

(Draft)

Executive Board Meeting
November 23, 2009

Call to Order

Martin Chaney called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Present: David Spring, Kathleen Reynolds, Ken Nelson, Brad Larson, Priscilla O’Leary, Martin Chaney, Becky Chaney, Ken Albinger, Judith Shattuck, Paul Yarborough, Celia Wu

Introduction: Martin thanked David Spring of the 5th Legislative District (LD) for attending our E-board meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda: Martin presented a verbal agenda for the meeting noting we would cover the General Meeting agenda and related issues. Additional topics included thanking Emerald Heights for the meeting space, developing a sister organization relationship with the Sudbury, Massachusetts Legislative District, and issues surrounding the Kirkland election. The proposed agenda was approved as suggested.

Approval of previous meeting minutes: The October minutes were approved.

Kirkland Issues: Issues regarding the Kirkland election were discussed. Celia noted that just reading the emails left her with concerns regarding the process of the e-board and the endorsement committee. It was noted that the candidates that were not endorsed did not seek our endorsements. A call for a discussion between the parties concerned was made. Ken Albinger offered to set up such a meeting. Martin noted that he has communicated with Larry Springer regarding a conversation on the processes of the 45th LD.

General Meeting Agenda Review

Guests: Priscilla noted that Mandy Wertz may want to come speak in regard to the library bond. Kathleen noted she has not heard from Rein Atteman in regard to whether he can get to the December meeting.

Endorsements: The Rebecca Graham endorsement was discussed. Paul Yarborough will check with Andrew to ensure the endorsement committee is ready to give a recommendation at the December meeting. Martin noted it would be helpful to get someone to draft the recommendation letter.

Legislative Action: Kathleen noted that she has been preparing a draft Legislative Action Survey and will have it ready for the membership meeting.

Resolutions:

Review of Resolution to Recover Overpayments Owed by Retro Agencies

David noted that he has been communicating with Dan Klusman and noted that the information he has gathered regarding the Retro issue is all in the public domain. David noted he is working with other legislative districts and that the 5LD has passed the resolution, as has the KC LAC, and KCDC. Martin noted that concerns raised by Dan

Klusman are not actually included in the resolution. David is encouraging that everyone read the Wyman Actuarial Report.

Discussion followed regarding the resolution brought forward by David Spring and reworked by Judith Shattuck. The E-board agreed the resolution should be brought to the membership with discussed modifications including: striking “such as the BIAW;” addition of “in overpayments plus interest;” and “within 30 days of receipt of complaint.”

David recommended the website legalwa.org as a resource.

Review of Resolution End the U.S. Occupation & Air War in Afghanistan

Judith Shattuck introduced the resolution and noted that Senator Cantwell indicated she is not supportive to sending more troops to Afghanistan at a recent meeting. It was also noted that President Obama is expected to announce his plan regarding troops November 30.

Discussion followed. Celia brought up a concern regarding the need to have actionable statements within resolution. This, along with the purpose of resolutions was discussed. The E-board agreed to presentation of the resolution to the membership with the following modifications: striking “The 45th Legislative District Democrats” at the beginning of the resolution; amending the language of the fourth ‘whereas’, and the option of adding additional language regarding the Monday presidential announcement if deemed appropriate.

Officer Elections: The need for a new treasurer was discussed. Three names were mentioned as possibilities. The need for a new King County Committeewoman alternate was mentioned. Judith offered to see if she could find someone for the position. Priscilla noted she would be prepared to handle credentialing.

Holiday Party: Paul circulated a food sign up sheet for review and noted his preference to just have turkey rather than both. Becky gave a quick summary of who is working on what and will attempt to recruit additional help at the December meeting.

Other Old Business

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Other New Business

Sister organization: Martin asked if the group would like him to move forward with exploring a “sister” relationship with the Sudbury Massachusetts group. In addition, the group expressed an interest in a similar relationship with a community on the east side of the state.

Calendar items: The next King County LAC meeting will be Dec 13, 2-4pm in Tukwila, at the King County Foster Library, 4060 S 144th, Tukwila.

Good of the Order: None given.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

*Respectfully submitted: Becky Chaney
November 24, 2009*