2012 CONVENTION

8:59 am Call to Order – Greg Georg, WPEC President

Delegates were counted. Rules are adopted.

Credentials Report: Diane Mandell. 40 people present at closing of registration.
Votes based on number actually voting.
Quorum = 20+1

9:30-9:45am President’s Report – Greg Georg

Greg welcomed members and guests. This is the 20th annual convention. 1993 was our first convention. Passage of Act 10 affected everything we do. President’s report included with accompanying documents.

9:28am Treasurer's Report – Margaret Schmelzer

Report included in convention handbook.
As expected we are currently operating at a loss & will continue to do that for a while. Tim Hawks, our attorney, is doing a lot of work for us.

9:35 am Budget Report – Ed Berry

Report on file. Change to written report: $3300 to the audit firm for a professional audit. There is only $2500 currently in the budget for legal fees; that will necessarily increase. One member notes that the budget for newsletters is being cut and that one of our largest expenses is for staff.

9:40am Membership Report – John Fries

Report on file. Note about District 7 – Hospitals. We no longer are getting any info from UW Hospitals.

Gary Mertig made an announcement about photos he has available.

10:30-10:45am Break

9:45 am Nomination for Officers and Executive Council: Lowel Attoe, WPEC Elections Committee

* = Elected

Nominated: Duane Konkel - President
*Nominated: Greg Georg – President

Nominations closed for office of President

*Layne Litwin – Vice President
Nominations closed for office of Vice President
By acclamation – Layne Litwin elected.

*Membership Secretary – John Fries

Nominations closed for office of Membership Secretary. By unanimous acclamation – elected.

*Recording Secretary – Ruth Ginzberg

Nominations Closed for office of Recording Secretary. By unanimous acclamation – elected.

Office of Treasurer:
No nominations.

At Large members:
*Ed Berry – by petition
*Wayne Mertens nominated from the floor.
*Diane Mandell nominated from the floor.
*Jane Steffes nominated from the floor.
Kevin Steffens nominated from the floor. – declined.
*Colette Brown nominated from the floor.
*Jody Calhoun nominated from the floor.

6 individuals – by unanimous acclamation they are elected.

Motion (Bill Franks) to motion to modify the rules to seat Thomas Smith late.
2nd John Verberkmoe.
APPROVED.

10:00am Speeches for Contested Elections (limit 3 min./speech)

Greg Georg campaign speech
Duane Konkel campaign speech

BREAK

10:31 Greg Georg called the meeting back to order.

Kevin Steffens MOVES that there be discussion time regarding the election. 2nd (Jane Steffes).
AMENDED (Diane Mandel) Ask questions or make statements about the candidates. PASSED.

President Greg Georg recused himself from conducting the meeting while he was the subject of the meeting. Vice President Layne Litwin took the gavel.

Questions and discussion ensued.
Voting for the office of President occurred at 11:00.

11:05 pm Q&A on Additional Committee Reports

Question /Comment about HP Contract being canceled. Over 100 contractors hired as state employees. Many of them were previously state employees.

**MOTION** (Barb Smith) 2nd Duane Konkel. Have leadership write another letter saying “Where is the contracting out report?” **PASSED.**

Question about budget committee report. Balance sheet says we have over $300k in checking. Are we holding onto that balance for a particular reason? Discussion.

Question about financial statement – per cap payments vs. income. Explanation ensued.

Question about constitution amendment committee.

11:45pm Election Results Announced: Greg Georg elected President.

Ballots results were:

- Duane Konkel: 12
- Greg Georg: 29

**BREAK FOR LUNCH.**

12:00-1:00pm Buffet Lunch and Honoree Recognition

1:15 Election of Delegates to AFT-W convention

AFT-W Convention delegates and alternate elected:

- Sue Alseth Delegate
- Aaron Berry Delegate
- Ed Berry Delegate
- Colette Brown Delegate
- Jody Calhoun Delegate
- Bill Franks Delegate
- John Fries Delegate
- Michael Genthe Delegate
- Greg Georg Delegate
- Ruth Ginzberg Delegate
- John Hart Delegate
- Linda Hilker Delegate
- Duane Konkel Delegate
- Edward (Ward) Kroencke Delegate
- Mark Kuechler Delegate
- Layne Litwin Delegate
- Diane Mandell Delegate
Wayne Mertens Delegate
Gary Mertig Alternate
Suzanne Murphy Delegate
David Rasmussen Delegate
Maggie Schmelzer Delegate
Barbara Smith Delegate
Thomas A Smith Delegate
Benjamin Sousa Delegate
Kevin Steffens Delegate
Jane Steffes Delegate
Sandra Suchla Delegate
Augustine Tatus Delegate
John Verberkmoes Delegate
Rena Wehling Delegate

AFT Convention: We need to have a vote – the top 2 vote getters will get funded, in addition to the President. Election committee to make up ballots.

1:20pm AFT-W Organizing Report – Samantha Jordan

1:43: Campaign Speeches by those who want to be elected to AFT delegation.

Elected to receive funding: Layne Litwin, Diane Mandell. First Alternate: Collette Brown. President Greg Georg will also receive funding per EC action of 4/21/2012, because attendance at this convention is one of his constitutional duties.

Others can attend as delegates but WPEC will not provide funding.

2:45-3:45pm Resolutions (4) and Continuation of Other Convention Business

Resolutions included in Convention Packet.

Resolution #1: Fails.
Resolution #2: Fails
Resolution #3: PASSED
Resolution #4: PASSED

2:54 Motion to adjourn (Kevin Steffes) 2nd Lori Dumas APPROVED

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Ginzberg, Recording Secretary