

Western States Hostage Negotiators' Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 2010

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Devon Schrum

**Roll**

Present

President	Devon Schrum	District 1	Glen R. Roggenbuck
Vice President West	Bill Waltz	District 2	Beth Larson
Vice President East	Tim Moses	District 3	Dani Griswold
Vice President Events	Brian Prevett	District 4	Robert Bianchi
Secretary/Treasurer	Matt Onderbeke	District 5	Tim Bennett
Director of Comm.	Bruce Wind	District 6	Stacy Lucca
		District 9	Shari Gulliver

Absent

District 7/8      Brandy Arnoux

**Approval Past Minutes**

Onderbeke moved that minutes from regular meeting, 07/30/09 be approved. Seconded by Moses, and passed by unanimous vote.

**2010 Conference Update**

Dani Griswold presented an update on plans for the upcoming Tacoma Conference. Griswold reported plans are progressing very well. Among the highlights:

Information on potential grant sources was announced through *Negotiator Central* and the *Open Line*.

A teletype was sent to all training units.

DV grants will cover \$7,400 for the first day of the conference

DEM grant will cover \$7,400 of the venue costs

There are also funds for \$7,700 of incidentals

Speakers are set

With grants, cost to WSHNA is expected to be minimal

Griswold expressed some frustration with Oliveira and their response time. Onderbeke said he would contact Oliveira and discuss the needs of the Tacoma team.

The board commended Griswold and her team for the tremendous work on this conference.

**2010 WACOPS Legislative Reception**

Schrum reviewed WSHNA's participation at the 2010 WACOPS reception for state legislators. WSHNA had a prominent table with two power points running, equipment displayed, and brochures on display. Several legislators stopped and talked.

### Reimbursement Request

A new WSHNA banner was purchased for use at the WACOPS reception and any future WSHNA events, such as the conference. The cost was \$169.26, which was paid by Onderbeke. Onderbeke requested reimbursement.

Bruce Wind moved that WSHNA reimburse Onderbeke \$169.26 for the cost of the banner.  
Bill Waltz seconded.  
Passed by unanimous vote.

Devon Schrum will request Oliveira send a check to Onderbeke

### Award Nominations

President Schrum advised the board that there have not been any award nominations as yet.

### 2011 Conference

Brian Prevett provided an update on the 2011 conference.

Agenda is still in the works, but we are looking at main speakers, plus break out rooms  
At this time, the facility is providing a foyer for vendors, a room for registration and storage areas.

Room rates will come in around \$69.00 and \$89.00/night.

More details will be announced at the Tacoma conference.

### Bylaw Changes

Bruce Wind presented an update of WSHNA bylaws, with some changes, with the goal of presenting it at the Tacoma Conference for ratification by the membership.

Most the discussion focused on the makeup of the board of directors and executive board. Under the proposal, the east and west vice president positions would be brought together as on Vice President, elected by the membership. We would continue to be a Vice President of Events appointed by the President with concurrence of the Executive Board.

There was considerable discussion regarding the District Representative positions. The proposal reduces the number of District Representatives to 5, and they would be elected at large. Some board members expressed concern that at-large voting would end up with a Puget Sound/Washington bias to an organization that is supposed to represent the western states and provinces.

There was also concern that without someone representing a specific area, membership would not feel they have a direct contact with the boards.

Other members point out that most the work is being done by members from this central area anyway.

It was also believed that the current number of District Reps was too cumbersome and made management difficult, such as trying to make dates for meetings.

Newer District Reps expressed some frustration with lack of direction from the executive board or members of longer standing.

After considerable discussion Wind said he would re-write some of the provisions of the board make up.

Stacy Lucca agreed to work on re-aligning or designing the districts.

The board decided to have a special meeting 02/24/10, 1030 hrs, to review changes made.

## Adjournment

Bruce Wind moved to adjourn the meeting.

Bill Waltz seconded.

Passed with unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 1100