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Q2 2024 WA GAC Meeting Notes

Washington Governmental Affairs Committee Q2 Meeting
May 1, 2024, from 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. PT
Held at Cedarbrook Lodge in SeaTac, WA

Committee Member Attendees:

Dolores Broeske	HAPO Community CU	Jodie Olson	Horizon CU
Jeff Adams	Horizon CU	Chylon Pappas	First Tech CU
Brian Berrett	Idaho Central CU	Eric Petracca	iQ CU
Thomas Boucher	North Coast CU	Alison Phelan	BECU
Christopher Bradberry	Fibre Federal CU	Torrie Ramos	NW Plus CU
Don Clark	Sound CU	Ben Rutledge	Gesa CU
Ryan Drake	Our Community CU	Lindsey Salvestrin	Columbia CU
Ann Flannigan	WSECU	Angie Shipman	Fibre Federal CU
Deanna Hanley	Spokane City CU	John Stewart	BECU
Jessica Johnson	Numerica CU	Tonita Webb	Verity CU
Jeff Kennedy	TwinStar CU	Mina Worthington	Solarity CU
Jennifer Kutcher	WECU	Troy Stang	GoWest
Dan LeFree	Community 1 st CU	Carmen Vigil	GoWest
Joyce Lockard	RESCU	Joe Adamack	GoWest
Justin Martin	TAPCO CU	Ryan Fitzgerald	GoWest
Traci McGlathery	STCU	John Trull	GoWest
Deidra Miner	Red Canoe CU	Jordan Beyer	GoWest
Erin Moore	OnPoint Community CU	Lyset Cadena	GoWest Consultant
Jim Morrell	Peninsula CU		

Welcome, Introductions, and Kickoff

- Co-chairs Broeske kicked off the meeting and welcomed members to the meeting and shared appreciation for everyone's engagement in the 2024 legislative session and for gathering in person for this important discussion.

Washington State Issues Discussion

- Joe Adamack reviewed and provided insights and analysis on the recently completed 2024 Washington state legislative session providing background on credit union priority issues and other items that the advocacy team engaged on.
- Update and next steps on negotiations with the WA Department of Revenue around digital automated services.
- Requested volunteers and participants for the 2024 State Issues Working Group that will kick off in July or August.

WA DFI Guests

- Washington State Department of Financial Institutions Director Charlie Clark provided remarks and insights overviewing ongoing department and future agency priorities along with recent legislative priorities.
- Director Clark provided comments on the current state of banks selling assets to credit unions.
- Division of Credit Union Director Amy Hunter provided an overview of current credit union trends both for Washington-state based credit unions and how they compare to some national trends.
- Director Hunter also shared perspective on recent guidance and bulletins and took questions from committee members.

Federal issues working group

- Ryan Fitzgerald reviewed the recommendations from the Federal Issues Working Group and next steps for moving this forward to the GoWest board for approval.
- Committee members provided insights on the process and ultimately unanimously approved the recommendations and forwarding them to the GoWest board.

Grassroots and political update

- WA CULAC Trustee Mina Worthington provided an update on ACU PAC fundraising in Washington state.
- Jordan Beyer provided an overview of ongoing grassroots trainings and opportunities to further plug in.

Lunch break

State Sen. Joe Nguyen, D-Seattle

- Washington State Senator Joe Nguyen joined the committee and provided an overview of the recently completed legislative session, his priorities, and asked questions of committee members about the current challenges and opportunities in providing financial services.

Federal and Regulatory Issues Discussion

- Ryan Fitzgerald and John Trull led the committee through a broad discussion on several issues coming out of DC including from Congress, the NCUA, the CFPB, Federal Reserve, and US Supreme Court.
- Committee members raised questions on strategy and approach both directly by GoWest as well as engagement with other national stakeholders in addressing these items.
- Committee members also inquired about the Washington State Commerce small business grant among other topics including CDFI re-certification and more.

Committee adjourned

- Chair Broeske wrapped up the committee and encouraged attendees to remain for the CEO Collaboration Forum immediately following.