

## PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE WASHTECH PLANNING COUNCIL

November 14, 2006

Attendees: Marcus Courtney, Barbara Rader, Rick Saling, Les French, Nancy Wright, Craig Gamble, Brian Globerman, Todd Tollefson

By phone: Erik Landahl and Roberta Wilson

Minutes taken by: Barbara Kempf

Monthly Report (Marcus): Cingular numbers continue to grow. We added 4 new at large members. Our three new VPs elect are attending tonight.

We're now working on organizing the Network Unit employees at Cingular. Todd was there tonight working late with them.

We've talked with political consultants who hire freelancers to see if there might be a way to get them under a collective bargaining unit.

We explored organizing child care centers but there wasn't enough interest. We've been doing phone banking to subscribers and some house visits. We worked on researching to update the offshore tracker.

The retreat will be Sat. Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> at the same place as last year. We'll focus on unifying structure with the change in number of stewards, VPs, etc.

The web site is in the process of being updated.

Nancy said she and Bill (who is not here) are unhappy about steward meetings, how they're run, etc. They don't have buy-in for duties of stewards. They say that they weren't told that the vps would be running the meetings.

Marcus said that if there is a dispute as to the duties of the stewards and chief steward there needs to be a discussion among them.

Les thinks that the chief steward should have input about the duties as set out in the bylaws. They will invite other stewards to give feedback to add to the draft of duties.

Communications Committee (Roberta): Erik has been working on some stories, about the offshore tracker, Jeff is working on an article about the overtime issues at Msft., Roberta wants to write about what people are claiming about the Democrats, against offshoring, and about the refusal of legislators to accept email and faxes from anyone other than their constituents, even committee chairs.

Education Committee (Barbara R.): nothing new

Legislative Committee (Erik on phone): Darcy Burner's race was great training for us in terms of trying to influence a campaign sympathetic to the offshoring issue. She didn't hit it as hard in her campaign rhetoric as some other Democrats who did win. This could be a learning opportunity for us for future planning.

Erik targeted all new 48 Democrats to take action on our issues. They cut off access to email. We faxed them and they complained about the volume and one even asked us to apologize.

Erik is leaving the position as soon as we can find a replacement, probably in a couple of months.

Treasurer report: (Rick) Per caps to labor councils need to be changed to take into account Cingular membership representation. At our next meeting Rick will have a proposal for realigning our memberships.

Budget: We made requested changes. We split out the cost of web site maintenance and leadership training, i.e. paying members for lost wages for attending meetings. We're catching up on paying our bookkeeper, etc. We're overdue for an audit. We'll be doing an outside audit. It was proposed and approved.

Technology report (Brian): We got a used color printer but we need to work out some problems with toner, etc.

A member wanted to know if there was a way to have a webcast of the general meeting. So far the options we've found have been cost prohibitive. Brian recommends using phone conferencing with webcasting.

Good & welfare: I met Andy Stern from SEIU when he made an appearance at Drinking Liberally to promote his new book. He referred to WashTech in his talk and was supportive of our work.