# WPPA Executive Committee Newsletter

**June 10, 2022**

## WPPA President's Corner

It's been a busy week for the Association, onboarding our new Interim Executive Director Patsy Martin, awarding Rep. Steve Tharinger the Compass Award at a Tuesday Roundtable, the 2022 Finance Seminar at Campbell's Resort in Chelan, and planning for the big-picture work to realign the focus of WPPA with what you, the membership, expect. This will be the last edition of the Executive Committee newsletter (at least for now), as the newsletter will be coming from Interim Executive Director Patsy Martin in the coming weeks with information about progress toward our goals. I am grateful to Patsy's work to create the transparency, sustainability, and stability WPPA needs to create a strong foundation for the future.

## A word from the Interim Executive Director

We are working hard to bring more of that lovely Pacific Northwest sunshine to WPPA. This week we held the first executive director search committee meeting here in Olympia. The committee members include:
• Kristi Meyer, President of WPPA
• Don Meyer, Ex officio member of the WPPA executive committee
• Dan Stahl, Treasurer of the WPPA executive committee
• Mark Wilson, Executive Director Port of Kalama
• Eron Berg, Executive Director Port

of Port Townsend
• Patsy Martin, Interim Executive Director WPPA

At that meeting we chose Karras Consulting to lead the search. I expect to sign a contract this week. Please reach out to any of us if you have questions or concerns.

We have a goodbye to say this week. Victoria Lincoln is retiring on Friday, June 10th. She tells me this is her third retirement. Perhaps this one will stick. Please join in thanking her for her many years of public service at AWC and most recently for WPPA. We wish her much sunshine, kind smiles and great joy in her next endeavors.

Next week I will be back with the actions we are taking on recruiting for other staff positions, initiation of the Dues and Building Committees and more.

## Event information hub

The Finance and Administration Seminar is this week, and we have already received several evaluation forms back from attendees. The Spring Meeting had over 200 attendees and 30 completed survey responses for an under-10 percent response rate. The Finance Seminar had 75 in-person and 10 virtual attendees and were offered evaluation forms to fill out before departing the Seminar; we are hoping for a robust response rate. We will have those results for you next week; thank you to the Finance and Administration Seminar attendees who took time to fill out surveys.

## Spotlight on...WPPA finances

The strength of our Association is best demonstrated by the participation through our committees and working groups. Thank you to all the members who have contributed the valuable commodities of time and expertise to our building and dues committees. These committees are coordinating their efforts, given that retained earnings from our building can be used, in part, to offset expenses for the association, which are reflected in membership dues. The dues committee is scheduled to meet on June 22, and the building committee has their first meeting tentatively scheduled for July 7$^{th}$. Both groups are actively looking for ways to better communicate the Association's financial information to membership. The dues committee will have a preliminary report available to membership by the 2022 Commissioners' Seminar in late July.

Your input into both committees is appreciated, and if you'd like to get more involved, you can contact:
**Chair of the Dues Committee:** Commissioner Don Meyer of the Port of Tacoma
**Chair of the Building Committee:** Executive Director Dan Stahl of the Port of Longview



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