

**Cascadia Chapter Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 9, 2009 / 6:00 – 8:00 PM**  
**Rock Salt – Seattle, WA**

Attendees:

Andrea Ball (D-Sec.)  
Hank Ball  
Randy Barber  
Anna Bremmer  
Ron Burkhard  
Patricia Butler

Matt Christensen  
Dan Clancy  
Laurie Dennis  
John Langer (D-Treas.)  
Blane Long (D – VP)  
Rahul Nagalkar (D-Pres.)

Steven Paget (D)  
Ken Smith (D)  
Marlo Stebner  
Eric Trimble

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Committee Reports
  - a. Community Project (JL) – John discussed past projects. The idea is to provide pro-bono VE work. If we do this, we do it right – know the audience, include performance metrics and how goals are achieved, and gather client quotes/feedback after the fact. A reminder that this type of work is a good way to earn certification points.
  - b. Membership/Communications (AB) – Web site work is slowly progressing.
    - i. Discussion followed regarding how the site is to be marketed to interested and possible clients.
    - ii. Suggestion – use the site as a vehicle to promote and educate folks on what VE can do for you.
    - iii. Desire to include links and directions to a directory and consultant list, along with information on the number of members and various statistics.
    - iv. Two new members, both from Portland, OR.
  - c. Treasurer (JL)
    - i. Balance is \$3,222.47.
  - d. Programming (BL) – Send ideas to Blane, and remember that it does not need to be a formal program – interactive presentations work well. Ron Burkhard offered to provide a tour of the Mud Mountain Dam and related facilities on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.
  - e. Government Affairs (BL) – The next short session of the WA Legislature begins in three months. We need to send a follow up letter about the value of VE prior to the Christmas holidays and then a reminder letter after New Year's.
    - i. Include a list of VE awards won – not just in WA but in other areas, as well.
    - ii. Gene, Randy, Steven and Joel to work on this. Anna will assist with wording and graphics.
    - iii.
  - f. 2011 Conference Planning Committee (AB) – Looks like Portland is the likely location. Start thinking of ways to make this a fantastic experience.
    - i. SP suggested looking at how to engage the local community beyond SAVE membership.

- ii. Suggested track about Outreach – how to connect with non-SAVE members/practitioners in your community. Andrea to check with Craig Squires with the Houston chapter to see what they have developed.
- III. Presentation: AASHTO VE Awards (BL)
  - a. CalTrans Process Study – Honorable Mention
  - b. Pre-Construction Engineering: I-5 Columbia Crossing
  - c. Improved Process: MNDOT and HDR = CRAVE
  - d. Pre-Construction Engineering <\$25M: WSDOT – SR530 Sauk River CED (chronic environmental deficiency) Bank Erosion project
  - e. WSDOT '09 Excellence in Environmental Design Award
- IV. Adjourn.