



MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 13 - 14, 2008
RED LION COLONIAL HOTEL
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COUNCIL CONVENED AT 9:00 AM and ADJOURNED at 4:30 PM on March 13, 2008
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 8:45 AM and ADJOURNED at 12:15 PM on March 14, 2008.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Billehus, Janet Carlson, Melissa Clark, Sara Casey Keough Duffy, Lisa T Hathaway, Roger Holt, Rocky Hughes, Representative Carol Lambert, Darwin Nelson, Barb Olind, Shawn Parker, PJ Rismon-Beckley, , Timm Vogelsberg, Connie Wethern, Senator Carol Williams and Friday only Jan Wenaas.

NON VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Jahner and Kim Evermann and Thursday only Jeff Sturm and JoAnn Dotson

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Diana Tavary and Brenda Walters.

GUESTS: Ed Holen, Marilyn Sword, Erin MacLean and Sister Johnelle Howanach.

STAFF PRESENT: Deborah Swingley and Dee Burrell

COUNCIL AGENDA:

The **March** agenda consisted of a Policy Governance Retreat and the Election of the Council Vice Chairperson.

Chair Lisa T Hathaway called the meeting to order and introductions were made

POLICY GOVERNANCE:

Ed Holen, Executive Director, Washington Council
Marilyn Sword, Executive Director, Idaho Council

Ed Holen, started the retreat with a handout of the PowerPoint presentation titled *Governance by Policy* (a copy is attached to and made a part of these

minutes). Members received an overview of policy governance and an understanding of the basic concepts from **Ed Holen** and **Marilyn Sword**.

Members went through Idaho's and Washington's policies and how they work and are defined. Some of the major points were:

- Values and Expectations of Council Members
- Board and Executive Relationship
- Do's and Don'ts for Executive

Members received many handouts of both Idaho and Washington's policies for review and discussion during the retreat. The policies are available on their websites at:

Washington - www.ddc.wa.gov

Idaho - www.icdd.idaho.gov

A working group was formed to go through the current Policy and Procedure Manual and identify which are Ends and Means and bring back possible new policies to the Council in June for their review. The work group consists of: **Timm Vogelsberg, Connie Wethern, Lisa T. Hathaway, Deborah Swingley** and Council attorney **Erin MacLean**.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON:

Members elected **Connie Wethern** as the Vice Chair of the Council.

MISC:

Kimme Evermann spoke to the members about the Economic Stimulus Package and how everyone needs to file income taxes, even if they normally don't file, in order to receive a rebate up to \$300. A Handout was given to Council members who are Self Advocates. Members were also given the phone number for the Citizen's Advocate: 1/800-332-2272 which is a very good resource for any problems or questions someone may have of the State of Montana.