

**Western Association of State Highway
and Transportation Officials**

Resolution 5-94

A Policy on Contributions in Support of Official WASHTO Meetings

Whereas, the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (WASHTO) wishes to avoid a conflict of interest and the appearance of conflict of interest in its annual conference; and

Whereas, WASHTO does encourage associations to participate in annual conference and official meeting technical programs; and

Whereas, individual vendors who wish to sponsor or conduct a commercial exhibit in connection with an official Association meeting must insure that it is on a self-supporting, not-for-profit basis, and no income from such exhibits may be utilized to underwrite the associated WASHTO meeting or meeting of which WASHTO is a cosponsor; and

Whereas, funds collected from exhibitors are to be kept segregated from other WASHTO funds, and, if any net residual funds are generated by a commercial exhibit, the funds should either be returned to participating exhibitors on a pro rata basis or retained in a segregated account of the Association for use in subsequent exhibition events involving at least substantially the same exhibitors; and

Whereas, arrangements for commercial exhibits may include the provision of food and beverages in conjunction with an exhibitor reception or other event in the exhibit area, with the full cost to be borne by the exhibitors:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that WASHTO will not accept contributions in support of annual conferences or other official WASHTO meetings from individual vendors for vendor-specific events or speakers; and

Be it further resolved, that WASHTO may accept conference registration fees from vendors at a rate necessary to meet anticipated conference costs; and

Be it further resolved, that WASHTO will continue to encourage industry or professional associations to participate in the development of annual conference and other meeting technical programs, including the suggestion of topics and the recruitment of speakers; and

Be it further resolved, that WASHTO will continue to encourage industry or professional associations to sponsor other proper and appropriate activities that relate to annual conferences and official meetings, provided that these activities are not scheduled in conflict with official WASHTO functions.

This resolution was adopted at the WASHTO Annual Meeting in Vail, Colorado on July 20, 1994.

Don Diller, President

This Resolution was signed by
Arnold Oliver, Date unknown