

WASHINGTON STATE
Academy of Sciences

Annual Business Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2009
5:00-6:00pm
The Museum of Flight

Members Present: Eric Adelberger, Alfred Berg, Bobbie Berkowitz, Anjan Bose, Philip Bernstein, Jim Cook, Jacqueline Darroch, Bonnie Dunbar, Neil Elgee, Bruce Finlayson, Harold Forsen, Paul Gilbert, John Glomset, J. Thomas Grayston, John Halver, Maxine Hayes, Ernest Henley, Akira Ishimaru, Kristina Katsaros, Ivan King, Albert Kobayashi, Ed Lazowska, Estella Leopold, George Martin, Earll Murman, Christopher Murray, Eugene Nester, Gordon Orians, Guy Palmer, Buddy Ratner, Peter Rhines, Fred Rivara, Richard Robbins, RG Hamish Robertson, Debra Schwinn, Subhash Singhal, Alvin Thompson, Robert Van Citters, and Turner Whitted.

Others Present: Bob Bates (Interim Executive Director), Rich Murphy (consultant), Marleyse Borchard (staff)

President's Report

Gordon Orians emphasized the need for WSAS to secure commissioned studies. The Academy was launched to conduct such studies to provide Washington policymaking with a foundation in authoritative science. Members were asked to assist in thinking of creative ways to work with each other and outside groups to encourage WSAS studies.

Secretary's Report

Bobbie Berkowitz reported that the Executive Committee has been working to build a functioning infrastructure for WSAS. Now that the Academy is in its second year, with an office in Olympia and an Interim Executive Director, the officers are shifting increasing responsibility for management and direction to WSAS administrative staff.

Treasurer's Report

The finance committee is requesting one additional member to come forward and join the committee. John Halver donated \$1,000 and is challenging other members to donate over the next five years in order to endow work of WSAS into the future. The funds donated to the WSAS Endowment Fund will be preserved and only the income will be used. Checks for donations to the endowment fund should be made out specifically to WSAS Endowment Fund.

Interim Executive Director's Report

Bob Bates introduced himself to the membership and encouraged members to speak with him and come to see the office in Olympia. Bob is part-time with WSAS and in contact with agency heads and organizations in his efforts to encourage studies for WSAS.

Election Results and Installation of New Officers

Maxine Hayes announced the results of the election. Gordon Orians will serve as President, Bobbie Berkowitz is now President-Elect, Ed Lazowska is Secretary, and Jim Cook will continue to serve as Treasurer. King Holmes and Ed Perrin have completed their terms on the Board, and Earll Murman,

Eugene Nester and Tadataka Yamada are new directors serving 3 year terms (2009-2012). Including officers, the WSAS board now has 13 members.

Report of the Membership Committee

Guy Palmer addressed the membership and discussed the proposal of the committee for increasing diversity (institutional, geographic, and field/area of specialization), as well as the need for a manageable, flexible and modifiable process of electing membership. The members present discussed whether age diversity should be considered, the need for increasing membership in social sciences, and the specific requirements for membership. The recommendations of the Committee were approved with one dissenting vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Minutes taken September 24, 2009, by Marleyse Borchard.