



STATE OF WASHINGTON

Electronic Recording Standards Commission (ERSC)

Monday, September 30, 2013 – 1:00pm-2:00pm

Washington State Archives – Puget Sound Regional Branch
Bellevue College Campus – 3000 Landerholm Circle SE
Bellevue, Washington, 98188

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Vicky Dalton – Spokane County Auditor; Dee McComb – Escrow Association of Washington; Steve Excell – State Archivist; Paul Merz – Imaged Library Company; Milene Henley – San Juan County Auditor (by phone)

Members Absent: Kris Swanson – Cowlitz County Auditor; Walter Washington – Kitsap County Auditor

Guests Present: Peggy Semprimoznik – Lincoln County Clerk

Staff Present: Julie Blecha – Office of the Secretary of State/Staff to the Commission

I. ROUTINE ITEMS

A. Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:20 pm.

B. Approval of Minutes for June 11, 2013 Meeting

1. **Motion** to adopt the minutes as presented: McComb, second by Merz.

C. Adoption of September 30, 2013 Agenda

II. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Review draft modifications to ERSC Standards

Members reviewed the modifications to the report as presented by Blecha in order to ensure that they reflected the decisions made at the last meeting.

1. **Motion** to accept all changes to the standards/report as presented: Merz; second by Excell.

Resolution: Motion carried.

2. **Motion** to forward the modified standards to the Secretary of State as presented: Henley; second by Merz.

Resolution: Motion carried.

Members commenced a general discussion about topics that the Commission may want to address at upcoming meetings, including:

- Notary via video conference (Skype, etc.) - same as "contact meeting" where notary watches individual sign a document before mailing it? Expectations have increased; people used to be satisfied with two weeks; now, a couple of hours or overnight is expected.

- Soldier in Afghanistan who wants to sell his/her house may find it difficult to find a notary (who speaks English). What does “...personally appeared before me” mean....?

GOAL: Recommend standards that are least restrictive.

- Commission needs to stay in touch with national notary folks to keep up on where the U.S. is going with this issue. Consider inviting Marc Aronson, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries, to join a video chat or go-to-meeting at Leavenworth. Perhaps conduct a brief educational session about national trends and the technological impacts on current notarization processes.
- Biggest barrier: How to establish who people are.

III. NEXT MEETING – County Auditor’s Recording Conference in Leavenworth (March, 2014)

The next meeting will be scheduled to take place during the County Auditor’s Recording conference the week of March 18th in Leavenworth at the Enzian Inn. Specific date and time will be determined.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The chair adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

CERTIFICATION OF MEETING MINUTES OF THE eRecording Standards Commission:

I, Vicky Dalton, Chair of eRecording Standards Commission, certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the minutes of a public meeting of the eRecording Standards Commission of the State of Washington held at the Washington State Archives - Puget Sound Branch in Bellevue on September 30, 2013, and that the public meeting was duly called and held in all respects in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, and that a quorum was present.

Chair Signature

Date