



## *Next Meeting*

Saturday, October 23

Board Meeting  
10:30 a.m.

General Meeting  
11:30 a.m

As we went to press,  
speakers were  
yet to be confirmed.

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

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## Meeting dates for coming year announced

The schedule of dates for meetings of the Pioneer Association Board and general membership for the 2010-2011 year have been announced.

October 23	Board Meeting	10:30 AM
	Membership Meeting	11:30 AM
January 22	Board Meeting	10:30 AM
March 26	Board Meeting	10:30 AM
	Membership Meeting	11:30 AM
May 7	Board Meeting	10:30 AM
June 25	Annual Meeting	10:30 AM
	Salmon Bake	12:00 Noon

A program and speaker will be present at each general membership meeting. The Board would also like to remind all that members are welcome to observe Board meetings, if they wish.

## Come One...Come All

Pioneer Association of the State of Washington members, Trustees, Officers and associates are invited to an Orientation/Training session on Saturday, November 13, between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon. The session is designed to prepare individuals to help at our Sunday Open Houses at Pioneer Hall by reviewing things like the opening and setup procedures, ways to greet visitors, tips for providing an overview of exhibits, etc.

During Open Houses — which are held the second Sunday of each month from 1:00-4:00 p.m., as well as the fourth Sunday during the months between March and October — 3-5 volunteers are needed to welcome visitors and help them experience the Hall and its collections. Association officers and board members have agreed to volunteers for these events (and bring another person) at least twice a year, but others are welcome to volunteer, as well.

To register for the session or inquire about the Open Houses, contact Carol Hawkins at 425-644-5058 (please leave a message, if you don't reach Carol directly). A headcount for this fun and informative session is needed, so that we will have adequate handouts. You never know what you, yourself, might learn about the Association and our Pioneer Hall!



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**Pioneer Hall Hours**

From October through March  
Open Houses are held  
on the second and fourth  
Sunday of each month.  
between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.

**Board of Officers**

President	Junius Rochester
1st vice president	Mary Louise Hammond
2nd vice president	Steven Rochester
Secretary	Carla Hendrickson
Treasurer	Saundra Selle
Historian	Gary Zimmerman

**Trustees**

David Brazier, Louise Jones-Brown,  
Leonard Gayton  
(term to June 2011)

Joe Wert, Peggy Parietti, Kathy Durgan  
(term to June 2012)

Carol Hawkins, Larry Puffert, Marilyn  
McLauchlan  
(term to June 2013)

**Pioneer Presences**

Jeff Christensen, Editor

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**President's Message**

After accepting the president's gavel from Jeff Christensen, I'm pleased to note that Jeff and many other durable, dedicated Board members will continue into the calendar year 2010-2011. It is also heartening to see that the Association's membership continues to support the organization. Right off the top: Thank You!



While we begin a new chapter lets take a quick look at our past. The Pioneer Association of the State of Washington was organized in Olympia on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 1883. It was incorporated on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1895. Judge and Mrs. John J. McGilvra donated our Madison Park lakeshore property to the Association in 1902. Miss Sarah Louise Denny provided funds for the construction of the Hall, which was completed in 1910 – exactly 100 years ago.

Membership in the Association is open to lineal descendants of settlers who arrived at the Territory of Washington prior to statehood, November 11, 1889. Our mandate is to celebrate, protect, study, and make available artifacts, images, journals and stories related to the Pioneers of yesteryear.

Your new Board met at the Hall on August 7, 2010. Following are among the matters discussed: 1) HALL MAINTENANCE. Every week something must be repaired, replaced or and/or cleaned. Taking this task one step further, the Board will undertake a building restoration plan. 2) LIBRARIES. The Hall holds three libraries, each of which needs to be catalogued and protected. 3) OPEN HOUSES. Displaying our museum treasures and advertising Association activities are essential to our relevance in the larger community. By the way, volunteers are needed and welcome. 4) KEEPING THE BOOKS. Your Board must pay bills; collect dues; invest Association funds; and find sources of revenue. 5) RENTALS. The Association depends on rental income. Every effort is made to keep rental costs reasonable and to attract groups that will appreciate and respect our unique facility. 6) GOOD NEIGHBORS. We are part of the charming Madison Park community – and beyond. Maintaining good relations with residents, businesses and local associations make sense. 7) MEMBER EVENTS. At least three meetings during the year feature speakers and programs. Every effort is be made to see that you and your guests are entertained and enlightened at these affairs. 8) PIONEER PRESENCES. Our newsletter is both an information sheet and our historical record. If you have printer's ink in your blood, please step forward. We are seeking a new editor.

Welcome to the vibrant colors and brisk air of autumn. This is a perfect time to enjoy Lake Washington. Please come to the Hall and share our riches.

Junius Rochester  
President, 2010-2011

## Pioneer Board Meeting Minutes: August 7, 2010

*Attendees: David Brazier, Jeff Christensen, Leonard Gayton, Mary Louise Hammond, Carla Hendrickson, Louise Jones-Brown, Marilyn McLaughlan, Junius Rochester, Sandra Selle, Helen Smith and Joe Wert.*

President Junius Rochester called the meeting to order, at 10:30 am. Also present were board members also attended.

Gary Zimmerman distributed a short list of eight issues regarding the building that need Board consideration: 1) a significant number of lights in the ceiling fixtures on the main and upper floors have burned out and a two-person team should assist in replacing the bulbs; 2) the caps on the parapet walls on the roof are badly rusted and a contractor has suggested that they should be coated with Rustoleum as soon as possible; 3) the wooden panels on the front of the Hall and the posts and wood frames on the rear of the Hall are in great need of paint; 4) the northeast corner of the building may be sinking and an assessment of the impact on the structure should be made; 5) interior plaster and paint in the northeast corner of the building, which was soaked during the March overflow from the roof drainage needs to be repaired and painted with a mildew resistant surfacing; 6) the "eyebrow" sheet metal shelving on the top of the west façade is leaking during the raining season and is staining the brickwork below it; 7) the downspout on the southwest corner, which drains the "eyebrow" needs to be cleared to avoid clogging during fall and winter weather; and 8) the main furnace needs its filter to be replaced.

Jeff Christensen reported that he had the masonry on the exterior of the building checked last year and it is "okay."

Treasurer Gary Zimmerman fields most of the calls to the Pioneer telephone, as he is the most frequent member of the Board to be in the building. It was suggested that an intern from the University of Washington might be a resource to undertake an archival project at the Hall.

Secretary Carla Hendrickson said that her responsibility would be to take the minutes of the meetings. She also volunteered to buy a new furnace filter and bring it to the Hall.

Retiring president Jeff Christensen indicated his plan to give up his responsibilities for the newsletter. He will do the next issue of Pioneer Presences, with the goal that a replacement will be appointed before the Winter issue.

Marilyn McLaughlan would like to see the preparation of a building restoration plan that could be

used for grant requests to support repairs and upgrades to the building. It was suggested that Lou Daly, a local architect, had some acquaintance with the building and should be consulted in this regard.

Louise Jones-Brown has agreed to represent the Pioneers at meetings of the Association of King County Historical Organizations (AKCHO) and she will report back to this board.

Marilyn McLaughlan moved that the Board decide today to restore the Building and establish priorities and cost estimates. It was seconded by Sandra Selle and carried without dissent. Junius said that he would call a meeting in the Fall to work on this.

Mary Louise Hammond described her role as Program Chairman.

Joe Wert volunteered to cut the brush in the back and to assist in the replacement of the light bulbs.

Carol Hawkins works on the Sunday Open House days. She feels that all Board members should volunteer twice a year to be present during an Open House.

David Brazier reported that he controls the access to the building, providing keys and instruction on the use of the security system.

Helen Smith suggested that the Board consider making a short video (PBS style) about the museum, with a secure copyright, to lend to different groups (and perhaps to be sold).

Junius, our President, would like to expand our membership and improve our relationship with the Daughters, the neighborhood, and other historical organizations.

Gary moved that the Board authorize as signers for all accounts, the safety deposit box access, and all other financial matters be Junius Rochester, Sandra Selle, and Gary Zimmerman. The motion carried.

Junius announced that he hopes to have three or four membership meetings.

The Board would meet on those same days and also have an additional three meetings for the Board alone.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Carla Hendrickson, Secretary*

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*Junius Rochester*

On January 22, 1855, Isaac I. Stevens, Governor of the Territory of Washington, and leaders of the Duwamish (including Chief Seattle), Snoqualmie, Lummi and other Indian nations, concluded a treaty that "transferred" most of the land in Northwest Washington to white settlers. Repercussions of that event have resonated every since. On Sunday, August 22, 2010, Pioneer Association and other historical society members, representatives from local Indian nations, government officials, and descendants of the signers of the Point Elliott Treaty gathered in Mukilteo Lighthouse Park to commemorate that historic event.

While the Mukilteo-Whidbey Island ferry moved back and forth in the bright sunshine, we listened to talks, enjoyed songs and drums performed by local tribal groups, and shared a traditional salmon feast. The event was bitter-sweet. We re-learned the story of the Point Elliott Treaty and were intrigued by the testimony of Native and white speakers. The Pioneer Association of the State of Washington should always be alert to such commemorative events.



**Next meeting of the Pioneer Association: Saturday, October 23**