

Next Meeting

Vote on proposed changes to bylaws & update regarding special election of officers!

Saturday, February 20
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Business Meeting
10:00 a.m.
Board Meeting

11:00 a.m.
Business & special vote to amend by-laws

Featured speaker:
11:20 a.m.
Tom Kuebler
& Teresa Summers

Pioneer Hall
1642 43rd Ave East
Seattle (Madison Park)

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Featured presentation at February 20 Meeting:

From Temperance and Prohibition to recovery and rebirth

The two speakers coming to the February 20 meeting are Puget Sounders engaged in the study of regional history. They specialize in one important field: addiction recovery. Our society and our state's struggle with alcohol and drug addiction has roots in early political efforts to outlaw the selling of spirits — this is, Prohibition, the women's suffrage movement, the involvement of churches in social issues and the constantly changing political climate true of Washington since it was a territory. After introducing the background of this subject, the speakers will describe how millions of our nation's citizens have experienced recovery from addiction, sometimes against incredible odds.

Their backgrounds: Tom Kuebler, holder of a B.A. from the University of Washington, is a retired investment banker and a former officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, as well as a longtime volunteer in the field of drug and alcohol addiction and other areas of human disabilities. As a volunteer, he has been associated with Recovery Cafe, Swedish Medical Center, State of Washington Citizens Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction, The Betty Ford Center, and is a former member of the King County Alcoholism Administrative Board.

His partner, Teresa Summers, retired from the City of Seattle as Program Coordinator, Budget Analyst and Supervising Finance Analyst. Her volunteer credentials include membership in the Rainier Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, staffing the Wallingford Neighborhood Office for the Wallingford Chamber of Commerce, Traffic Circle Steward via the City of Seattle Department of Transportation, member of the Executive Board, Central Seattle Recovery Center, and as archivist for Western Washington Area 72.

Come and enjoy a unique perspective on important events that helped shape our great state, presented by two engaging speakers.

The presentation portion of our our meeting will begin at 11:20 a.m., following the business portion of our General Meeting. Of special note - that portion of our meeting will include a special motion to amend the current by-laws of the Association (see Page 4 for more detail regarding the motion).

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Pioneer Presences

Jeff Christensen, Editor

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"Groundhog Day" President's Message

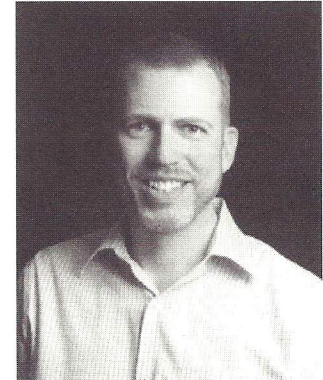
For those of you surprised to turn the front page of this newsletter and still see my face looking back at you — I'm right there with you. As you will recall, my article in the last edition of *Pioneer Presences* had the Association poised for an off-cycle election of officers and me finally ending my seemingly endless term as your president. To quote Burns, however: "The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry".

In our case, we simply didn't have enough eligible voting members in attendance at our last meeting in October to hold the election of officers, as planned. The by-laws of our Association require specific voting numbers, rather than a majority or quorum, and we simply didn't reach that back in October. To make matters worse, we were unable during our business meeting to ratify the amended by-laws: a move which would have allowed us to hold our elections via mailed ballots.

With all that and 2009 behind us now, all we can do now is proceed on. The first step will be a presentation of the proposed changes to our by-laws and a vote at our February 20 General Meeting: this one requiring only a 2/3 majority of those members *physically present*, in order to carry the changes. A list highlighting those proposed changes appears opposite on Page 3 of this newsletter. Assuming the proposed changes are ratified at that meeting, we'll have two options when it comes to the next step: the election of new officers. With the ability to conduct an election via mail-in ballots, we will either hold an immediate special election via post or wait until June and hold a standard election of new officers as part of our Annual Meeting. There are pro's and con's to both paths and they will be discussed (and a recommendation formed by the Association's officers) during a special Board Meeting just prior to the February 20 General Meeting.

Out of wariness and a wee bit of awkwardness, I don't dare take this as one more opportunity to say thank you and good-bye. I do, however, feel confident in saying that great things are coming. There is a now-eager group of individuals anxiously awaiting to take office and serve you. There are plans underway to celebrate the centennial of our beloved Pioneer Hall. Perhaps most exciting for those who visit the Hall? There are new toilets in the lavatory and a promise of new and improved facilities to come (and I say this less in jest than you might think).

So it's been a bumpy ride these past few months. As we peer into the light at the end of the tunnel, however, we also see a bright and shiny future for the Pioneers. Come to the February 20 meeting if you can. Vote when called upon. Renew your membership and your commitment to our organization come June. Keep the faith and the Pioneer spirit alive!



Jeff Christensen
President, 2007-10

Highlights from recent Board Meeting minutes

Board Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2009

Attendees: David Brazier, Jeff Christensen, Kathy Durgan, Carla Cumins Hendrickson, Leonard Gayton, Mary Louise Hammond, Carol Hawkins, Louise Jones-Brown, Betsy Losh, Marilyn McLachlan, Peggy Parietti, Loren Rankin, Junius Rochester, Saundra Selle, Gary Zimmerman.

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Christensen at 10:35 am. The minutes from the last board meeting were read aloud by Acting Secretary Jeff Christensen and approved.

Vice-president Junius Rochester gave a brief introduction of Joe Martin, speaker for the General Meeting of the Membership planned for November 21 – Junius provided both background on Joe, as well as set the stage for the talk he would be giving the membership at the later meeting.

Gary Zimmerman made several reports to the Board, including a brief Historian's update regarding new members, as well as information related to rentals at the Hall — a topic brought up at the previous Board meeting when additional information about the number and type of rentals, as well as the income derived from them.

Treasurer Saundra Selle made a Treasurer's Report of current books and all transactions since the last meeting of the board. There were several requests from the board related to the format of future reports, but the information was presented with limited questions from the Board.

Gary Zimmerman walked the Board through the proposed changes to the Association's by-laws as they would be presented to the membership at the November 21 General Meeting, article by article. Each proposed change was discussed and agreement formed before moving on to the next proposed change. President Jeff Christensen asked the members of the Board for approval to present the proposed changes at same meeting and they agreed.

This was followed by President Christensen reviewing the proposed slate of candidates for Officers and Trustees for the special election also planned for the same General Meeting — the slate was also approved by the Board.

There was a brief discussion regarding the need for an immediate deadline for materials for the next issue of *Pioneer Presences* and a final reminder was made regarding the agenda items for the November 21 General Meeting, with particular emphasis on by-laws and the planned election of officers. There will be no Board Meeting just prior to next General Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:03 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Christensen
Acting Secretary

It's never too late!

Still haven't renewed your membership?

Getting this newsletter, but haven't renewed your membership in the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington? It's never too late! Simply contact the Association for an invoice or renewal application, write your renewal check and mail it in - it's that easy! Direct payments may be made addressed "Attn: Membership Drive" and mailed to Pioneer Hall at 1642 43rd Ave E, Seattle, WA, 98112. If you would like an application so you can sponsor a family member or pass the form along to a friend, write to the same address or contact 2009 Membership Chair Jeff Christensen at 206-390-6810.

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Motion to amend Association by-laws ready to move forward at February 20 meeting

At last, during the February 20 General Meeting of the membership, we will put those members present a vote on proposed changes to the Association's by-laws. Triggered by increased challenges when trying to conduct business on behalf of the Association, the changes will allow our Board of Officers to better serve and meet the needs of the membership, going forward. President Jeff Christensen will outline the proposed changes (which are also available for review in advance of the meeting, via the Intranet at www.wapioneers.org) before asking the membership to pass the motion. The motion requires 2/3 of those voting members present to give their assent, in order to pass. Among the proposed changes being presented (a partial list):

- Reduction of Trustees from 12 to 9 (three sets of Trustees, each serving three-year terms)
- Reduction of Vice-president positions from three to two, each with dedicated responsibilities
- A more structured and predictable method for appointing a Nominating Committee each year
- The ability, when deemed necessary by the Board, to hold elections (within guidelines) via mail-in ballot
- Increase in the minimum age required for establishing Emeritus status
- Changes in membership guidelines, as well as requirements for those serving as officer

If you have questions prior to the discussion at the meeting, feel free to address them to Association President Jeff Christensen at jdcseattle@comcast.net or 206-390-6810.

Next General Meeting: Saturday, February 20, 11:00 a.m.