



Hello Members!

Well, changes and work are happening. We are in the process of changing the banking signers for ABATE of Washington, adding a new State Coordinator and Deputy State Coordinator, and removing the outgoing officers.

We have been contacted by the State Gambling Commission requesting proof of our non-profit status with the Secretary of State. I am in the process of getting back to them with the UBI number and our designation of a 501c4 status as a nonprofit. Interesting information on the difference between a 501c3 and a 501c4. There is a good reason we are 501c4 as a legislative rights organization. If you get a chance, look up the differences.

<https://www.upcounsel.com/501c3-vs-501c4> explains it well.

Other changes have happened. Brian Lange has stepped down as State Legislative Affairs Officer. He has also stepped down as the Communications Officer for the State. Brian has done a great job in both of these positions and deserves all of our thanks.

I have asked Larry Walker to take the Legislative Affairs Officer for the State. Larry has a wealth of knowledge in Olympia and the motorcycle community. I am happy to say that Larry accepted the position. I am looking forward to working with him.

I am still **looking for someone to take the State Communications Officer Position**. This is a very important part of our organization. This position keeps our members informed on activities, changes, and events in ABATE of Washington. It involves a computer, the internet, and being very familiar with Constant Contact, our vendor for communications within ABATE of Washington. Let me know if that is something you may be interested in doing.

I want to take a minute to thank a few people that are doing a ton of 'behind the scenes' that keep things in ABATE of Washington moving.

Thank you to Joe Cain for your work on the State web page! Joe is doing a great job keeping things up to date and is very responsive to requests for changes. **Greg Hansen has been very busy personally but is still doing a big job with membership.** Thank you, Greg, for your work and efforts. **Thank you to Shari Carlsberg for your work with the State**

newsletter. Shari's efforts with Constant Contact have been a lot of work. Constant Contact does not always provide the best customer service, and Shari has had a big job trying to get things right with them. Thank you, Shari! **There are many other people doing a lot for ABATE** that you might not see. **They are doing great work and are very much appreciated!**

We have begun working on Spring Opener for next year. The agreement with the campsite is done, and we are planning entertainment and activities. **We are looking for chapters to step up and sponsor an event at next year's spring opener. If you or your chapter have some ideas, let Scott Robinson know.** Scott will be taking over as chair for Spring Opener 2023. **A great big 'Thank you' to Lyle Coyle for all of your work in the past.**

Legislative: You should all be seeing a questionnaire sent to each chapter coordinator and/or secretary regarding three legislative priorities your chapter would like to see in 2023. We will be tabulating that information at STEAM. Please make every effort to ensure your chapter is represented at STEAM in October and that your coordinator is also present for B.O.D. B.O.D. will approve the 2023 legislative priorities for ABATE of Washington.

Please bring your chapters, 2023 event schedule to B.O.D. in October, per the policies, to share with other chapters. No one is going to tell you to move an event. However, we need to support other chapters' activities, so let's try not to double book.

Always open and willing to talk to you about ABATE and how to make things better. I will do my best to travel around the State and get to different chapters' events and activities. See you on the road.

Andy McAfee
State Coordinator