

WSGA Board Meeting 01/15/2025

Executive Committee			
Present	Position	Real Name	Geocaching Name
P	President	Antoine Pin	Winos_Seattle
P	Vice President	Steve Thurin	SMuddT
P	Treasurer	Annette Bailes	Peach of WA
A	Secretary	Kevin Defields	Cool Cow Cachers
Chapter Representatives			
	Chapter	Real Name	Geocaching Name
P	48 North	Jean Hoffmann	Morhoff
P	Cache-Cadian	Eugene Reed	Mr. Gadget #2
P	Inland Empire	Elaine Edwards	lucymogus
P	Olympic Peninsula	Lori Kienholz	SeabeckTribe
P	Puget Sound	Jim Pommert	rocketglider
P	South Central	Benjamin Parruzot	Tecsomane
P	Southwest	Rhonda Britten	HawaiianMaile

CALL TO ORDER

- 6:30pm

ROLL CALL

- Proxy - Antoine Pin for Kevin DeFields

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (Nov 25, 2024)

- Noted that chapter reports should have been attached to January 15, 2025, minutes rather than November 25, 2024 minutes. Motioned and approved. Benjamin Parruzot abstained.

CHAPTER REP REPORTS

- Chapter reps reported on upcoming events.
- Antoine reported that he has received a much positive response to the number of WSGA tagged events and encouraged chapter reps to continue the good work

TREASURER REPORT

- The general report was sent to all chapters.
- All chapters have been using their allocations. Individual chapter reports will be emailed to the reps.
- Work on 501c3 application will continue now that other obligations are taken care of.
- Treasurer was audited in December by Antoine Pin and Kevin DeFields. No issues were found.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- 245 members as of January 12, 2025. Most members are premium with 8-10 basic members.
- This is an increase from 215 members in June of 2024.

MERCHANDISE

- Secretary absent. No report given.

COMMITTEES: EVENTS inc. Outreach / CAMPOUT / APE / TECH (Social Media)

OUTREACH Committee Antoine Pin

- We are looking for a Washington State general outreach volunteer.
- Skagit Valley Land Trust has reached out and would like to have a CITO hosted for Earth Day. They are working with Lori Shapiro/LoveOrca of the 48N chapter.
- Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery still has a strong connection and we will be working with them again in the future.

GEOTOUR Committee Antoine Pin

- The GeoTour has ended, and all caches have been archived.
- The last of the earned coins have been mailed.
- A large number of coins are left over. A decision will need to be made on what to do with them in the future.

CAMPOUT Committee Carter Cantrell

- Three new locations have been identified. Jim Pommert, Annette Bailes and Carter Cantrell will be contacting the sites for information.
- Targeting July 25-27, 2025 for the campout dates.
- Campout cache page (GCB1PYC) has been created.
- Antoine stressed that Jim Pommert and Sally Stromberg are only assisting with the campout committee for 2025.

APE Committee

- Benjamin Parruzot has been working on meeting the Geocaching HQ Block Party requirements. Most requirements have been met but we need to better define the theme of the event and how it meets the Block Party requirement of highlighting 25 years of geocaching.
- Antoine Pin reported that the webpage has been created (GCAWAYJ) as well as a subsidiary web page of goingape.com.
- We are waiting on final approval from the State Parks in Olympia.

TECH Committee Mike Nelson

- Beta testing of coupons for the WSGA store is ongoing but has been successful.
- The online Knowledge Base (KB) is set up and ready to be populated.

UPDATE COMMITTEE Dick Nielsen

- Proposed compiling minor bylaw changes and doing an annual update rather than multiple changes throughout the year.

OLD BUSINESS

- Antoine Pin: 2024 geocoin status. An expenditure of up to \$2,700 was previously approved at the November meeting. Trackable codes are going to be purchased and then the coin design sent to Oak Coins for production.
- Antoine Pin: Outreach UK committee has been disbanded by a vote of the board members.
- Antoine Pin: All chapters should have at least one Community Celebration Event (CCE) credit to their account from the WSGA 20 GeoTour. Olympic Peninsula and 48 North Events have already happened. Would like a big buildup of events the week before Going APE.
- Antoine Pin: Requesting help with the publication of a WSGA newsletter. Possible interest from Valerie (vbhunter)?

NEW BUSINESS

- **Activation of the Nomination Committee**
 - February 1, 2025 announcement of open positions and call for nominations.
 - Nomination Committee Members:
 - Steve Thurin (VP)
 - Antoine Pin
 - Jim Pommert
 - Current Board Members:
 - OP – Lori Kienholz – returning/running
 - SW – Rhonda Britten – returning/running
 - N48 – Jean Hoffman – returning/running if nominated
 - Nomination received in chat.
 - SW – Benjamin Parruzot – returning/running
 - IE – Elaine Edwards – returning/running
 - CC – Eugene Reed - ?
 - PS – Jim Pommert - returning/running
 - Treasurer – Annette Bailes - returning/running
 - Vice President – Steve Thurin - returning/running

- President – Antoine Pin - returning/running but actively looking for a qualified replacement and may leave mid-term
- Secretary – Kevin DeFields – Nominated by Jean Hoffman

- Antoine Pin would like more communication within the board and committees.
 - Proposes monthly meetings for the Executive Board.
 - Proposes monthly meetings for all committees.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- **March 19, 2025 6:30PM**

ADJOURNED

- **8:10PM**

POST-MEETING QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chapter Reports

48th North

Jean Hoffman - Morhoff

WSGA Past Chapter Events:	WSGA Upcoming Chapter Events:	Other Upcoming/Past Events
Chapter News:		

Cache-cadian

Eugene Reed - Mr. Gadget2

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Inland Empire Chapter

Elaine Edwards - lucymogus

See Attached

Olympic Peninsula

Lori Cassidy - SeabeckTribe

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Chapter News:		

<p>Puget Sound Jim Pommert - rocketglider</p>
See Attached

<p>South Central Benjamin Parruzot - TecsomaneP</p>
See Attached

<p>Southwest Chapter Rhonda Britten – Hawaiian Maile</p>		
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Other Committee Reports

<p>Events Committee Carter Cantrell - theCachingCants</p>
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WSGA Past Events:	WSGA Upcoming Events:	Other Upcoming/Past Area Events
Event News:		