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General Membership Meeting

December 2, 2017

SeaTac, WA

Present: Many WSPMA Members

Welcome

Stop Claims

Stop Claims present a proposal for the WSPMA regarding retro programs. There was a great deal of interest from the Members present. This is something that the Board will continue to discuss and update the Membership on.

Business Meeting

Called to order at 9:55.

Larry Treleven motioned to approve the minutes from the Leavenworth General Membership meeting as published in the Snapshot; Erik seconded. Motion passed.

Presidents Year in Review

When Elmer departed his presidency, he left Alex with the daunting task of finalizing a decision regarding NPMA and the MOU. In March, the Membership voted to decline the MOU and discontinue joint state status with NPMA. As a result, any WSPMA Members who wish to be NPMA Members, pay their dues directly to NPMA. There was not a loss of any WSPMA Members because of the vote.

The relationship with WSDA and the WSPMA has been growing this year and there were many meaningful meetings between the two parties regarding pesticide testing. This is connection that we as an Association will continue to cultivate.

Alex spent time reflecting on the benefits and gains during his presidency. There were many thanks to the Education Committee, Board, and Executive staff for all the hard work; something he hadn't realized was so integral to the Association until he served.

Committee Reports

Education

Rick Mix has invited Dr. Bobby Corrigan and the King County Department of Health for our Fall Seminar (November 1 – Spokane. November 3 – Des Moines).

Samantha Malone has worked to put together two evening workshops in February and March – more information to come.

This year the WSPM plans to send out postcard to all Commercial Applicators to increase attendance and promote Membership.

Financial

Financially, 2017 was a good year. There was an increase in revenue that can be tied to an increase in dues and phenomenal support from Vendors. Contributions to the Benevolent Fund were good, and the Fund was used about 12 times this year. A reminder that the Purposeful Fund is accepting donations and these monies will be used to assist with various things that occur that are not budgeted (ex. WSDA, testing, Membership drives, lobbying).

Government Affairs

Larry Treleven reported on the shift in power to the Democratic Party. The Democrats now control all three branches. This is concerning to Members of the WSPMA because of possible tax ramifications that will confront us during the next legislative session.

City of Seattle: Recently the Seattle City Council passed an income tax. Larry has been in contact and helping with many groups, such as the AWB, to put together a legislative package opposing the income tax. It was presented to the superior court and got a favorable vote. The Mayor of Seattle is set to appeal this ruling– even though it's a long shot. The income tax will affect those within Seattle making \$250,000. They will be subject to a 2.5% income tax.

Rodenticides: California is getting more pressure to ban rodenticides. If it happens there, it will happen here.

Tolls: Tolling will continue and more will go into effect. Hewlett Ave in Everett will need repairs, which could possibly result in tolls.

Budget Review

Tim Baker presented a 2018 budget to Tony as requested. Tony briefly went over the budget. There was a motion to approve, but discussion regarding Executive Wages arose and will be further discussed.

2018 Goals

Tony Wurst will be taking over as President. During his term, he has several goals that he set forth.

- Continue to work with the WSDA for license testing and credit hour logging modernization.
- Further systemize efforts to grow the membership and member engagement of the WSPMA.
- Create a framework for future member growth and engagement by aligning all board member roles now and in the future with our desire to engage and grow the membership of the WSPMA

Adjourn

Tony motioned to adjourn at 12:02, Erik seconded; all in favor.