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Q3 2023 Meeting Notes

Washington Governmental Affairs Committee Q2 Meeting
October 3, 2023, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. PT
Held at MAXX Conference, Spokane, WA

Committee Member Attendees:

Jennifer Kutcher	WECU	John Paul McGee	EvergreenDIRECT CU
Charlotte Nemec	Canopy CU	Don Miller	Gesa CU
Jeff Adams	Horizon CU	Deidra Miner	Red Canoe CU
Beverly Anderson	BECU	Jim Morrell	Peninsula CU
Christopher Bradberry	Fibre Federal FCU	Jodie Olson	Horizon CU
Geoff Bullock	Harborstone CU	Eric Petracca	iQ CU
Ryan Drake	Our Community CU	Alison Phelan	BECU
Jeff Dykstra	WECU	Ben Rutledge	Gesa CU
Ann Flannigan	WSECU	Lindsey Salvestrin	Columbia CU
Shawn Gilfedder	Kitsap CU	Angie Shipman	Fibre Federal CU
Gayle Gustafson	iQ CU	David Spaulding	Red Canoe CU
Jeff Kennedy	TwinStar CU	Mina Worthington	Solarity CU
Dan LeFree	Community 1st CU	Jennifer Wagner	GoWest
Joyce Lockard	RESCU	Joe Adamack	GoWest
Justin Martin	TAPCO CU	Sharee Adkins	GoWest
Traci McGlathery	STCU	Jordan Beyer	GoWest

**Additional guests were present with the meeting held at MAXX.*

Welcome, Introductions, and Kickoff

- Co-chairs Jennifer Kutcher and Charlotte Nemec kicked off the meeting, reviewed committee notes, reminded committee members interested in remaining on the committee in 2024 to nominate, and thanking everyone for their engagement.
- Since the WA GAC MAXX meeting is open to guests, those present who were not on the committee introduced themselves and their credit union.

Washington State Issues

- Joe Adamack guided the committee through a discussion of the draft 2024 legislative agenda and some of the other policy issues that Washington credit unions will be navigating during the upcoming session.
- Committee members provided feedback and asked questions on the issue with the Department of Revenue related to digital automated services as well as ongoing discussions with the Department of Licensing.
- Joe Adamack shared with the committee that the State Issues Working Group will be meeting in 2024 and anticipates the next state charter modernization legislation for 2025.

- Committee received an update on next steps with campaigns ahead of the 2024 election cycle recognizing there will be a significant amount of meetings and check presentations by local credit unions in district starting in Q2 next year.

Washington State Department of Commerce Grant

- Sharee Adkins of GoWest joined the committee to discuss the ongoing pre-design and design work going into the Credit Building Pilot Program grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce.
- The committee discussed anticipated next steps for 2024 deployment and asked questions about expectations, logistics, and program design.

CULAC

- Washington CULAC Trustee Mina Worthington provided updated information on CULAC outreach to Washington credit unions as well as some of the new tools available for credit unions to report support direct to candidates or committees.
- Mina Worthington also shared the fundraising challenge occurring at MAXX and requested committee members participate to help raise additional funds.

Special Guest – DFI Division of Credit Unions Director Amy Hunter

- Director Hunter shared a brief update on some of the issues they have been focused on at DFI and trends they are seeing.
- Committee members asked questions and shared feedback with Director Hunter on multiple topics including her perspective on approving out of state fields of membership.

Committee adjourned

- Co-chairs Kutcher and Nemec thanked everyone for their engagement and adjourned the meeting.