

PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE WASHTECH PLANNING COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 14, 2005

In attendance: Marcus Courtney, Margaret Bartley, Todd Tollefson, Barbara Radar, Brian Globerman, Karole Gorman, Roberta Wilson. Staff: Karen Estevenin.

Minutes taken by Roberta (new secretary to be nominated).

Upcoming Meetings

All meetings are at the WashTech offices in Seattle.

PC meetings: On the second Monday of the month: 6pm

Upcoming meetings:

- Quarterly meeting: Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Quarterly Member Meeting – 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Quarterly Member Meeting – 6:00 PM
- Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – Annual Barbecue – 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – Quarterly Member Meeting – 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – Quarterly Member Meeting – 6:00 PM

- **Organizing/Political Action**

See the monthly organizing report. Membership is up to 439 as of January.

<b>Actions/Decisions</b>	
<b>List of potential secretaries to replace Judy Tarasek</b>	<b>Executive Committee ranked folks they'd like to ask to serve as secretary and will start calling them.</b>
<b>Cingular organizing</b>	<b>Continuing. We're likely to need more office support to free up energy to organize and represent Cingular workers.</b>
<b>WAMU story</b>	<b>Roberta reviewed the status of this story, which we are developing with the help of a international freelance journalist. Marcus is pursuing contacts in WAMU.</b>
<b>Legislative actions</b>	<b>Bills in WA to stem government offshoring and to set up a state commission on impact of offshoring. Marcus and Erik are lobbying in Olympia.</b>

- **Research/Training**

<b>Actions/Decisions</b>	
<b>High-tech workers poll</b>	<b>Update of this report is underway</b>
<b>Determining number of lost jobs.</b>	<b>Margaret to send formula for estimating number of lost jobs by WSA multipliers. (For example, make the total of a contract x 4.5 jobs x \$70K—</b>

	av. IT salary.)
<b>Training</b>	<b>Barbara Radar summarized initial results of survey of training needs. Lots of feedback. Let's re-run the class we have online—ASP. Net. OK to disassemble the office lab—machines not working, upkeep difficult. Focus will be on developing online classes.</b>

- **Advocacy: General Business/Follow-Up/Reminders**

<b>Actions/Decisions/Discussion</b>	
<b>Quarterly Meetings</b>	<b>Have a new member orientation 15 minutes before the Quarterly. Let's involve members in deciding strategic priorities, not just push information at them. Meeting dates recommended by Karole and accepted as above.</b>
<b>WT/TU Google ads</b>	<b>We'd pay 15 cents-\$1 a hit. Interest in doing this. Todd will pursue.</b>
<b>Bylaws Update</b>	<b>Roberta will become one of the reviewers, along with the CWA. Karole will coordinate.</b>
<b>Strategic Plan</b>	<b>Secretary will update the strategic plan quarterly. We will use it at our monthly meeting to check in on progress, etc.</b>
<b>Resolution on the Debate in Labor</b>	<b>Todd brought a rank and file proposal for unity and change to keep the AFL-CIO together but promote change, as the percentage of organized labor is falling. There were questions and a request for more "passion" in the statement. We decided to remove mention of the "Bush" administration, as offshoring policies cross party lines.</b>

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