East/West APWA meetings and WSACE would consider financially supporting them if necessary.

8. Legislative Update
 - a. Julie Murray discussed the fact that she is moving into a new role with WSAC and will no longer be doing Transportation (for the most part). She will focus on pension/finance and Eric Johnson will now do Transportation. Some coming issues Julie sees on the horizon are statewide tolling policies, transportation benefit districts, federal funds distribution, concurrency, small works roster limits, condemnation/eminent domain, and access management survey.

9. NACE Report
 - a. Ryan Lopossa reminded everyone about the Portland, Oregon NACE conference next April and indicated that registration is currently open. Since we are a 100% membership state we receive one free conference registration for a first time attendee so please contact Ryan if you know of a good candidate.
 - b. Don't forget the Project Manager/Program Manager of the year call. The winner will be announced at the NACE conference. Gary Predoehl was last year's winner.

10. CRAB Report
 - a. Jay Weber indicated that the membership should have received electronically the most recent CRAB report. If you have any questions please contact him.
 - b. Discussed with the membership the sanctions imposed upon Ferry County by the CRABoard for Day Labor Limits infractions.

Adjourned at 12:07pm.