

Cascadia Chapter Meeting
MINUTES
October 14, 2009 / 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Duke's – Southcenter, WA

Attendees:

Andrea Ball (D-Sec.)
Hank Ball
Anna Bremmer
Ron Burkhard

Patricia Butler
Joel Davis
Laurie Dennis
Mike Dyer

John Langer (D-Treas.)
Blane Long (D – VP)

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Committee Reports
 - a. Government Affairs (JD) – Joel, Steven Paget and Gene Haba met and discussed the following:
 - i. How to document VE's impact on the State to the Legislature
 - ii. A process implementation form was developed 4-5 years ago and reinvented in 08/09
 - iii. WSDOT has good performance measures already established and money/savings is not the only measure of success
 - iv. Looked at identifying relevant measures for vertical construction and added Life Cycle Cost to the list
 - v. How to document this data? A request is made for everyone doing WA-based work (except DOT) to submit data on a quarterly basis for now, less frequently in the future.
 - vi. How to collect this data? Identify a single point of contact for Cascadia to gather and collate the data. Joel will be the POC for the first year. Once collected, the data can be summarized and placed on the Chapter web site.
 - vii. We can/should distinguish between building types. Example – identify those data related to K-12 construction for OSPI. Ken suggested making this part of the reporting process. We could use the following categories:
 1. K-12 for OSPI
 2. State Board of Community/Technical Colleges
 3. Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)
 4. Dept. of Corrections
 5. DSHS
 6. Other (Fish and Wildlife, etc.)
 - viii. BL reviewed a recent email from Governor Gregoire regarding the need for more ideas on how to save money and maximize value in the State.
 1. JD suggested reworking Gene Haba's letter from last year as a start. It would be alright to add retroactive data.
 - ix. The question was raised about whether or not we are underserving our constituency (Chapter)? The response was that we are starting with WA and will use that as an example for other states/provinces.

- x. The question was raised about including a health and safety performance metric. BL replied that WSDOT doesn't build anything that isn't safe so there is no need for this measure.
 - b. Treasurer (JL)
 - i. Balance is \$3,149.94
 - c. Programming (BL) – November 14 will be an overview of the USACE Mud Mountain Dam facilities and projects. The meeting will be in Tacoma. No meeting in December unless we have a social event. Send other programming ideas to Blane.
 - d. 2011 Conference Planning Committee (AB) – Still looking like Portland will be the location. No further word from SAVE. BL suggested Skamania Lodge along the Columbia gorge as another possible venue. JD suggested contacting Rob Stewart and our other Portland members for input.
 - e. Communications (AB)
 - i. Website function analysis to be discussed in tonight's presentation.
 - ii. Suggestions were made to have a Chapter presence on LinkedIn and FaceBook, with possible presence on Flickr and Google Groups.
- III. Presentation: Function Analysis of the Cascadia Chapter Website (AB)
 - a. Andrea led the group through defining the users of the site, their needs and then the functions of the site. Next steps are for Andrea and Ashley to build a FAST model and share it with the group.
- IV. Adjourn.