

PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE WASHTECH PLANNING COUNCIL

August 8, 2006

Attendees: Marcus Courtney, Barbara Rader, Todd Tollefson, Brian Globerman,
Roberta Wilson

By phone: Erik Landahl

Minutes taken by: Barbara Kempf

Monthly Report (Marcus): TechsUnite ad campaign on Google has good hit rate but hasn't been too successful in getting subscribers.

Strategic Industry Funding proposal: Proposal to CWA to target 3 congressional districts with high tech workers through polling, focus groups, etc. We don't know yet if the money can be used for specific campaigns as we hoped. CWA thinks they'll be able to fund some aspects of the plan but we're not sure how much. We'll be concentrating on the 8th district, comprising about 500 members. Success would be influencing an election. How do we know we've succeeded? Program analysis is built into the plan. Part of it is membership building. Primaries and elections are usually membership spikes. It will be a good way to gauge the way people are thinking and what's important to them. We need to also make sure we are able to communicate that our intentions aren't racist, xenophobic, etc.

Budget Report (Rick) We'll have a series of meetings to have it more automated and categorized to be more clear about the breakdown of expenditures. We plan to have a draft budget by the next PC meeting, 9/12. We'll discuss it and be ready to present it at the next general membership meeting, 9/27.

CESO newsletter: Marcus will be going to their conference.

Jobs with Justice: We will be getting an award for being the first to organize a wireless company with Cingular.

State Labor Council Convention: At this point we're not sure whether we'll be sending someone or not. With our limited convention budget we may want to spend it elsewhere.

Washtech Election: By the first week of Sept. we'll be announcing the at large VP as well as Cingular VP positions up for votes.

UW Knowledge Worker Conference: We may want to have a table there, 10/13 and 10/14.

\$1000 award from CWA for organizing Cingular: could be used for t-shirts at Cingular, bumper stickers or possible collage to display at the Washtech office.

Communications Committee Report: (Roberta) We're going to have a story about Microsoft raises and reviews, Pennsylvania State outsourcing, Washtech history for

NASPA, Darcy Burner campaign in 8th district, and possibly a scorecard for legislators, people running for office, etc.

Education Committee Report (Barbara R.): She'll be teaching a class at the Experimental College. She can't advertise for Washtech but she can give her students a link to her site that shows what she's doing, her involvement in Washtech, etc. Blake is supposed to get back to us soon about a mock up for our site.

Membership Committee Report (all): The picnic wasn't as well attended as we hoped. We need to look at what we might do differently next year. We'll table the discussion till January.

Tech Committee Report (Brian): We'll have to figure out how Loretta can work remotely when she's on maternity leave. The virus scan on the network needs to be run on a regular basis.

The online grievance database is still in process. Kevin Boyle will be in Seattle at the end of August and will have a meeting with us. Once it's online it should streamline the grievance process.

Good and Welfare (Todd): We received a resolution from CWA on Palestine. We could present it for discussion at the next general meeting.