

Meeting Minutes December 13, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

Rica Helberg, Administrative Hearings
Colleen Desselle, Fish & Wildlife
Mark Vessey, Historical Society
Philip Kerrigan, Secretary of State
Jack Dotson, Social & Health Services
Heather Mellor, South Puget Sound Community College
Elizabeth Nuss, WSECU

Beverly Peterson, Employment Security
Susan Lasiter, Fish & Wildlife
Stephanie Horn, Secretary of State
Dawn Sanquist, Secretary of State
Molly Hughes-Mohler, Social & Health Services
Kathy Radcliff, Transportation
Angela Roy, WSECU

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Stephanie Horn called the meeting to order, and welcomed all attendees. She explained that since the Productivity Board has been de-funded for the next two years, PSRW events will now be housed under the Combined Fund Drive.

A brief overview of all the committees were given and a sign-up sheet will be passed around at the January meeting.

The **Celebration Ceremony Committee** determines the date, time, and location of the outdoor celebration ceremonies for this area's public service employees. This committee also works closely with state and city officials, state agencies and employees, and Productivity Board staff to formulate set-up, parking, food, entertainment, display booths, clean up, etc. on the day of the event in Olympia.

The **Extra Mile Award** was created in 1992 to honor state employees who surpass the expectations for exemplary service by going above and beyond the call of duty.

The committee really doesn't start working until the evaluations are received, which will be in March. Then, the committee will evaluate and score the nominations received and select around 10 people to be honored. The committee works with and arranges for an elected official and/or agency/institution head to visit winners and present them with certificates.

The **Longevity Award** was created in 1999, to commemorate Ralph Munro's 20 year service as the Secretary of State. The award is given to employees who have been in state service for at least 40 years and every 5 years thereafter.

The committee requests a list from the Department of Personnel with the 40 year and more criteria, then makes sure there were no breaks in service. After that, the committee verifies this with the employee's agency. Upon this verification, the committee arranges the certificates and arranges special presentations at the Vancouver, Spokane, and Tri-Cities events.

The **Leadership Award** was created in 2008. Public Service Recognition Week honors employees but very few awards recognize the outstanding work of management.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Interest has also been shown in having an event in Tacoma this year and will be further discussed. If anyone has ideas for a location or know of employees in Pierce County who would like to help out, please bring them to share with the committee.

A theme for this year's event will be added to the January agenda. Past themes have been:

- Public Employees: Building a Better Washington (2008)
- Public Employees: United in Purpose (2009)
- Public Employees – Looking Forward, Moving Forward (2010)
- Celebrating Public Employees' Dedication to Service (2011)

State Employees Day with Mariners is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2012 against Minnesota. Once we have received the flyer it will be emailed out to all the PSRW representatives.

The PSRW website is now, www.sos.wa.gov/psrw and will be updated with information as we get it.

The next meeting is January 10, 2012, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Washington State Library Building Conference Room 221.