



WASHTO Board of Directors Meeting

WASHTO Annual Meeting – Waikiki, Hawai'i

June 5, 2023

I. Welcome/ Call to Order/ Roll Call

President Joel Jundt called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m. HST.

II. Statement from the President

No statement.

III. Approval of October 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Jundt asked for a motion to approve the May 18, 2023 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Secretary Roger Millar (WA) and seconded by Director Mack Long (MT) to approve the meeting minutes as presented. All present voted aye by voice vote. The motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Amber Coulson, Treasurer, presented two items for the Board's approval.

TSMO Committee has asked for an email address. Coulson shared that the cost would be \$72/ year with the current webmaster and would also require additional personal time to put the email on the website and answer responses.

TSMO does not have a sub-account at this time.

Director Tracy Larkin Thomason (NV) shared the TSMO Committee is also planning a Peer Exchange on Capability Maturity Models. The committee may require seed money from the Board to get the Peer Exchange organized with the hope of a profit to start a funding source for the committee moving forward.

A motion was made by Secretary Roger Millar (WA) and seconded by Director Mack Long (MT) to fund \$72 / year for a TSMO Committee email address. All present voted aye by voice vote. The motion carried.

If the Committee requires seed money, the chair will work to create a resolution for the Board to approve.

Jundt asked Coulson to set up a TSMO sub-account at American Bank & Trust.

NOTE: It was noted that if other committee would like to get an email address, this would be an option for them as well.

Coulson's next item was regarding the Board's Cvent contract that will expire in December 2023. Based on feedback received, Cvent was not an easy event service for the committees to use due to software and Cvent customer service. With that, it was recommended not to extend the contract if the Board and committees are not using it.

A motion was made by Director Ed Sniffen (HI) and seconded by Executive Director Marc Williams (TX) to end the contract with Cvent and pursue a different company. All present voted aye by voice vote. The motion carried.

V. Report from AASHTO

Executive Director Jim Tymon shared the following items:

- Debt ceiling extension legislation would have required rescinding of \$2 billion dollars but states were able to obligate the \$1.6 billion funds to help bring the rescission down considerable. With this effort, and other modifications, the rescission will now be approximately \$25 million of rescinded funds. He gave credit to the states for finding ways to obligate the unobligated funding and their ability to use creative ways to obligate the funds in many of the different funding categories.
- Progress in the FEMIS and DELFI accounting issues. The forensic accountant is continuing to find funds discrepancies between the two systems and these results are positive. More work still needing to be done to completely resolve the overall discrepancy.
- August redistribution – over \$7 billion. He said AASHTO is congressional staff with possible legislative options. One issue of known concern is the delivery of local government projects. He stated that Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) may push for more local funding and creating new programs that eventually would get added to State STIPs. He is hoping for more discussion on this topic during the FHWA later today.
- Emerging Leaders – more information to come in the future from Mr. Tymon on this topic.

VI. Old Business: Upcoming Annual Meetings

This item was tabled to future meeting.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Business Committees

i. **Nomination Committee** – Secretary Roger Millar (WA)

Millar shared the committee had a difficult time coming up with a recommendation because the response from the CEOs was great. He noted many CEOs were willing to step up to fill the position which was a pleasant change.

The committee recommended appointing Director Ed Sniffen (HI) for WASHTO Vice President.

President Jundt opened the floor to other recommendations. No recommendations were made.

A motion was made by Secretary Roger Millar (WA) and seconded by Director Mack Long (MT) to appoint Director Ed Sniffen (HI) to WASHTO Vice President. All present voted aye by voice vote. The motion carried.

ii. **Resolution Committee** – Director Jennifer Toth (AZ)

Nothing to share.

iii. **Auditing Committee** – Director Ed Sniffen (HI)

Nothing to share.

b. Standing Committees

i. **Highway Transport Committee** – Commissioner Ryan Anderson (AK)

Nothing to share.

ii. **Construction and Materials Committee** – Director Tony Tavares (CA)

Nothing to share.

iii. **Maintenance Committee** – Secretary Joel Jundt (SD)

Nothing to share.

iv. **Civil Rights Committee** – Secretary Roger Millar (WA)

Nothing new to share.

v. **TSMO Committee** – Director Tracy Larkin Thomason (NV)

Nothing more to share.

VIII. New Business

President Joel Jundt brought to the table a request to purchase a gift for Matt Swift, former WASHTO Treasurer, for his service.

A motion was made by Director Mack Long (MT) and seconded by Director Ed Sniffen (HI) to approve the request for a gift for Matt Swift and to give President Jundt full discretion on the gift and its price. All present voted aye by voice vote. The motion carried.

IX. CEO Retreat

President Joel Jundt shared three dates with the Board for a CEO Retreat in Rapid City, SD. Those dates were: October 11-12, 2023, May 22-23, 2024, or May 30-31, 2024.

The reason for the retreat is to get together to discuss major items/issues the states are facing and collaborate on possible solutions. This is also a great time to build relationship between the WASHTO CEOs. The plan will be to have it over an afternoon and a morning.

The Board suggested the May 2024 dates were better for their schedules. Based on current WASHTO finances, it was the Board's concurrence that those states that participate will pay their own way to the CEO Retreat and make funds available for any state that needs assistance.

X. State Issues

President Jundt asked the state representatives around the table to share some significant items/issues that they are dealing with.

Hawai'i – Director Ed Sniffen

- Heading to Washington DC to meet with US Senate and House staffers to ask them to let the states set the stage on how to spend funds and ask them not to create new programs.
- He will send an email to the Board asking for comment to bring with to DC.

Nebraska – Deputy Director Moe Jamshidi

- Nebraska will be hosting the 2024 WASHTO Annual Conference
- Legislative Session just ended with some wins and some losses.
 - Helmet law was repealed.
 - Bonding authority is available for the first time.
 - 0-2 for legislation on CNGC and Design Build/ will work with local AGC to help them understand.
- Chief Engineer Breakfast was filled with good discussion.

Nevada – Director Tracy Larkin Thomason

- Workforce issues like other states
- Legislative Session ends Monday /12% pay increase for employee/ hoping will help with recruitment/retention.
- Talking with Governor and creating work groups on the topic of EV registration/ working with DMV to see what they can do.
- Working at future legislation on work zone safety/cameras in work zones

South Dakota – Secretary Joel Jundt

- Last year was a 6% pay increase, this year will be 7% for all employees/ many engineers may receive up to a 20% increase.
- A non-DOT sponsored bill failed in legislature regarding autonomous vehicle/ biggest opponent was insurance industry. Working to find a solution since 32 other states already have legislation passed.
- Working group with AASHTO TPF on discretionary grants is making progress. OST is agreeable to make changes, but this taking time and all understand that progress will be slow.

Idaho – Chief Deputy Dan McElhinney

- 2 year of bond program/ 7 years STIP with 380 projects/ bid letting averaging 2.5 bid per project

XI. Other Business

No other business shared.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m. HST