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When: Thursday, March 16, 2023 8:35-9:15AM (MDT)

Where: 2023 Western Bridge Preservation Partnership Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, NM

I. **There were 14 attendees to the WBPP Business meeting. Attendees included:**

Andrew Blower – Oregon DOT
Becky Nix – Utah DOT
Brandon Henning – Nevada DOT
Carl Hendricks – Watcom County Washington
Chris Higgins – Oregon State University
Dave Crumely – Montana DOT
Earl Franks – New Mexico DOT
Herb McDowell – Idaho DOT
Jacob O’Brien – Colorado DOT
Jessica Jenks – Montana DOT
Michael Collins – Colorado DOT
Nancy Huether – NCPP
Orren Jennings – Oregon DOT
Todd Shields – NCPP

II. **Welcome/Introductions**

Andrew welcomes everyone, takes roll call.

III. **Treasury Report**

No updates.

IV. **Election of Officers**

Nominations for secretary/treasurer – Cody Parker and Andrew Pack

Andrew and Cody will discuss offline and determine nomination acceptance for director vote at future meeting. None opposed.

WBPP Directorship:

- Steering Committee Directors (per the By-Laws):
 - Current
 - (4) State: Brandon Henning, Natasha Butler, Cody Parker, OPEN
 - (1) Local: Carl Hendricks
 - (1) Academia: Chris Higgins
 - (2) Industry: Matt Harlan, (Vacant)
 - (1) At-Large: Andrew Pack
 - (1) FHWA: Chris Long

- Officers:
 - Chair: Brandon Henning
 - State Vice Chair Brandon Henning
 - Industry Vice Chair: Matt Harlan (3-year term)
 - Sec/Tres: Natasha Butler

(per the By-Laws: State Agency Officers move up after serving 1-year term in that position)

Becky Nix is the WBPP BPETG representative.

V. **Election of Directors**

No nominations at the time of the meeting. Andrew reminded everyone that the national meeting will be next year, and being part of the directorship is a good opportunity to be involved and travel to other partnership meetings.

VI. **New Business:**

Start reaching out to partners who haven't been as active lately. Potentially discuss with FHWA representatives to encourage attendance.

Several vendors made comments that interaction has been very low at recent meetings. Encourage participants to explore vendor hall and engage.

VII. **Future Meetings:**

National meeting next year in Salt Lake City, Utah.

It was recommended that the 2025 meeting be held in a state that hasn't been as involved in the partnership recently such as California or Alaska. It was discussed that some states or cities might be difficult to travel to due to costs and available amenities (e.g. Hawaii or Bozeman, MT)..

Dave C. will look into hosting in Montana in 2025 – possibly Billings.

For 2026, consider combining the annual meeting with another partnership.

Adjourn

Next Web Meeting: April 5, 2023 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (PDT)