

**Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW)
Meeting Minutes**

February 14, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Carol Marie Andrew, Department of Licensing
Wendy Bennett, State Auditors' Office
Linda Brock, Liquor Control Board
Josi Brooks, Secretary of State
Chana Clark, Secretary of State
Pat Delaney, Labor & Industries
Jacque Long, Department of Personnel
Molly Hughes, Department of Social
and Health Services
Lannaea Jablonski, Secretary of State
Pam Johnson, ICSEW
Pam Kelly, Community and Technical Colleges

Lorri Kredel, Lottery Commission
Dawn Cypriano-McAferly, Higher Education
Coordinating Board
Joyce Norris, Department of Transportation
Jenna Parque, Lottery Commission
Maria Rosario-Saavedra, Department of
Corrections
Lillian Springer, General Administration
Diane Tucker, Public Employment Relations
Commission
Mark Vessey, Washington State Historical
Society

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chana Clark called the meeting to order at 10:00, and welcomed all attendees. Introductions were made around the room, which included PSRW Co-Chairs Secretary of State Sam Reed, and State Auditor Brian Sonntag.

Chana then turned the meeting over to the Co-Chairs to share their thoughts on PSRW which is held statewide the first week in May 2007.

Secretary Reed asked how many of the representatives at the meeting were in their first year, and several raised their hands. He went on to say that PSRW is a wonderful program, however press has a tendency to say negative things about public employees. Secretary Reed stated he wants this national recognition even to let all those in the public service arena know how much their contributions are appreciated.

Secretary Reed said at first, only Olympia was observant of the national recognition week, and now other areas have joined in: Vancouver, Spokane, Tri-Cities, and so on. He said this shows the pride in those who provide public service.

He stated that this year is going to be different, in that it is going to be a "party" atmosphere, and he would love to see all agency directors and elected officials actively participating as their way of showing appreciation for the hard work public employees do.

At this time, Secretary Reed turned the floor over to Auditor Brian Sonntag. Auditor Sonntag said he and Secretary Reed have worked together for a long time with PSRW, and it is his privilege to do so again this year. Auditor Sonntag said the staff of the Productivity Board deserves a lot of credit for their hard work

on this event, then thanked all the representatives present for their ideas and energy which is critical to the success of PSRW.

Auditor Sonntag stated he started working in Pierce County 34 years ago, and admits to a biased opinion of the importance of state workers. This is an opportunity to put focus on the event, and would love to see federal, state and city government involved.

Auditor Sonntag also said he wanted to focus on two words: "Thank you." Thank you for all the hard work you do!

The meeting then took a short break to for pictures of the Olympia group and the Co-Chairs.

Upon return, Chana Clark said that Art Mead of the FTE Magazine had a short report. Art said that the Salvation Army will be cooking and serving the hot dogs; he and Costco committed to donating the water, soda, and hotdog bunsj. Art stated that he would do the a poster again this year if the committee wished and that there are 6 sponsors so far for the poster.

After a short discussion, Chana then turned to the committee reports.

Celebration Committee

Linda Brock – Chair said the committee had discussed the possibility of having a vendor booth contest. The criteria of booth presentation, interaction, and peoples choice would determine the winner. Since this is still in the discussion area, nothing concrete was decided. Chana asked how the word would get out, and how would each agency participate. Linda said this is still being worked out, and said it might add more incentive between agencies to have a friendly competition. Chana said they needed to come up with a plan and execute it within the week before a decision could be made.

Linda reported that all the following were on track:

- Food: Buns, water, and soda (Costco and FTE Magazine)
- Cookies: Maria said the agency (DOC) would provide 1300 cookies this year
- Potato Chips: Exepecting email confirmation from the Potato Commission
- Apples: Still waiting to contact the Department of Health, but they wanted to donate carrots again this year.
- Tents: Confirmed with the Military Department.

Chana said that balloons could be handled by Celebrations, as the cost is minimal, and well worth the time and effort saved.

Linda said she is working on a cover letter for the display registrations which need approval from the Productivity Board staff and will be going out soon.

There will be a smaller stage, a podium for the opening comments, but will not need to have it for anything else, since the format is going to be different this year.

- Gary Broers will be contacted for sound
- Alan Archer from 97.7 The Eagle will be playing music in the background
- Color Guard – will contact Parks and Rec first, then State Patrol
- National Anthem – who will sing? L&I has a group if Mari Coffee's group cannot sing.
- Linda has put in a query for the 'walking veggies' from Department of Health.

At this point, Chana reported that the Longevity Award recipient list was acquired from the Department of Personnel, and will recognize those employed for 40, 45, and 50 years.

Chana advised the reps that with all the changes going on, that if they receive any complaints to pass them on to the Productivity Board to handle.

There will be no Poster Contest, or Talent Contest this year, as Secretary Reed wanted a more “party” type of atmosphere that included all employees. He felt this would involve everyone, and not just a few.

Chana reported the Washington State University Cougars “Employee Day” is set for Saturday, May 19, 2007 at 2:00 against UCLA.

Also, the Mariners “Employee Day” is in June.

Extra Mile

Since there no one stepped up as Chair, Chana said that she and Josi would work as co-chairs, and will send out meeting notices to those who have indicated an interest to be on this committee.

The deadline for Extra Mile nominations is March 2nd at 5:00 pm, and 45 are received so far.

There was a brief discussion how to keep internal employee recognition and the Extra Mile recognition from being confused, as the Departments of Corrections and Social and Health Services have conflicting events the same time as PSRW.

Area Events Report

Linnaea reported the following:

- Spokane: May 10th at the Digital Archives in Cheney
- Tri-Cities: May 10th at Lampson Pits in Richland
- Vancouver: May 8th at the WSP/DOT complex

After another brief discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Next meeting will be March 7, 2007, at 10:00 am until 11:00 am.

Since we have the room reserved before the meeting starts, committees can meet there before the actual PSRW meeting, if needed. Please let Chana or Josi know, by calling 360.704.5203, or emailing cclark@secstate.wa.gov, or jbrooks@secstate.wa.gov .