

## WASHTECH GENERAL MEETING

June 20, 2006

6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Barbara Kempf

Attendees: Officers (6): Marcus Courtney, Todd Tollefson, Barbara Rader, Barbara K, Rick Saling, Dan Gillespie

Staff (1): Craig Gamble

At Large: Margaret Bartley

Cingular shop stewards: Nancy Wright, [Les French](#), [Ben Schlecty](#), [Bill Montgomery \(via phone\)](#)

Cingular members: Robyn Abramson, [Les French](#), [Ben Schlecty](#)

### **Secretary's Report (Barbara Kempf)**

-Approval of minutes. Approved without corrections.

### **Education Committee (Barbara Rader)**

-We've made the decision to offer 2 courses, in web authoring and web programming, in the fall. Still looking into online training possibilities for Cingular employees.

### **Membership Committee (Dan Gillespie)**

-Picnic will be 12-6, Aug. 6 at Juanita Park. Still looking for caterer.

-We'll be putting out blurbs that tell Cingular employees that they can remain at-large members if they leave Cingular.

The next general membership meeting will be Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Communications Committee (Roberta was absent)**

### **Treasurer's Report (Rick Saling)**

-We got a budget and submitted it to CWA and it's in process. Expenses are slightly up from last year with affiliations doubling, mainly due to Cingular membership. Since Cingular has an average of 70% turnover we're getting less than we projected. We're ending CWA's fiscal year (June 30) and WashTech's will end (Oct. 31). Next meeting we'll focus on the local aspects of the budget.

### **President's Report (Marcus Courtney)**

-We're up about 21 members. Subscribers have increased by about 300.

Cingular: We have 15% of members in COPE.

Chelan County PUD: It was voted down, 17-1. Disappointing for 2 years of work.

Legislative action: Lobbied members of Congress on H1-Bs., attended state labor council COPE conference, endorsed Mark Wilson over Cantwell in the Dem. Primary.

Research: Released high tech bust report and launched flash animation piece detailing the poor state of the economy.

**Bylaws revisions (Marcus)**

- Proposal to add an at-large VP for every 300 member ratio.
- Proposal to change current VP to Executive VP.
- Listed responsibilities for collective bargaining VPs.
- Amendments to the bylaws will be changed so that motions to amend shall be proposed in membership meetings after being announced in mail to all members and then passed with 2/3 majority.

**WashTech endorsement policy proposal (Marcus)**

-Basically local endorsements would occur in advance of CWA and voted on by planning council and ratified by membership. The endorsement process was discussed further to accommodate more input from membership.

Dan so moved and Barbara R. seconded the motion.

Rick: He's concerned about the rigidity of the motion in terms of unusual situations like the situation with Cantwell. He'd like to see an escape hatch for this kind of case.

Resolution was passed.

**Unfinished business (Nancy)**

She's going to work on ways to increase communications at Cingular.

**New Business (Dan)**

He said Pierce County Central Labor Council needs a delegate. The Planning Council will appoint someone.