Westside Central Office, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2024 – 8:00pm

Note: Board meetings are scheduled after the regular WCO business meeting in February, May, August, and October. Everyone has the right of participation at Board meetings, but only Directors of the WCO Board have a vote. WCO Chair has a tiebreaking vote.

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Do we have a quorum (are all or the majority of the Directors present)?

Yes, all directors are present (Dawn, Dylan, Jeff, Mark, Scott, Todd)

The Chair, Andrew, is also present

Can someone take the meeting minutes (normally, this is done by the Board Secretary, but we have not elected one yet)?

Mark will take minutes.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. Elections: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. We need at least a President and a Secretary. Job descriptions are available in our bylaws on our website (link: https://westsidecentraloffice.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/WCO-Bylaws-revision3-online.pdf). We also need a third officer to satisfy the Oregon DOJ requirements. This officer can also be a member-at-large who is willing to have their contact information listed in the annual report we file with the DOJ in May of next year.
    a. President - Mark
    b. VP - Jeff
    c. Secretary of Board: Scott
    d. Treasurer: open

2. I.T. Chair Appointment (job description is in https://westsidecentraloffice.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/wco-guidelines-1-6-2020.pdf page 20).
    a. Mark elected to I.T. Chair

3. We have received a request to add Oregon City and Gladstone to our meeting schedule. Below is a brief report on our current meeting schedule and service area:

Our meeting schedule currently covers meetings in Districts 9, 10, 18, 23, 31, 36, 37. For those not familiar with Districts, I say we include all of Washington County, Columbia County, and Clackamas and Multnomah Counties that are West of the Willamette River. There is one exception and that is Charboneau. Meetings in Charboneau (which is just across the Willamette River from Wilsonville -- just one I-5 exit south of Wilsonville) participate in District 37 even though they are geographically in District 15 (the District 37 business meeting is held in Wilsonville).

The map below shows all the aforementioned Districts except District 18:

https://www.aa-oregon.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Portlan_districts_map.png

And this map shows District 18 in relation to the other Districts in Oregon:

https://www.aa-oregon.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Oregon_Districts_map-2015.png

So, that is just our Meeting schedule coverage. The areas that we traditionally do service in, based on where our participating Groups are located, are Districts 10, 23, 31, 36, and 37. If we see an increase in participation from Oregon City/Gladstone, then we could consider adding that portion of District 15 to our service coverage in addition to listing their meetings. I probably would be opposed to taking on all of District 15 at this time. District 15 is a large geographical District (not as large as District 31, but still large). District 15 includes meetings in Clackamas, Oak Grove/Milwaukie, Happy Valley, Oregon City, Gladstone, Canby, Molalla, Aurora, Hubbard, and Woodburn.

I counted 68 meetings total in District 15 (see District 15's meeting schedule at https://sites.google.com/aaoregondistrict15.org/aadistrict15/whats-happening/pdx-meetings?authuser=0). 12 of those meetings are Oregon City and 1 of those is Gladstone. We probably can easily add 13 more meetings to our meeting schedule.

Discussion:

Most of the 13 meetings in Oregon City and Gladstone are close to our current service area border (i.e., across the Willamette with West Linn on the other side). Many of the Oregon City meeting attendees go to meetings in communities on the other side of the Willamette River.

Mark said that adding 13 more meetings to our printed meeting schedule would probably have minimal impact. There is currently space on the last page of the meeting list. If we need more space, we could give up one page of phone numbers (there are currently three pages for phone numbers in the current printed meeting schedule).

Directors discussed possible outreach ideas so Groups in Oregon City/Gladstone can either opt-in or opt-out and know to contact us when their meeting listing needs to be updated. We can discuss this further at the next WCO Business Meeting.

After discussion, the sense of the Board is that WCO could expand its meeting schedule to include the 13 meetings in Oregon City and Gladstone. Todd moved that the Board make a motion at the next WCO business meeting that WCO offers to include Oregon City and Gladstone meetings in our meeting schedule. Motion seconded by Jeff. Motion passed. Mark will present the motion at the 11/4/2024 WCO business meeting.

4. Additional discussion/motions from the Body
    a. Motion to close by Dylan, seconded passed by Dawn. Motion passed.

Adjournment