

## ESVA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2025, 1:00 pm PDT – In Person

Port Angeles, WA

1. **Call to Order.** Todd Oberlander, ESVA President, called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. In attendance in addition to the President were: Pam Greig-Davis, Vice-President; Chase Davis- Treasurer; Diane Howell Evans – Secretary; Joe Blazek – Central Area Coordinator (AC); Kim Paulson – Northwest AC; Mike Nagan – Central Puget Sound AC; Bonnie Tucker – South Puget Sound AC; Sandi Severtsen – NW Regional Director; Pat Jewett – NW Deputy Regional Director. Guests included Ed Hainline – OTSVA Vice-President. Absent were Dennis Standridge – Eastern AC; Burt Paynter – Southwest AC; and Sherry Ogur – Challenge Committee Chair.
2. **Establishment of Quorum.** Diane Howell Evans declared a quorum was established for the meeting.
3. **Welcome to members and guests** – Todd welcomed all in attendance at the meeting.
4. **Vote on acceptance of July 14th EC Meeting Minutes.** Mike Nagan moved the minutes of the July 14<sup>th</sup> EC meeting be approved as written. Joe Blazek seconded. Approved.
5. **Treasurer’s Report/Update of current budget.** Chase Davis stated income for the quarter 7/1/25 – 9/30/25 was largely due to club dues and interest from 2 CDs. Major expense for the same period was the annual subscription renewal for Meetup.com.
6. **Challenge Committee Report.** Pam Greig-Davis reported for Sherry Ogur and stated the new 2026 ESVA Challenge is “Discover Your Parks.” Parks include State and National Parks and runs from 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2028. The challenge requires 20 qualifiers and can be all state parks or all national parks or any combination of the two – entirely up to the challenge participant. Dorm Batson is currently designing the award patch.
7. **VP’s Report/Update on Walk Review Program.** Pam Greig-Davis reported 155 walk reviews were received but only 131 counted with the other 24 reviews either duplicates or didn’t need a review quite yet but they did reset the clock for the next review due date. Sixteen folks participated in

the reviews. 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place contest winners will be announced at the BOD meeting at 2:00 pm. Todd stated the subject of a 2026 Walk Review Program/Contest will be discussed at the future winter EC zoom meeting. Discussion ensued regarding walk review paper flow from ESVA VP to Club for accountability and any necessary action. Pam sends a cover letter and a copy of the review to the Regional Director and Club President. Also need to include Area Coordinator in the loop and Club President should forward the information received to the event POC for immediate action. Pam also compared walk direction information (distance, rating, etc) to AVA sanctioning page and many didn't match so clubs need to reconcile discrepancies.

8. **Area Coordinator issues needing discussion.** No issues at this point in time to discuss. Full AC reports will be presented at Board meeting.
9. **RD Report.** Sandi Severtsen reported there are still 3 Tulip Trekker YREs that have not been adopted by other WA clubs: Lake Padden, Cornwall Park and Birch Bay. Sandi is looking for a way to replicate the event information previously included in the NW Pathfinder to add to her RD communications. Sandi is asking clubs to provide the basic information. Sandi briefly discussed the Walk App that AVA HQ is considering for development and implementation and the concerns she has received from NW clubs on cost, benefits and ROI. Many questions with no answers forthcoming at this point in time. Discussion ensued regarding transparency, availability of business plan, need for know-ledgeable project manager and implementation specialist/quality assurance specialist for any new walk application.

**10. Ongoing and Unfinished Business.**

- a. NW Region event – AVA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2026:
  - i. Ed Hainline reported on the Sept 24-27, 2026 NW Regional Conference scheduled in Astoria, OR. Ed and Pat Jewett will be meeting with past Astoria Mayor, Arline LaMear (AVA member), to check out Holiday Inn Express rooms, registration and social activity meeting facilities. Also investigating the availability of similar meeting facilities at the Columbia River

Maritime Museum and the Finnish Social Club – Suomi Hall.  
More details provided as they come available.

- ii. Diane explained the upcoming AVA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Signature Events happening in all 10 regions. 17 signature events scheduled with one, sometimes two events, January through December 2026. A separate AVA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary page with a calendar and description of each signature event now available at a link in the new October Checkpoint just sent out yesterday, Friday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. Various types of events across the USA. Commemorative Passport record book available for purchase for participants to collect event stickers with prizes available for those completing all 17 events or at least 8 events. All tie in with the new 2026 Anniversaries – Hurrah Special Program.

#### **11. New Business.**

- a. Correspondence – None
- b. Other:
  - i. 2026 Winter Walk Challenge Contest – Ed discussed the 2026 Winter Walk Challenge and recommended it run during the same time period (January 1 – March 31), and offer the same prizes (\$100, \$75, \$50, \$25). Participation in the 2025 contest was almost double the 2024 participation. Mike Nagan moved the EC recommend to the Board the continuation of the contest in 2026. Pam Greig-Davis seconded. Approved.

#### **12. Announcements.**

- a. Club Support Committee – Joe Blazek stated he would be discussing the ad-hoc Club Support Committee at the Board meeting.
- b. Extension of Coupeville SYRE: Sharon Moats stated she wanted to extend the ESVA hosted Coupeville SYRE to December 31, 2025 due to requests from walkers in that area. Next year the event host will be reassigned from the ESVA to OPE. Sandi Severtsen moved the Coupeville SYRE be extended to December 31, 2025. Kim Paulson seconded. Approved

**13.Adjournment.** Chase moved the meeting be adjourned. Mike Nagan seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Diane Howell Evans

ESVA Secretary

Reviewed by:

Todd Oberlander

ESVA President