

WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NACo's 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

LOS ANGELES COUNTY (LONG BEACH), CALIF.

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016

MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order [8:30 AM]

Introductory remarks were offered by WIR President Doug Breidenthal and board members and Federal officials in the audience proceeded with self-introductions.

President **Breidenthal** recognized Mike McArthur and Greg Wolf of the Association of Oregon Counties and himself to share information with the WIR board on their proposal for a Western Partnership Center. As proposed, the Center seeks to would provide a forum for Federal, State and Local government to work together in expanding and accelerating the use of collaborative problem solving on federal an associated lands to create durable solutions for rural communities that address environmental, economic and social needs.

Joy **Esparsen** with the New Mexico Association of Counties and the Honorable Carol Bowman **Muskett**, Commissioner, McKinley County, N.M., and the Honorable Genevieve **Jackson**, Commissioner, McKinley County, N.M. presented on work occurring in New Mexico to improve dialogue between county governments and tribes. The presentation focused on NMAC's work to achieve mutual success through regulatory, policy or legislative changes and developed curriculum on Native American cultural competency for county officials and how the model can be applied in WIR states to build stronger county-tribal relations.

Supervisor Greg **Cox**, candidate for NACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President requested time and provided an address to the WIR Board in support of his candidacy.

Michael **Christensen**, Senior Executive Supply Chain at the Port of Long Beach presented on how America's ports take western goods to global markets. Over 40% of US commerce transacts through eh ports of LA and Long Beach. The presentation focused on how ports work as a part of our transportation system and the challenges facing America's ports.

Mark **Lautman**, Principal with Lautman Economic Architecture, provided information on an innovative economic development planning process being implemented in counties across the west.

Jim **Ogsbury**, Executive Director of the Western Governors' Association provided an update to the WIR Board on the activities of the WGA and opportunities for WIR and WGA to work together on policy initiatives.

Chris **Marklund**, NACo Associate Legislative Director, provided a brief legislative and financial update.

Meeting Adjourn [12:05 PM]