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April 15th 2024

GO-054 Washington State Legislative Board Quadrennial Reorganization Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 0800 hours by Brother Gary Howell at the Radisson Hotel, Sea-Tac, Washington. Present were Brothers Steve Mazulo, Gary Howell, Darrin Volland, Todd Kester, Travis Anderson, Bradley Lindula, Jeremy Wurzer, Peter Evans, Adam Gervais, Doug Beers, Shane Sadler, Donald "Bud" Newton and Ianni Kalogiros. Also present were Alternate Legislative Representatives Michael Minnich and Kyle Keller. In attendance also were Rex Allen and Mike McGaffey.

Brother Howell called for introductions and then an open discussion. Brother McGaffey stated that he was there to express his view that something was wrong in the WSLB when Brother Herb Krohn could be ousted as Legislative Director when he had an outstanding body of work done for the members of SMART-TD in Washington State. He expressed his appreciation for Brother Krohn and then excused himself. Brother Rex Allen expressed his view that the WSLB was in a state of splintering and his amazement at the chain of events in September of 2023. He also noted the good things Brother Krohn accomplished during his time in office. Brother Evans noted that in his experience he did not always get prompt responses from Brother Krohn on Amtrak matters.

Brother Howell noted the transcript of the trial in September 2023 was open to all members to request from the International. He thanked Brother Allen for taking the time to make his thoughts known. A roundtable discussion of Quarterly Reports and finances occurred.

A roundtable discussion of WSLB Secretary Max Chen's wages and medical insurance occurred.

The Board moved on to a discussion of general business and approval of the minutes of the WSLB meeting in Tacoma, WA, in 2022, read by Board Secretary Todd Kester.

Nominations for positions of State Director were then held. Nominated were Brothers Mazulo, Anderson and Gervais. Brother Beers made a motion to table the nominations, seconded by Brother Sadler. Discussion was held; motion did not carry.

Brother Gervais was allowed to speak as to his candidacy; he proposed paying a lump sum to each LR each year; he warned of the dangers of the idea of "self moving freight cars" studied by the Carriers.

Brother Anderson was allowed to speak as to his candidacy; he clarified his absence at the Tacoma meeting was due to a Yardmaster Local Chairperson meeting and stated his affirmative positions on Yardmaster Hours of Service bills, Train length Bills and Crew Sizing Bills. He also offered his ideas on how best to get bills passed in the Washington State Legislature. He stated he would accept the position for a \$130,000 per year salary and use his wife's health care benefits. He stated he was not a fan of the SMART-TD Legacy benefit and he would give up some of his other SMART-TD positions if necessary.

Brother Mazulo was allowed to speak as to his candidacy; he noted his part-time work in the position to bring funds back up and would serve in a part-time capacity if elected. He stated his approval of getting a Train Length Bill through the Washington State Legislature.

A roundtable discussion of full time vs. part time and the Legislative Directors salary occurred.

At 0950 hours Brother Howell proposed a 15 minute break. At 1005 hours the meeting resumed. Brother Mazulo again reiterated he wanted the position as a part time director. The candidates were sequestered and a round table discussion occurred. It was decided should Brother Mazulo win the Board would revisit the full time vs. part time question after a year and decide if it was working out satisfactorily.

A vote was held, ballots counted by Alternates Keller and Minnick. Brother Mazulo was elected.

Nominations held for Assistant Legislative Director. Brother Howell was nominated by Brother Mazulo. Brother Gervais nominated himself. Brother Lindula was nominated by Brother Anderson. All candidates were given the opportunity to speak and sequestered. After four ballots Brother Lindula was elected.

Nominations for Chairman of the Board were held. Brother Mazulo nominated Brother Volland. Brother Wurzer nominated Brother Howell. Brother Howell was elected.

Nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board were held. Brother Sadler nominated Brother Volland. Brother Volland won by acclamation.

Nominations for Secretary of the Board were held. Brother Evans was nominated by Brother Newton. Brother Evans won by acclamation.

Submitted by Past Secretary of the Board Todd Kester.

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This is great, thank you!

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Washington State Legislative Board

Seattle/Tacoma WA

April 16 2024

Day two minutes

WSLB reconvened at 8am PST-All previous members in attendance

General business discussed

- New alternates to join convention
- New legislation in regard to train length bill currently losing traction and in need of new sponsor. Brother Mazullo spoke on endangerment to public safety. (ie: Columbia River Homes)
- Brother Sadler expressed importance/validity of bills that can and will pass through Congress
- Brother Anderson spoke on need for sick leave for yard masters
- Brother Evans spoke regarding AMTRAK current negotiations and current sick leave policy
- Discussed walking conditions in yards and personal safety
- Spoke on issues regarding FRA and Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Inspectors
- Decision was made to revisit dues increase until next years reconvening of WSLB meeting
- Discussed importance of legislative candidate interviews and reaching out to local political leaders
- Brother Bradley inquired about state-vs-federal two person crew legislation-Continued discussion regarding state and federal regulations per FRA
- Discussed importance of LR's interacting with new-hires in regards of safe work practices in work place
- PAC funding and pledge forms-How to expose new-hires to political funding and importance thereof
- Discussed the importance of Safety Inspections for dead head transportation (HALCON) "See Something Say Something"
- Lastly-Reminder to remit receipts for meeting

At 9:32am PST Brother Sadler motioned to adjourn, Brother Evans seconded the motion, the motion carried and meeting was adjourned by brother Howell at 9:32am PST