

MINUTES

In attendance: Doug Barnes, Joe Schwab, John Day, Brenda Renrick, Jim Potter, John Bratton, Janice Bristol, Jeff Bowlby, Scott Cameron, Lynn Eshleman, Joseph Irons, Bob Johns, Kevin Kartak, Steve Kirk, Dave Main, Robert Pantley, Sherry Schwab, Donna Shirey, Bonnie Miller-Waudé, Ty Waudé, Myra Williams, Rick Miller, Jeff Danks, and Lynda Hester.

Absent: Brittani Ard, Juli Bacon, Todd Bennett, Audrey Godwin, Shelli Lucs-Kennedy, Marc Pryde, Rob Purser, Jim Schumacher, and Christine Woodcock.

Doug opened the meeting at 12:20 p.m. and welcomed those present.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the March 19, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.

Mike Pattison introduced Aaron Reardon, Chief Executive of Snohomish County. Aaron provided a brief overview of Snohomish County activities, including the permitting process, growth in the Snohomish County area, and partnerships in building affordable housing. He then asked the board what they could do better. Questions were asked about the roads, bringing more business to Snohomish County and light rail.

Doug thanked Aaron for coming to the board meeting and handed him a photo of Aaron and his wife at the MBA auction.

A Resolution was presented to the board that Juli Bacon received full support of the Board and is their endorsed candidate to serve as the Membership Chair of BIAW in 2008. A motion was made and seconded to approve. **Motion carried.**

John Day reported no significant items in the financial report, and made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded and **carried**. Doug invited the Board to attend the Finance Committee meeting May 10 at 12 noon.

Kevin presented the prospective membership list to the Board and made a motion they be approved. Motion was seconded and **carried**.

Larry Chimenti discussed the Membership Drive, which is currently in progress and will culminate on May 15 & 16. He encouraged all members to recruit.

Daimon Doyle, BIAW President, provided a brief legislation update. He stated that the Weinstein bill did not pass, the SB 5507 vesting bill is dead, and the Permit Timeline is on the Governors desk to be signed.

Daimon then went on to explain the reason he was in attendance, which was to ask the Association to donate the excess proceeds of the ROII return to BIAW's election fund to support a gubernatorial candidate in 2008.

He discussed fundraising for the upcoming election year 2008, and stated that the senior officers introduced a resolution asking each of the 15 locals to donate the excess retro funds beyond what they budgeted to the gubernatorial fund. So far 11 out of 15 locals have approved this process. Lower Columbia said they would give 200%, and Central will give 110% back.

Comments expressed were as follows:

- We'd be better off to be friends with the governor.
- Would this be advertised on the Friday Fax, inflaming the other party?
- Aren't we starting too soon?
- We tend to be a democratic organization. It would be hard to explain to members who are Democrats.
- We don't need to give that kind of money now.
- Why would you use the Retro funds they want to take away from us to defeat them?

A motion was made to not vote on the item, and then was rescinded.

Doug stated that MBA has a couple of major expenditures coming up for several million dollars. It is important to find out what our obligations to the association is. In addition, this is a local election year, and we want to have money for that. We need to make sure our expenditures are taken care of prior to expending elsewhere. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Daimon thanked the group for their time, and Doug thanked Daimon for attending.

Before adjourning, Doug stated that the auction was wonderful, and everyone did a super job. Rampathon is coming up, and discussions are in the works on how to do it nationally.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm .

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Renrick
MBA Secretary