

# WAVOAD General Meeting

April 6, 2020, 10:00 am

Zoom Meeting led by Marty Grisham, WaVOAD Vice President, American Red Cross

## In Attendance

Marty Grisham – LDS Charities, WaVOAD Vice-President	David Zablony – Habitat for Humanity
Kathy Bryson – UMC/UMCOR, WaVOAD Secretary	April Dembeck - NVOAD
Dave Baylor – Episcopal Relief and Development, WaVOAD Treasurer	Cindi Barker – Seattle Emergency HUBS
Andrew Chadick – Jewish Federation	Patty Marsh – Adventist Community Services
Eric Williams – Second Harvest	Ray Shjerven – SWWS ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response
Fandy Tsai – Tzu Chi Foundation	Scott Hokonson – Pine Creek Community Restoration
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Kathleen Voss – American Red Cross	Forrest Wilkinson – Church of the Brethren
Michelle WhiteEagle – Mennonite Disaster Service	Lauren Hazen – Salvation Army
Colette Newer – Adventist Community Services	Jill Watson – City of Seattle
Gerry Bozarth – Spokane Co EMD, Pine Creek LTRG	Kayla Sainati
Dave Brauer-Rieke - LDR	Jim Mahon – Church of Scientology
Paul Kimmell – Avista Utilities/Pine Creek Community Restoration	Zoe Vineyard – Church of Scientology
Kiana Kabanje – Wa State Emergency Management	Gerry Bozarth – Spokane County Emergency Management

***Meeting called to order by Marty Grisham (standing in for Meghan Ohara) for April 6, 2021 at 10:00am***

## Minutes Review

The minutes from the February 2, 2021 general meeting were reviewed and presented by Kathy Bryson. Kathy announced that the meeting minutes will now be posted on the WaVOAD website prior to the next meeting. TDave Baylor added a correction. Dave Baylor moved to accept. Jim Mahon second the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

## Financial Review

Dave Baylor presented the financials from January 1 – March, 2021. Total deposits from dues paid were \$2,640.00. Disbursements were \$80.85 for the WaVOAD domain name. Account balance as of March 31, 2021 is \$9,953.72 in the checking account. The savings account year start balance is \$5,488.03. There was .26 of income interest for a March 31 balance of \$5,488.2626.

## President's Report/General Information

Dave Baylor announced that the WaVOAD would reimburse the \$100 registration fee to any WaVOAD member for this year's NVOAD virtual Conference May 18-20. April Dembeck from the NVOAD added that they are offering scholarship opportunities to one person from each of the VOADS. More information is at: [www.nvoad.org/nvoadevents/2021-national-voad-conference](http://www.nvoad.org/nvoadevents/2021-national-voad-conference)

**Amendment to the WaVOAD Bylaws.** A proposal was brought forth to align WaVOAD board elections to not replace the leadership team in a one year setting. The goal is to change the terms of the secretary and treasurer to two years and to offset that with the two year terms of the president and vice president. The change is as follows:

Under: A. Leadership Team, add a sentence to read: *and two consecutive year for Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected on the off years of the terms of the President and Vice President to provide continuity.*

Under B. Officers, strike the paragraph that reads: *WAVOAD has four elected Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers shall be nominated by the Leadership Team and voted upon by WaVOAD members at the annual meeting. At that time, candidates other than those nominated by the Leadership Team may also be proposed and nominated.*

Marty asked for qualified members to vote yea or nea – the vote passed with a majority of bylaw change.

### **Long Term Recovery Group Report Outs**

**Blue Mountain Region LTRG** – Kathy Bryson reported on behalf of the LTRG. Current needs are debris clean up, fencing and some minor repairs. No rebuilds but lots of activity.

Marty asked if WaVOAD members might reach out to local levels – city and county emergency managers – to see if they're seeking an active COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disasters).

**Okanogan County LTRG** – **Carlene Anders**, representing the **Okanogan Long Term Recovery Group**, reported that they are at 120 total cases in case management. Discovered that Douglas County had more insured families than they previously work with in other fires. Looking at 12 homes for rebuild including a manufactured home – 3 in Palmer Fire, 7 in Cold Springs fire, two in Douglas country. Three in the Cold Springs rebuild group are tribal members, four were not, the entire Cold Springs Fire was on the tribal reservation. WAM group delivered 30 sheds. They've lots of donated furniture in the warehouse and some donated lumber. Volunteer housing is in a good position – able to accommodate COVID safe. NCCC AmeriCorp team arriving on Thursday. Carlene did an Oregon trip and got to speak with several LTRGs. They're gearing up with some mentorship.

**Scott Hokonson**, representing **Spokane County Emergency Management and the Pine Creek Community Restoration**. They're facing a housing crisis, do have water and electrical back. The LTRO has rented a house outside of town for volunteer accommodations for about 20-25

people, has space for RVs. Other status: working with several agencies to develop a park around their rails-to-trails system that runs through the town; membership in the LTRO is now in place and stabilized; holding daily operations, bi-monthly LTRO meetings and a Thursday meeting with the State and Federal partners; met with Senator Murray, Congresswoman Kathy McMorris-Rogers and Governor Inslee; have representation from the Department of Commerce including help with road signs and have partnered with the operational team; working on a sewer system called a LOSS for the town; Ziply fiber sending in about 150 stubs. Housing will be a focus after a second round of testing and clean up along with ordinances to support both of those efforts. FEMA is coming in regards to the Public Assistance declaration. Disaster Case Managers are working with survivors that want to take part. There's about eight more days to make application to the SBA loan process. There's a short term unmet needs table to help people with what they need right away. A Volunteer Coordinator is now in place – Doug Arlt ([dougarlt@gmail.com](mailto:dougarlt@gmail.com)). Scholarships might be available. Working with architects and urban planners. Two homes were built by the Western Anabaptist Missionaries group from Montana. John Goik is the Construction Manager. Looking forward to "housing, homes and residences". On the anniversary of the fire – Sept 7, 2021 – they're hoping to host a large bbq and extending the invitation to the WaVOAD members. They're looking for groups that build housing on a large scale. Paul Kimmell added that roughly 2 out of 3 residence are considered "asset limited, income constrained" qualified.

### **Guest Presenter**

**Kiana Kabanje**, the Disaster Preparedness Outreach Manager, Washington State Emergency Management. She's been recently activated as part of the ESF6 team. She spoke on volunteer coordination at the State level. ESF6 is part of the emergency operation center. They intake volunteer need request and add it to the "Smart Sheet" – an online "live" spreadsheet tool that came about during the COVID response. It matches volunteer needs requests with volunteer resources and can be edited online. The data can be shared with WaVOAD member volunteer organizations who can select a volunteer request. The Department of Health also has a large volunteer component that pre-existed COVID-19, specifically coordinating needs for medical assistance. By mid summer 2020 The ESF6 team had well over 800 volunteers they were coordinating at the state level. To date, they're coordinating about 460 volunteers. There's currently about 300 National Guard currently at food banks. Eric Williams (Second Harvest) noted that the National Guard had been staffing their food backs through the end of the year. The "Smart Sheet" link is: <https://bit.ly/2YzyI9I>

### **Member Report Outs**

**Eric Williams**, representing **Second Harvest**, reported that in 2020 they served 52.9 million pounds of food, 28 million meals in 2019, 44 million meals in the same area in 2020. Eric said it took eight years to recover from the 2008 downturn to get back to pre-2008 levels. They cover 26 counties, 5 in North Idaho/ 21 in Eastern Washington. They work with 250 partners.

**Cindy Barker**, representing **Seattle HUBS**, reported that the bill for the Good Samaritan extension to immunity protection in responses to non-medical events just passed out of the

Senate with a unanimous vote, goes to the Governor next for a signature. The WaSAFE organizations (organization that coordinates building inspectors after an earthquake) have been helping to lobby for the bill. The HUBS have undertaken a written guide for organizations to open a shelter immediate after a disaster. The City of Seattle is looking at updating their shelter plan, the HUBS will keep in conversation with them. A pandemic guide has been written. Cindi will share these resources when ready.

**Zoe Vineyard**, representing the **Church of Scientology**, reported that they presented 10,000 booklets of “How to Keep Yourself and Others Wells” in Western Washington, along with different booklets including “How to Prevent the Spread of Illness with Isolation”. Supplies including gloves and masks have been distributed to different groups. Active with needs including food bank support.

**Dave Zablodny**, representing **Habitat for Humanity**, reported that their Palouse affiliate may have interest in getting involved in the Pine Creek Community Restoration recovery.

**Kathy Bryson**, representing **PNW United Methodist Church Disaster Response**, reported that they’re active in the three current long term recovery groups through unmet needs table with local and UMCOR funding. They’re also holding another UMCOR Disaster Case Management training for two more Pine Creek Community Restoration case managers. Also participating in the Pine Creek immediate needs table with funding. Also looking for partners in a regional supply storage center.

**Dave Brauer-Rieke**, representing **Lutheran Disaster Services**, reported that in Oregon there’s 4,000 people in temporary housing and eight long term recovery groups that have formed. They are organizing a State-wide weekend in September as a memory of the losses. Opened the potential for Washington organizations to get involved and to let him know.

**Michelle WhiteEagle** representing **Mennonite Disaster Services**, reported that they’ve been monitoring both long term recovery groups. She also mentioned it’s time to bring in more people from the organization to prepare for rebuilding.

**Patty Marsh**, representing **Adventist Disaster Services**, reported that they have members supporting the Blue Mountain Region Long Term Recovery Group, one person on the Pine Creek recovery.

**Fandy Tsai**, representing the **Tzu Chi Foundation**, mentioned how grateful she was for the information shared during the meeting.

#### **Other Report-Outs**

**Kayla Sainati** shared that she's currently working with the Alliance for People with Disabilities of King County supporting vaccine assistance for people with disabilities. Also working with community partners in spending CARES Act funding. She can be reached at [kayla@disabilitypride.org](mailto:kayla@disabilitypride.org).

**Next WaVOAD General Membership Meeting:** Tuesday, June 1 at 10:00am. Information will be sent out at least a week prior.

*Additional information can be found on the VOAD calendar at <http://www.wavoad.org/cms/node/147> or the affiliate links listed on the agenda.*

**Future General Meeting Dates and Locations**

- June 1, 2021, Zoom meeting
- August 3, 2021
- October 5, 2021
- December 7, 2021

***Meeting adjourned by Marty Grisham at approximately 11:59 am.***

***Respectfully submitted by Kathy Bryson, WaVOAD secretary.***