

WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FALL BOARD MEETING

JACKSON COUNTY (ASHLAND), ORE.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016

MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order [9:15 AM]

WIR 1st Vice President **Joel Bousman** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductory remarks were offered by WIR President **Doug Breidenthal** and NACo President **Bryan Desloge**. Board members and Federal officials in the audience proceeded with self-introductions.

Commissioner **Ron Walter** moved to approve the minutes from the July 2016 WIR Board Meeting as provided in the board packet. Commissioner **Mike Murray** provided a second and the motion passed by voice vote.

NACo Legislative Director **Deborah Cox** provided an update on the recent activities of NACo.

NACo Associate Legislative Director **Chris Marklund** provided a legislative update and recap of WIR's legislative accomplishments over the previous 12 months. Following the legislative update, he presented the 2017 WIR Budget. WIR Immediate Past President **Gordon Cruickshank** moved to approve the 2017 WIR Budget as presented (Attachment A). Commissioner **Danny Monette** provided a second and the motion passed by voice vote.

President **Breidenthal** recognized **Mike McArthur** to moderate the States Update and Roundtable discussion. Representatives from each WIR member state present presented on current issues and facing county governments in their states.

Recess for lunch [12:05 PM]

Featured Guest Speaker: **Robin Teater**, Executive Director, Healthy Democracy

Meeting resumed [1:05 PM]

The WIR Board began review and discussion of the WIR Board's 2017 Key Issues. Commissioner **Doug Heaton** moved to adopt the 2017 WIR Key Issues as revised by the board (Attachment B). Commissioner **Jim French** provided a second and the motion passed by voice vote.

President **Breidenthal** recognized **Chris Marklund** to share information on WIR's positioning within NACo and representation in Congress. President **Breidenthal** then led a discussion on targeted strategies for achieving WIR's legislative and policy goals. Board members determined to continue their work to engage with Congress in their home states and districts and within Congressional committees.

The board expressed a desire to focus on the upcoming presidential transition and to continue their work to educate easterners on issues facing the western United States.

President **Breidenthal** began a discussion of the WIR membership composition in light of recent conversations regarding new states joining WIR. The WIR board determined that the current membership of WIR adequately supported the mission of WIR and there was no current interest in pursuing membership from additional states.

Immediate Past President **Cruickshank** was recognized to present the work of the committee appointed in Teton County, Wyo. to review and amend the WIR bylaws. President **Breidenthal** moved to approve the work of the committee to date. Commissioner **Walter** provided a second and the motion was approved by voice vote. The committee was asked to continue its work, specifically to develop a proposal to memorialize the membership dues structure within the document, to consider whether the NACo Western Region Rep should have a seat on the WIR Board of Directors, and whether a non-voting WIR past president may vote on behalf of their state in the absence of a voting board member.

Dan Chadwick requested a clarifying motion to assess 2017 WIR dues in the same manner as they were assessed in 2016. Commissioner **Murray** made the motion and Commissioner **Stephanie Wright** provided the second. The motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner **Shawn Bolton** asked any WIR Board members interested in cosponsoring a resolution on natural gas exports to contact him.

Kathie Wasserman requested WIR examine arctic nation issues at a future meeting.

Meeting Adjourned [4:15 PM]

ATTACHMENT A

Western Interstate Region: Operations
Statement of Activity through August 31, 2016

	2014 ACTUAL	2015 Actual	2016 BUDGET	2016 Actual	Difference	2016 Forecast	2017 Proposed Budget
Revenue							
Membership Dues	\$ 95,888	\$ 95,888	\$ 95,888	\$ 63,925	\$ (31,963)	\$ 95,888	\$ 95,888
Expenses							
Salaries	26,944	34,074	40,110	24,282	(15,828)	40,110	41,313
Benefits (ALLOC)	8,915	11,154	13,161	7,784	(5,376)	13,161	13,633
Mkt-Postage Handling & Mail Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reproduction	1,495	151	200	1	(199)	50	50
Printing_Production	-	66	-	-	-	-	-
USPS_Express Mail & Handling Fee	312	409	100	-	(100)	50	50
General Supplies	-	17	-	-	-	-	-
Bank, Credit Card Fees	405	190	200	190	(10)	200	200
Telephone_Fax_Cell & Other Comm	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staff Travel (Travel, Hotel)	1,287	4,470	3,000	2,398	(602)	5,000	5,000
Business Meals	-	153	300	120	(180)	300	300
Business Entertain	-	226	200	134	(66)	200	200
WIR President Travel	-	-	5,000	1,160	(3,840)	3,660	6,000
VIP & Committee Tvl (not exec)	-	1,616	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
C&M-Meeting Set-up/Rental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C&M-Comp Registration (interco)	645	-	-	-	-	-	-
C&M-Equipment Rental_AV	2,751	4,231	3,000	3,805	805	5,000	5,000
C&M-Speaker Fees & Travel	-	235	-	204	204	-	-
C&M-Registration Costs	-	212	-	-	-	-	-
C&M-Reception_Banquets	368	1,744	2,500	-	(2,500)	2,500	2,500
C&M-Entertainment	225	-	-	-	-	-	-
C&M-F&B Other	2,246	5,346	3,000	2,285	(715)	5,000	5,200
C&M-Misc. Other	242	-	250	-	(250)	-	-
Plaques, Recognitions, Gifts	92	434	300	205	(95)	300	300

Miscellaneous	-	3		292	292	292	300
MIS Support (ALLOC)	1,418	2,440	2,103	1,378	(725)	2,103	2,100
WEB_On-Line Svc (ALLOC)	489	847	725	475	(250)	725	725
Rent Allocation	4,389	7,778	6,706	4,297	(2,410)	6,706	7,500
Overhead (ALLOC)	27,668	36,007	37,808	25,430	(12,377)	37,808	38,942
Total Member Expenses	79,904	111,803	119,662	74,441	(45,222)	123,164	129,313
Net Member Operations	\$ 15,984	\$ (15,915)	\$ (23,774)	\$ (10,516)	\$ 13,258	\$ (27,276)	\$ (33,425)

Western Interstate Region: Conferences
Statement of Activity through August 31, 2016

	2014 ACTUAL	2015 Actual	2016 BUDGET	2016 Actual	Difference	2016 Forecast	2017 Proposed Budget
Revenue							
Registration	\$ 115,180	\$ 145,615	\$ 141,460	\$ 170,985	\$ 29,525	\$ 171,415	\$ 160,000
Registration Refunds	(4,600)	(6,820)	(5,498)	(10,305)	(4,807)	(10,305)	(6,000)
Comp Registrations (interco)	2,365	1,420	1,500	860	(640)	1,500	1,500
Sponsors General	12,000	12,000	12,000	18,000	6,000	17,000	15,000
Total Revenue	\$ 124,945	\$ 152,215	\$ 149,462	\$ 179,540	\$ 30,078	\$ 179,610	\$ 170,500
Expenses							
Salaries	14,872	13,705	19,551	17,946	(1,605)	19,551	19,915
Ben: Benefits (ALLOC)	4,681	4,608	6,378	5,710	(668)	6,378	6,572
Mkt -Ad Placements (interco)	5,207	4,461	4,500	1,878	(2,622)	1,878	2,000
Mkt-Sponsorships	-	-	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Mkt-Printing_Production	1,520	1,175	1,600	-	(1,600)	1,600	-
Mkt-Postage Handling & Mail Fee	1,564	1,925	2,000	1,397	(603)	2,000	2,000
Reproduction Internal	3,202	10,838	10,500	6,149	(4,351)	7,000	8,500
USPS_Express Mail & Handling Fee	30	43	250	56	(194)	100	250
General Supplies	-	361		140	140	140	250
Bank, Credit Card Fees	3,164	2,929	3,000	3,672	672	3,672	3,000
Telephone_Fax_Cell & Other Comm	103	10	100	4	(96)	10	60
Office Maintenance	36	47		24	24	24	-

Staff Travel (Travel,Hotel)	2,496	4,125	2,870	4,226	1,356	4,226	4,000
Business Meals	-	-	300		(300)	-	600
Business Entertain	246	44		8	8	8	100
C&M-Space Rent, Set Up, Dec.	5,791	-	11,650	12,015	365	12,015	5,000
C&M-Registration Costs (all)	1,993	3,270	3,215	2,284	(931)	2,284	4,500
C&M-Signs	1,234	1,779	2,000	1,700	(300)	1,700	2,000
C&M-Equipment Rental_AV	19,610	29,795	16,100	16,165	65	16,100	26,000
C&M-Speaker Fees & Travel	3,500	3,509	5,000	2,867	(2,133)	2,867	10,000
C&M-Reception_Banquets	21,054	43,947	32,700	47,266	14,566	47,266	36,250
C&M-Entertainment	-	-	-	155	155	155	-
C&M-F&B Other	1,469	1,909	2,909	3,955	1,046	3,955	3,000
C&M-F&B Staff	1,651	1,849	2,956	2,505	(451)	2,505	1,700
C&M-Shipping	2,447	4,717	2,600	3,457	857	3,457	2,800
C&M-Misc. Other	-	-	500	-	(500)	-	650
Insurance	907	467	1,000	939	(61)	1,100	1,230
Subs/Pubs/Dues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	156	52	-	273	273	273	300
Rent (ALLOC)	3,865	3,606	5,550	4,280	(1,270)	5,550	6,000
MIS Support (ALLOC)	1,103	1,117	1,740	1,343	(397)	1,740	1,800
WEB_On-Line Svc (ALLOC)	381	385	600	463	(137)	600	650
Overhead (ALLOC)	15,382	13,574	18,429	21,032	2,604	18,429	18,772
Total Conference Expenses	117,664	154,247	157,998	171,907	13,909	176,583	167,899
Net Conference Operations	\$ 7,281	\$ (2,032)	\$ (8,536)	\$ 7,633	\$ 16,169	\$ 3,027	\$ 2,601

ATTACHMENT B

Since 1978, the Western Interstate Region (WIR) has worked within NACo to promote the interests of Western counties, sustain the Western quality of life and advocate for the multiple use and sustained yield on public lands, community stability and economic development issues facing counties in the WIR's 15 member states.

In furtherance of the policies and resolutions adopted by NACo, the WIR Board of Directors has identified the following advocacy priorities for 2017, in no particular order:

Strengthen Local Infrastructure: Successful communities are built on strong infrastructure. WIR supports initiatives to strengthen local infrastructure in the West by promoting local decision making in infrastructure investments, prioritizing investments to modernize and improve infrastructure safety, including critical local utilities and energy infrastructure. As technology generates new economic opportunities for communities in the West, WIR also supports policies that expand local access, promote investment in and development of a modern, high-speed communications infrastructure in Western communities.

Maintain Access to Western Lands and Responsible Development of Western Resources: Responsible development and improved access to Western lands and natural resources is critical to Western economies and maintaining the Western quality of life. WIR supports policies that promote multiple use and sustained yield of natural resources in the West as a means of promoting community economic growth, job creation and the long-term viability of Western communities. WIR encourages the development of policies that seek to sustainably and responsibly manage activities on Western public lands in the least restrictive manner, in support of the greatest number of recreational, historic and productive uses and in consultation with local governments and stakeholders.

Ensure Certainty in Federal County Payments: Counties provide critical services to their residents and public land visitors alike. WIR supports extending full, predictable and mandatory funding for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program, which compensates counties for the services they provide on tax-exempt public lands within their boundaries. WIR further supports legislative efforts to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program, which provides bridge payments to counties to compensate for significant declines in federal revenue sharing within the National Forest System.

Promote Safe and Healthy Communities: Counties invest billions of dollars to deliver public health, fire safety, law enforcement, criminal justice services and other public health and safety services each year. WIR supports policies that strengthen public health and well-being by maintaining and enhancing local healthcare systems, preserving the federal-state-local partnership for Medicaid and promoting access to medical and behavioral healthcare for those in need. WIR supports policies that protect public safety through intergovernmental partnerships and a comprehensive approach to addressing public safety challenges. Planning, resource sharing and mutual support is critical to addressing law enforcement and crime prevention issues facing Western counties.

Advocate for Local Control and Strengthen the Federal Partnership: Western county officials have a responsibility to provide local leadership and seek community-based solutions to strengthen their counties. WIR supports a strong federal-county partnership that encourages and gives great deference to county input in federal decision making. WIR opposes policies that restrict county policy making responsibility and the influence of county governance and planning, impose unfunded mandates, or unduly burden community economic development and opportunity.