

VAAC Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Mary Hall, Callie Meleedy, Tillie Naputi-Pullar, Lynnette Thornton, Patty McDonald, Berl Colley, Connie Christy, Judy Oliver, Larry Watkinson

Introduction of three new members: Connie Christy, Judy Oliver, and Larry Watkinson

New Business

Guest Speakers at VAAC Meetings

- Callie mentioned that Mary will be doing a talk about cyber security and accessibility with South Sound Senior Services on October 24.
- Mary asks if we think it would be beneficial to grow VAAC. Patty says that 12 or so members is usually the most productive and says that a speaker series would be interesting, and a good way to recruit new members.
- Mary mentions bringing vendors for our new tabulation/AVU testing to come talk about their systems. Larry agrees with Mary and says he's all for having the vendors come and talk.
- Larry thinks that LWV would be a good outlet for getting information about the VAAC out. Connie says that she is the one who produced the candidate forum, and Mary mentions that would be a good addition to the Voters' Pamphlet.
- Spokane and Cowlitz have ACA committees that include all aspects of county government. It's decided that our committee should stay elections specific. Berl says that the size of our committee is good right now. If we were to include all access issues, we would want a bigger committee.
- VAAC will be asked to help with new system testing, which will take two days in September. Tillie is waiting on confirmation.
- Larry asked if we work with limited English communities. Mary explained that since we do not have the budget or legal obligation, we don't currently do anything. Callie will be in touch with OSOS to discuss collaboration.

National Voter Registration Day

- Larry mentions that September is also National Disability Month, which would be a good outreach opportunity.
- Connie says that LWV wants to coordinate with Thurston County Elections so that the local groups/agencies aren't competing with each other.
- Grocery stores after work (3-6) is best, according to Berl.

Newsletters

- Callie asks who follows newsletters. Larry says he follows the Auditor's facebook page, and asks if the blog is available on facebook. We provide a link, but can look into ways of posting the content on facebook.
- Berl suggests radio shows that feature local content, and offers to have Mary on his show. Larry mentions the community group database as a source for organizations to reach out to RE: newsletters

Blog/Podcast

- Callie asks for suggestions on topics. The group all agrees that cybersecurity would be informative on both the blog and a podcast.

Wellness Fairs

- Callie mentions two wellness fairs in Thurston County that are held annually, and asks for suggestions.
- Berl suggests the ADA Anniversary Celebration in Seattle.

Cybersecurity

- Callie goes over the cyber security information in the pamphlet.
- Mary provides an in depth explanation of all the security measures the Elections Division employs in order to keep votes safe. We will be sharing this information through multiple platforms.

Annual Plan

- Callie to email members the Annual Plan for digital approval.

Adjourn 3:25 p.m.