

State Coordinator Report

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Long weekend of ABATE stuff so I waited to right this until after BOD and Black Friday. First I want to say thank you to the Black Friday legislative committee. I am going to say they did a great job. We had a good turnout could have been better but good. I believe we have a lot of support for the three bills our membership has put forward. When a call to action is made please take the five minutes it takes to make contact with your legislatures. Follow these bills as outlined in this newsletter. Great job, Kim, Louise, Kat, Allan, Jo, Monika, Larry and Bill.

Board of Directors meeting (BOD) Nominations for three positions happened. Bill Dye was nominated for Deputy Coordinator, Monika Scotty was nominated for Treasurer. There was no nominations for EastSide Ambassador so that position remains open. Both Monika and Bill were seated as un-opposed.

We mailed out beneficiary cards for American Income Life. If there is no change there is no need for you to do anything. American Income Life Insurance (AIL). Let me clear a few things up. First, the program is free it does not cost ABATE or you for the \$ 4,000 coverage for accidental death. Accidental is the keyword. If the death was not caused by an accident there is no coverage. Yes, AIL offers us this coverage because they want to upsell you if and when they contact you. Do you need anything from AIL to be covered NO you do not. They get your phone number when you send in the beneficiary card, if you don't want them to call you don't put your phone number on the card. ABATE sends out to you. AIL does not get your address or phone number from ABATE. ABATE mails that stuff to you at the expense of AIL. Do you need to send a beneficiary card to AIL to be covered the answer is no. However, as we all know it can be legally cumbersome if it is not clear who the beneficiary should be. I have received several complaints about high-pressure sales representatives from AIL and have forwarded those concerns to AIL. Please regardless of what they tell you. You DON'T need to meet with them. You DON'T need anything from them. Say, there is no need to meet and hang up the phone. If they call back tell them not to call there is no need to meet send me their name and phone number and I will contact AIL about them. You are covered as long as ABATE and AIL run the program and you are a member in good standing with ABATE of Washington. If you lose someone that is an ABATE member in an accident there are two ways to handle it. Contact AIL and submit a claim. The other option is to contact me and I can help you with that. Finally, if the membership does not see value in the program, please bring it back to the Board of Directors and we can cancel the program.

Please remember that all of the people running events and committees are volunteers. There are a lot of people doing great things. We need to show them respect and appreciation. If you would like to step up and volunteer, we are always looking for people to take on some tasks and responsibilities.

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