

WAVOAD General Meeting

June 2, 2026

Meeting led by Christie Merrill, WA-VOAD President, Red Cross

In Attendance - 57 participants (Zoom), 4 In Person

Christie Merrill – Red Cross – WAVOAD President
Jim Cooper- United Ways of the Pacific Northwest- WAVOAD Vice-President
Ray Shjerven - SWWA ELCA - WAVOAD Treasurer
Brian Brozovic, Operation BBQ Relief – WAVOAD Acting Secretary
Kathy Bryson – UMCOR/PNW United Methodist Church Disaster Response - WAVOAD Past President
Carlene Anders, Disaster Leadership Team, Member-At-Large
Larry Mays, Adventist Disaster Assistance, Member-At-Large
Jim Mahon, Churches of Scientology Disaster Response
Jamie McConnell, Food Lifeline
?Celso Rangel, Celso State CERT Coordinator
Cindy Barker, Seattle Hubs
Lexi Nobles, American Logistics Aid Network (ALAN)
Nathan Emory, King County Office of Emergency Management
Shaun Jones, Salvation Army
Paul Love, AmeriCorps (Washington Conservation Corps)
Jeremy Bollin, AmeriCorps (Washington Conservation Corps)
Peter Haughney, Seattle Emergency Hubs
Tim Perciful, Best Friends Animal Society
Jay DeBoer, World Renew Disaster Response
Amea Barlet, Save the Children
Sue Pniewski, AFN Program Manager, WA EMD
Heather Clark, Hopelink
Lisa Arellano, Salvation Army
Erin McCann American Red Cross
Lisa Christen - Catholic Community Services of Western Washington
Michael Claypool, IOCC
Geri Chumley, Whatcom County COAD UL
Susan Denavit, SW WA Red Cross, Clark County COAD
Chris Lee, Walla Walla County EM
Taylor Dietz, Washington Emergency Management Division
Timothy James - FEMA VAL
Linda Morgan, FEMA VAL for Snohomish & King Counties
Chris Aronen, FEMA Region 10 VAL
Forrest Wilkinson – Brethren Disaster Ministries
Christa Seiwert- Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Coalition
Elizabeth Gadbois, San Juan Islands Prepare
Andy Royce, Mennonite Disaster Services
Brian Baer – The Elevated Studio
Eric Williams – Second Harvest Inland NW
Eva Escape – WA EMD
Michael Ervick – Paradise Valley Community Association
Tyler Verda – Snohomish Co. Human Services
Jill Watson – Seattle Human Services Dept

Kyle Christensen, Whatcom Long Term Recovery Group
 Po-Chen Yang – Tzu Chi Foundation
 Andrea Wingo, Grays Harbor County DEM
 Wyatt Godfrey – Pierce County DEM
 Sean Davis, Franklin County EM
 Dana Roberts, EM Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe
 Brendan McCluskey
 JoAnn Boggs, Pend Oreille County Emergency Management
 Leila Bettys, Snohomish County Human Services
 Jeff Choke
 Terra Anderson, South Whidbey Prepares
 Cindy Dickinson, Clark County EM/CRESA
 Clint Davis- Chehalis Tribal Emergency Manager
 Adenea Sellars, Stevens County DEM
 Anne Tarse
 Matthew Dehr, WA-DNR
 Allen Lebovitz, WDNR
 Derek Lane
 Chuck, United Way Skagit County
 Heidi Clark, IFOC Chaplain
 Nathan Emory, King County
 Everet Sterling

Meeting called to order by Christie Merrill for June 2, 2026, at 10:03 AM. Meeting held at Red Cross offices and on Zoom.

Minutes Review

Approval of April 2026 Meeting minutes. Kathy made the motion, Jay seconded and passed.

Financial Review

Ray Shjerven shared the following review of the financials. Jim moved that financial report be accepted, Carlene seconded, membership voted and approved.

WAVOAD financials Ending May 31, 2026			
Operational Checking			
	Beginning Balance		13264
	Refund Best PDF		39.95
8	Dues Paid	deposited	960
	Ice and drinks Fred Meyers		-37.38

	coffee Starbucks		-21.82
	Bagels		-28.75
	Breakfast NVOAD		-344.38
1031	Name Tags		-81.62
1033	scholarship R Shjerven		-550
	New Balance		13208.1
Segregated Savings			
	Beginning Balance		5165.83
	Interest	April and May	1.73
	New Balance		5167.56

President's Report

Marty Grisham update

Discussed National VOAD Conference for May in Reno and scholarships.

501c3 Update

Presentation

Matthew Dehr, Wildland Fire Meteorologist for Washington DNR x Report on drought, El Nino, Wildfire risk

Allen Lebovitz, **WDNR Wildland Fire & Forest Resilience Liaison**

Long-Term Recovery Report Outs

Kyle Christensen, Whatcom Long Term Recovery Group

Chuck, Skagit LTRG Process

Tyler, Snohomish Co. Human Services

Membership Report Outs

Kathy, UMCOR

Jim Mahon, Churches of Scientology Disaster Response

Jim Cooper, United Way

Ray Shjerven – Lutheran Disaster Response

Amea Barlet, Save The Children

Carlene Anders, Disaster Leadership Team

County/EM Report Outs

Nathan Emory, King County
Tyler Verda – Snohomish Co. Human Services
Sean Davis Franklin County EM

State/VALS Report Outs

Eva Escape, WA EMD
Chris Aronen, FEMA Region 10 VAL

Introduction of Leadership Team

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 10am Red Cross - Hybrid In Person/Virtual
Meeting adjourned by Christie Merrill at 11:37 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Brian Brozovic

Operation BBQ Relief

Washington Area Coordinator

WAVOAD, Acting Secretary