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General Membership Meeting

March 3, 2017
Hood River, OR

Present: Many WSPMA Members

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 3:28pm. Larry Treleven motioned to accept the minutes from the December 3 General Membership meeting as published in the Snapshot Newsletter.; Tony Wurst seconded and the motion passed.

ACE Program through WSU

Norm Ehmann funding will get an Associate Certified Entomologist (ACE) pilot project off the ground this winter. WSU will conduct a class and administer the testing in late 2017. To learn more about this program tune into a webinar on September 13.

WSPMA Website Updates

Samantha Malone presented the new WSPMA website. This will allow all website changes to be made in house and gives the Association more freedom with what available online. There is now a WSPMA Store where you can register for all seminars and meetings at once. It will be important to check back often; a lot of changes are coming. Visit www.WSPMA.com today!

Committee Reports

Government Affairs – Larry Treleven

Larry Treleven discussed the topics that were discussed in his last report.

1. A proposed B&O Tax increase for the Services that we provide. We currently pay 1.5% and he wants to raise the rate to 2.5% of our gross receipts.
2. Workers Compensation Taxes will increase even though we feel no increase was needed and L&I are very slow at closing cases for injured workers and this continues to drive up costs for all of us.
3. He wants to establish a 7.5% State Capital Gains Tax on all homes or buildings that we sell or stocks and bonds that we sell.
4. He wants to establish a Carbon Tax throughout the State. This was rejected by the Legislature last year so he went to the voters in November and they said NO. Doesn't matter to him. He still submitted it again in his Budget for this year. What does it mean for all of us? An increase for gasoline of \$.25/gallon plus a 3.5% raise each year plus it would go up at whatever rate the inflation happens to be AND there is not end to this tax because it goes on forever and raises every year.
5. Water Quality Rule that was agreed to by the State Department of Ecology and the business community was rejected by the EPA and Environmental groups and added additional provisions to make the State of Washington the most restrictive water regulations in the Nation!
6. Restrictive Scheduling legislation is being considered by the Legislature at this time. Even if you provide "family leave" for your employees, the restrictive scheduling provisions would make it very difficult to call people in early or late to work for a big job or if someone were to call in sick. This added to the \$15.00/hour minimum wage makes it for a very difficult session.
7. The McCleary issue about providing adequate school funding is as the top of the list and this will be the most difficult for the Legislators to agree on. The Republicans are looking for a 1.8-2.0% increase on property taxes to cover this but the Democrats think that 4% is more realistic. However this Session turns out there will be new added revenue to the State treasury which will mean additional taxes for all us us. We will keep all of you updated along the way.

Q: What can individuals do to take action?

A: Treleven encouraged Members to communicate with local government representatives and make their voice known.

Q: Last year Washington had a \$3.5 billion surplus – where did it go?

A: It was not a surplus, it was just more revenue than was projected. The “surplus” went to state worker pay raises and pension funding.

Education – Rick Mix

Rick Mix discussed the upcoming seminars and speakers. These are all listed on the website and Early Registration packets will be mailed out in the next few weeks.

Wednesday, May 17 – 6pm to 9 pm – Univar, USA (Kent)

Thursday, October 19 – 7:30 am to 4:30 pm – Spokane, WA

Saturday, October 21 – 7:30 am to 4:30 pm – Emerald Downs (Auburn, WA)

Sprague offered to have Jeff Weir and Ashley Roden available as speakers when needed.

Financials – Tim Baker

As usual, Tim Baker reported that we are “doing good”. WSPMA assets have not changed much in the last 5 years, by design. We are a nonprofit therefore our money in equals our money out.

The Benevolent Fund contributions have been great and there is currently a balance of \$3,90. Last year we supported six companies through this fund.

Tim went on to discuss how important it is that there be a dues increase to support the Executive Officers and what they do for the Association.

Old Business

There was a brief history of the *MOU* provided before the announcement of the vote. 12 to ACCEPT, 59 to REJECT. The *MOU* was rejected.

The dues increase was also voted and announced. 63 ACCEPT, 8 REJECT. The dues increase passed.

NPMA will be notified of our decision regarding the *MOU*. NPMA has until July 1 to decide on how they will proceed. Any further questions should be directed to Tim Baker or Dominique Stumpf (NPMA) or any WSPMA Board Member.

New Business

Pesticide license testing needs to make a change in how they accept payment. Some WSPMA Members expressed the difficulty of having individual checks available for each person testing. They would like to see it set up where pre-payments via credit card can be made. Corey Chantry will get a meeting together with the WSDA to discuss this.

In addition to the payment issue, Chantry would like to continue to build the relationship with the WSDA by reaching out to Kevin Jensen.

Mark Lee (American Crawl Space & Pest Services) volunteered to be the incoming vice president.

Adjourn

Corey Chantry moved to adjourn at 4:34. The entire room seconded.