



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

WFPS Board of Directors meeting held June 25, 2022 at the Embassy Suites in Burlingame, CA.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ben Petersen called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

ROLL CALL

Ben Petersen, Chair
Russ Kluesner, Chair-Elect
Mike Nadeau, Immediate Past Chair
Crissy Willson, Executive Director

Nancy Almanzan, Director, Nevada
Amanda Askren, Director, Washington (via Zoom)
Todd Beers, Director, Colorado (via Zoom)
Mike Fondren, Director, Arizona (via Zoom)
Gary Gervelis, Director, Alaska
Allen Grace, Director, New Mexico
Kevin Nehring, Director, California
Roxanne Nimmer, Director, New Mexico
Warren Smith, Director, California
John Lee, Director, Wyoming (via Zoom)
Joanne Williamson, Director, Hawaii (via Zoom)

Guests: Tim Burch, NSPS Executive Director

A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOVED by Mike Nadeau and **SECONDED** to approve the minutes of the March 2022 Board of Directors meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Ben Petersen reported that the Executive Committee continues to hold monthly meetings in order to keep programs moving forward in between Board meetings.

Ben has established an Editor's Forum that is meeting via Zoom to discuss best practices for state association magazines and share resources. The forum has been well received and appreciated by the state association Editors.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Financial report included in the agenda.

MOVED by Russ Kluesner and **SECONDED** to accept the financials as included in the agenda. **MOTION CARREID.**

CONFERENCE

Report included in agenda.

The 2022 Western Regional Survey Conference was a great success with nearly 900 attendees. Proceeds from the Conference will be distributed based on attendance and WestFed will receive 10% of the net proceeds.

It is time to start planning for future Western Regional Conferences. If there are any states that are interested, please submit a formal request to either Conference Chair Mike Nadeau or the WFPS Executive Office.

NSPS

Chair Ben Petersen welcomed NSPS Executive Director Tim Burch and thanked him for attending the meeting.

Mr. Burch discussed his vision and goals for NSPS. He will be focusing on renewing relationships and fostering evolution instead of revolution.

Mr. Burch has identified the attrition and complacency as threats to the profession. To address this, he believes, the profession needs to embrace the term geospatial – less “land” more “geospatial.”

NSPS realizes that membership retention is important and is committed to helping the state associations recruit and maintain members.

The CST program continues to thrive and is a good way to engage survey technicians.

STATE REPORTS

Reports were included in agenda and highlights for each state are included in the June 2022 highlight report. Additions to the report in

FS STUDY PROGRAM

WFPS developed the FS Exam Study Course to provide an affordable option for those studying for the fundamentals exam. Any member of a WestFed association is eligible for the member price of \$199 which includes the video course and manual.

This program not only provides much needed study material for potential licensees, it also provides member associations non-dues revenue. For each course sold from your state, the state association receives a \$50 royalty. Each WestFed member association has received marketing material including

social media and web graphics, magazine graphics, and order forms. So far, the program has generated over \$2500 for our affiliates.

Marketing material is available for each state to promote the program. Tim Burch indicated that NSPS would help to promote the program as well.

Action Item: Share the FS Study Program with your state association membership.

SAFETY / TAILGATE MEETING MANUAL

Chair Ben Petersen reported that members of LSAW were discussing the need for a generic safety manual. Ben suggested that instead of each state using resources to develop a generic manual, that WestFed could take on the task and share with member associations as a resource.

The Board concurred that this would be of value to the associations.

Action Item: Send sample safety manuals to the WFPS Executive Office. If you are interested in serving on a committee to develop a generic manual, please email WFPS Executive Office.

ROUNDTABLE TOPIC – RIGHT OF ENTRY

Right of entry continues to be a hot topic. Some states still do not have right of entry laws and are interested in learning more from the other western states.

Directors distributed right of entry/trespass information from their state. Several states have developed best practice guides and resources for their membership. Crissy will create a subfolder of the WFPS Board Dropbox and load all the resources collected.

Action Item: Please send your right of entry/trespass laws and or resources to the WFPS Executive Office.

ROUNDTABLE TOPIC – CHAPTER MEETINGS

Most of the state associations have reported a drop off in participation at local/chapter meetings since the pandemic. The Directors discussed the importance of maintaining a local network and brainstormed ways to help revitalize those meetings.

One of the obstacles commonly discussed is location. Many local chapters cover a wide area and finding a location that will allow everyone to participate is difficult. Many state associations are now offering hybrid meetings so that they can reach all their members and provide opportunity for increased member engagement.

Recommended: When offering hybrid meetings, use a facility other than a restaurant so that background noise is not an issue. The use of an OWL or other 360 degree conferencing hardware is suggested.

MOVED by Gary Gervelis and **SECONDED** to allocated up to \$2000 to purchase an OWL or equivalent 360 degree conferencing hardware to use for WestFed meetings. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ben Petersen adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:30 PM