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Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW)
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2005

ATTENDANCE:

Jane Berube, Department of Health	Jenifer Jellison, Department of Labor and Industries
Barbara Bowdish, Department of Social and Health Services/HRD	Jeana Johnson, State Auditor's Office
Linda Brock, Liquor Control Board	Suzanne Lewis, Liquor Control Board
Josi Brooks; Office of the Secretary of State/Productivity Board	Janine McKown, Department of Fish and Wildlife
Lee Busselman, Tacoma Community College	Robbi Mettler-Stern, Liquor Control Board
Mari Coffee, Lottery Commission	Tracy Robinson, Attorney General's Office
Michelle Fisher, Department of Social and Health Services	Maria Rosario-Saavedra, Department of Corrections
Cindy Hadfield, Department of Transportation	Fred Schuneman, Clover Park Technical College
Bonita Hill, Department of Natural Resources	Cheryl Thietje, Health Care Authority
Bobbi Hudson, Department of Retirement Systems	Diane Tucker, Public Employees Relations Committee
Julie Japhet, Higher Education Coordinating Board	Melissa VanGorkom, Washington State Patrol
	Tracy Workman, Office of the Secretary of State/Productivity Board
	Kim Zuchlewski, Department of Licensing

TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES:

Anita Breikreutz, Employment Security Department, Tri-Cities; Earl Fordham, Employment Security Department, Tri-Cities; Scott Meuggler, Department of Social and Health Services, Pasco; Trooper Mike Kesler, Washington State Patrol, Vancouver.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chana Clark welcomed all attendees. Introductions were made around the room, with those attending via teleconference representing Vancouver and Tri-Cities. At this point, Chana turned the meeting over to State Auditor, Brian Sonntag, co-Chair of PSRW. Brian welcomed all those present and teleconferencing. He was very pleased to see so many new faces on the Committee, and thanked everyone for their dedication and hard work insupporting stae government and PSRW.

Brian said that no other event is as important as a public service event, and that the general public has no idea what a public service person does, until they are recognized. He stated that public service is close to his heart, and he quoted President Kennedy, saying, "State Government is a noble profession; a high calling." Brian emphasized this to the committee, and thanked them again for their dedication.

There was a brief pause in the meeting for a group photo with co-Chairs Secretary of State, Sam Reed and State Auditor Brian Sonntag.

The meeting resumed with Sam Reed greeting the Committee, both present and attending via teleconference. Sam stated we need more involvement in the rank and file of state government, and feels public employees do not get the recognition they deserve. He went on to say that the Productivity Board (PB) recognizes state employees through PSRW; administers the Ralph Monroe Longevity Award; works with some the sports teams in the area to promote State Employee Appreciation Days, among it's many other responsibilities to the employees of Washington State.

Sam then called upon those present to reach out and get more people involved in the PSRW; generate an excitement among fellow state employees.

Sam then thanked the committee again and turned the meeting back over to Chana who began the Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Celebration Committee** – Suzanne Lewis, Chairman, reported that the official reservation for the Heritage Park is secured. The committee is working with the Military Department for tents and set up, Paula Gay is arranging for the food again this year; Department of Corrections is supplying the cookies; Department of Health is supplying apples; Jeana Johnson is heading up the Talent Competition again; Michelle Fisher will be the Volunteer Coordinator, which is new this year, and Art Mead, FTE Newsmagazine coordinated with Costco again to donate water and soda for us to sell, this is our only source of funding. Suzanne said she hopes to get all this information finalized and to the Committee by the end of next week

There was some discussion regarding people going through the line and getting more than one hot dog, and the suggestion was made to use hand stamps. There was some favorable discussion regarding this.

- **Extra Mile Award Committee** – Chana reported that approximately 60 nominations have been received so far, and that another deadline reminder will be sent out. Once they have all been organized by county and numbered , PB Staff will send them to the Committee for judging.

- **Ralph Munro Longevity Award Committee** – Cindy Hadfield reported the Committee met and were in touch with Department of Personnel, collecting names, verifying their eligibility. They hope to have this done by the March 21st deadline.. She hopes that by April 11, the names and certificates will be mailed out.

There was some discussion regarding mailing to employee's home address, and that some agencies cannot give out this information. This will be handled internally. PB Staff will send out a certificate template for the Committee to use.

- **Media Relations Committee** – Bobbi Hudson and Jane Berube reported good feedback from their post on Access Washington, and Tracy commented that it was very well done. They reported that they are waiting for all the information, so that they can get it out to the media.
- **Poster Coloring Contest Committee** – Chana reported the Olympia event will incorporate the contest and that during April 22nd and 23rd Arts Walk, the posters will be displayed at Olympia Federal Savings Bank. Melissa Van Gorkom reported that the design was done by the Washington Lottery Graphic Department and then passed out a copy of what they had so far. Mari Coffee said that the design will be proofed, and then approved, hopefully by the end of the week. Deadline is geared for sometime in the middle of March to allow for judging. Their winning posters will then be laminated for the Arts Walk Display. The size of the poster was reduced from 11x14 to 8 1/2x11 to keep the posters from having to be folded for mailing.

Chana then went on to give some updates to the Committee.

- ❖ Seattle Mariners State Employees Day – June 4th, 2005
- ❖ Washington State Cougars Baseball – target day for May 1st when the Cougars play the Huskies
- ❖ Tacoma Community College is hosting their Event May 2nd in the Tacoma Community Colleges' Student Center from 3:00-5:00 pm.
- ❖ Spokane's' tentative date is May 4th, at the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture. Tracy commented that last year's Spokane Event was a great success for their first year with many elected officials in attendance.
- ❖ Vancouver is planning to again hold their event in the DOT/WSP Complex, with the date pending. As there are two new volunteers for the group, they are meeting on February 18th, to start planning.
- ❖ Tri-Cities will hold their event May 12th, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Brian Sonntag will be keynote speaker for this event. This will be an informal B-B-Que setting at Columbia Park.

Chana reminded all those attending via teleconference that the deadline for getting their group photos to her is March 16th to be featured in the April edition of the FTE Newsmagazine and reminded them to put names to faces in the photos.

Chana then reported the next meeting will be March 9, 2005 at 9 am here in the State Library Building, and that thereafter, we will have 2 meetings a month, gearing up for the Celebration in May.

After a short discussion, Chana declared the meeting adjourned.