

WWMA BOD Meeting Notes 8/11/21

Call to order 10:00 AM Mountain Time – Scott Simmons

Roll call – Mahesh Albuquerque

Directors in attendance:

Scott Simmons - CO

Garrett Brown - AK

Kevin Allen – AZ

Kristin Macy – CA

Mahesh Albuquerque – CO

Kevin Merritt – ID

Cadence Matijevich – NV

Tim Elliott – WA

Kurt Floren – LA County, CA

David Aguayo – San Luis Obispo County, CA

Others in attendance:

Kevin Schnepf – CA

Brent Ricks – MT

David Fraser - MT

Roxanne Chepsongol – NM

Tahis McQueen – WA

Don Onwiler – NCWM

Nomination for new/replacement directors by Mahesh Albuquerque:

Kevin Schnepf – CA

Brent Ricks – MT

Roxanne Chepsongol – NM

Second by various members and passed by voice vote.

Update by Don Onwiler regarding audio/visual capabilities and support by NCWM for WWMA Annual Meeting. Concern over the “owls” being able to meet the needs of the in-person attendees during the open hearings and voting sessions. Other options are being explored by Mahesh Albuquerque. Tim Elliott voiced concern over committee chairs having to run the virtual component of the meeting while presiding over the meeting. Discussion regarding other support during work sessions to meet that need. Cadence Matijevich voiced concerns regarding the “chat” feature in Zoom being used during the work sessions being misused to influence the committee. It was decided to make an announcement reminding attendees that all comments are to be heard during the open hearings and that extends to making comments on the chat during committee work sessions.

Discussion on bylaw update to make permanent changes to allow virtual or virtual/in person meetings in case of an emergency declared by BOD. Consensus was to leave most of last year’s changes in place, removing the sunset language, and reference new article 5, Section 2 that is consistent with what NCWM approved at the annual meeting, incorporating language by Kurt Floren and Steven Harrington. Scott Simmons made notes and will make draft changes to bylaws that will be emailed to BOD for comment and approval.

Mahesh Albuquerque updated the board on progress of the upcoming annual meeting including technical sessions/tours, evening outing, and hotel arrangements.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Simmons