

WBAALAS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 6 2026, 2- 3 PM @ Teams Meeting

- **Roll Call** – Dave R., Traci G., Emily F., Mel R, La'Akea S., Traci W., Asley R.,
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – Meeting minutes from July 2026 were unanimously approved.
- **Treasury Report (Traci G)**

WBAALAS Treasury Report June 16th to August 4th, 2026

Checking \$15327.97

7/16/26	Insurance	-1019.00
7/24/26	Emily F. reimbursement	-76.22
	Trade Fair badges	
8/1/26	MailChimp	-29.30
8/3/26	Transfer from PayPal	120.15

Savings \$11,190.66

7/23/26	Interest	+0.44
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PayPal \$0

8/3/26	Commercial Membership	125.00
	Processing fee	-4.85
8/3/26	Transfer to checking account	120.15

Upcoming

- File Annual Report with Secretary of State October/November
- **No tax for trade fair registration; need to back out tax for newsletter ad payment from 1/1/26-6/30/26 for end of year taxes**
- **Summer Picnic Planning**
 - DR secured a spot (payment/reimbursement)
 - Awards/plaques-> Mel ordered
 - T-shirts for sale or prizes? 8 ordered on 5/5/26- arrival date
 - **Still need check from Custom Ink. Traci G. will check with Dante on status.**
 - **Date? 8/29/26. Send email Save the date? Wait to announce at trade fair?**
- **Membership**
 - Individual members 222
 - Commercial Members 26 +1
 - Institutional Members 7
- **Website Report (Dave R.)**
 - Had some website issues with hosting service (GoDaddy, but customer service helped to resolve - DNS records updated, website security plan upgraded at no cost
 - Let Dave know if you see anything strange on the website.

- **Calendar Review**

- Upcoming
 - Board Member Nominations/Elections - August
 - Summer picnic – August 29th, 11am-2pm
 - Annual report to Secretary of State - October-November
 - Winter event - ?

- **Social Media (Ashley R.) -**

Facebook:

- 67 members
- 10 posts

LinkedIn:

- 111 connections
- 26 profile views
- 136 post impressions

Washington Branch Membership Community (on ACE)

- 309 members
- No engagement

Newsletter:

- Next one out in Sept. Happy to include any job openings or postings people want.

EVENTS

- **Manager's and Technician Roundtables (Melissa R., Dave R.)**

- Q3 Manager Roundtable – Not scheduled yet, likely virtual
- Q3 Technician Roundtable – Planning webinar, August 25th, virtual. Any sponsors? Animal specialties

- **Summer Picnic**

- Date: Saturday Aug. 29th from 11am-2pm @ Richmond Beach Lower Shelter (Shoreline, WA) (Set up start at 9am)
- RSVP email - send by 7/29.
 - Current count? 4 RVPS for 7 adults and 4 kids
 - Send out a reminder email on 8/21
 - Reminder emails scheduled for 8/10 and 8/24
- Food - Dave R. will make Costco trip
- Games? Bring any games you have
- Post to LinkedIn

- **Winter Event**

- Start brainstorming ideas/dates
 - Flatstick pub, Vinyl Thursdays at waterland Arcade
- Can ask members at the picnic for winter event ideas
- Last winter event (in Kirkland) attendance was ~6 members on a weekend, previous year winter event during weekday (boat tour) had better attendance.

Ongoing Items

- **Elections**

- Review nominations. Check with Dante about any other nominations.
 - President Elect: Jessica H.
 - Treasurer: Traci G. only if no other nominees
 - Board Member #2: Dani W.
 - TBR: Ashley R.
- Prepare for voting from August 10th-24th
- New Terms start August 25th – Dave to update website and email forwarding. Conflict of interest forms for signatures will go out.

- **D8 Update**

- Council will disband D8 website, looking into other options for D8 information

- **AALAS National Meeting**

New items

- Job posting for member orgs – website, quarterly newsletter, email blast?
 - Might provide value to post jobs to our website
 - Posting jobs on LinkedIn might be better at getting job exposure
 - Other branches will just send out email blasts with job listings
 - Need to manage expectations on timeliness of sending out jobs
 - 2027 memberships – update institutional membership to include posting jobs to website. Can see if the website can automatically send out emails to members.

Next Meeting – Sept. 17th, 2026