

ESVA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING

April 26, 2025

WA. Assoc. for Sheriffs and Police Chiefs conference room

3060 Willamette Drive NE #200

Lacey, Washington

1. **Call to Order** – President Todd Oberlander called the meeting to order at 1:07pm PST. In attendance, in addition to the President, were Pam Greig-Davis, Vice President; Chase Davis, Treasurer; Dennis Standridge, Eastern AC; Joe Blazek, Central AC; Sandi Severtsen, NW AC (and sub for Secretary Diane Howell Evans); Mike Nagan, Central Puget Sound AC; Bonnie Tucker, South Puget Sound AC; Burt Paynter SW AC; Sharon Moats, NW RD; Ed Hainline, NW DRD; Pat Jewett, guest and Incoming NWDRD. Absent were Sherry Ogur, Challenge Committee Chair; and Diane Howell Evans, Secretary.
2. **Attendance Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum** – Sandi Severtsen declared a quorum established for the meeting.
3. **Welcome to Members and Guests** – Todd welcomed all in attendance for the meeting. He thanked Sharon Moats and Ed Hainline for their four years of dedication as Regional and Deputy Directors. He also welcomed Sandi Severtsen and Pat Jewett as the incoming Regional and Deputy Directors. Applause followed.
4. **Vote on Acceptance of January 21st EC Meeting Minutes** – Mike Nagan moved to accept the January 21st EC meeting minutes and Burt Paynter seconded the motion. Approved.
5. **Treasurer's Report/Update of Current Budget** – Chase Davis made note that an error was made and reversed when a charge for patches that was ordered by Capitol Volkssport Club had been debited to ESVA Treasurer credit card. He reported a FY Balance of \$11,569.75.
6. **VP's report/Update on Walk Review Program** – Pam Greig-Davis reported that the Walk Review Program is up and running. When clicking into the "ESVA YRE Review form – FILL OUT ONLINE!", users are directed to a page that is link to Olympic Peninsula Explorers webpage. This is a temporary location, until such time that ESVA website link is fixed. In the meantime, this is a valid form for ESVA.
7. **Challenge committee Report** – none
8. **Area Coordinator Issues Needing Discussion** – AC's reported that clubs are stable financially. There is a need for new members who will become involved with the clubs by attending meetings and becoming leaders. Two clubs were reported as struggling: Pathfinder and Northwest Tulip Trekkers.
9. **RD Report** – Sharon Moats presented guidelines for approval for the 2026 download of new walks on ava.org:
 - a. All maps must have attributes listed
 - b. Please review each PDF before uploading
 - c. 5k should be on one sheet
 - d. Check the Trailmaster Guide for parameters
10. **Ongoing and Unfinished Business** –
 - a. Scam/Spam Emails – Todd Oberlander addresses issues with false emails that look like they are from him. He would never ask for money. Please check the email address or call him to confirm if you have questions.
 - b. Walk review Challenge for 2024 required 15 entries to qualify. There were 82 walks reviewed by 12 people. Joe Blazek came in 1st place; Chase Davis came in 2nd place.
11. **New Business**
 - a. Correspondence – none
 - b. Announcements – none

- c. ESVA sponsorship of 7 PCT hikes – Joe Blazek noted that AVA currently sponsors 7 PCT hikes in Washington: Sheep Lake/Sourdough Gap Y2763, Kendall Katwalk Y0786, Lodge Lake/Mirror Lake Y3183, Josephine/Susan Jane Lakes Y3184, Lake Valhalla Y3182, Ginnette/Shoe Lakes Y3191, and Deer/Sand Lakes Y3190. Outgoing AVA Chairperson Nancy Wittenberg, created these YREs sponsored by AVA. For the remaining year of 2025, CWSS is sponsoring these YREs. Beginning in 2026, ESVA will take over sponsorship of these 7 hikes, continuously. Motion was made by Burt Paynter, 2nd by Bonnie Tucker. Vote passed. All 7 are PPSF hikes, and will not cost ESVA anything. Joe Blazek will be the POC for the ESVA hikes, and Nancy Wittenberg will continue as POC for the PCT book and patch award.
- d. Proxy voting instruction for AVA Convention – Todd Oberlander requested that Clay Baulch be given the authority to vote on behalf of ESVA. Chase Davis made the motion, Burt Paynter 2nd, all approved. Discussion followed concerning proposed AVA Bylaws change of #6, page 6, section 4.05(a) 2 and 3: Remove “Associate” before Members in both sections and administrative edit. Description: Allow all Members to nominate and vote for At-Large Director. Sharon Moats suggested that this would not be something ESVA would want, because a minority vote would take the place of a majority vote.
- e. NW Pathfinder – none

12. **Announcement** – none

13. **Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 1:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Severtsen
(substitute for Diane Howell Evans)

Reviewed,
Todd Oberlander
ESVA President