

**Administration:**

- Members Present: Ross Gilliland, Frank Metheny, Alice Lanczos, Valerie Cholvin, Patrick Conroy, Tom Grant, Chris Thompson, Laura Firth Markley, Eric Anderson
- SPU Staff Present: Dave Hilmoie, J.Paul Blake, Julie Burman, Sue Morrison
- Guests: Isa Abdus-Salaam

Meeting called to order at 4:05PM. New committee members were introduced and welcomed.

January 19, 2011 meeting notes accepted as written.

**AGENDA TOPICS:****Election of 2011 Chair and discuss vice-chair process****Alice Lanczos,  
Acting Chair**

A single nomination for Alice Lanczos as chair was made. A vote was taken and Alice was the unanimously approved. Alice is not available to chair the March meeting, so Laura Markley will chair in her place. Tom Grant volunteered to chair if Laura is unavailable. Julie would like to meet with the acting chair prior to the March meeting with Ray Hoffman and Sherri Crawford. Alice asked that new members be thinking about interest in the vice-chair position for the election in June.

**WSAC Member Updates – Water Quality at Kidney Centers****Eric Anderson,  
Isa Abdus-Salaam**

Eric Anderson and Isa Abdus-Salaam who is a Water Quality Technician from Northwest Kidney Centers expressed their interest in the extremely high degree of water quality that must exist for dialysis units. If the water used during dialysis contains levels which are too high in potassium, sodium, or toxins this could be fatal to a dialysis patient. Too much chloride or fluoride in the water can also cause problems. Dialysis centers have strict standards for water quality. During dialysis, the patient is exposed to 10 times the amount of water of the average person. Eric and Isa are presenting today because of their concern over higher LAL's (endotoxins) in the NW Kidney Center water which began showing up in late January. Eric and Isa have consulted with SPU's Water Quality Lab experts who are helping NW Kidney Centers to better understand the issue. More information will be available at the March WSAC meeting.

**Chronology of Seattle's water – presentation and discussion****J. Paul Blake, Director,  
Community Relations  
Development, SPU**

J. Paul Blake provided a chronology of Seattle Water history including photos from Seattle archives. The chronology is being built along with the HistoryLink group. SPU is hoping to create a book similar to one produced by Seattle City Light. The progression of Seattle Water history covered events such as the acquisition of Georgetown Water in 1921, the Seattle Fire, opening of two reservoirs, the addition of the third Cedar pipeline and Tolt. Also included were the first stages of Tolt construction, conservations programs in the late 1980's, and the Magnolia reservoir which was the first covered

reservoir. J. Paul also noted that the Habitat Conservation Plan was developed in anticipation that Puget Sound salmon would be on the endangered species list. The chronology concluded with completion in 2000 and 2004 of water treatment facility projects on the Tolt and Cedar rivers respectively. J. Paul encouraged members to contact him with any questions.

### **WSAC Member Updates – Drinking Water Quality Report**

**Laura Markley**

Laura explained that SPU has produced the Drinking Water Quality Report for the past 15 years. Concerns ranged from readability and how much is enough, to printing on recycled paper using soy ink. SPU is required by law to publish only the last page containing statistics. Laura has talked with Jason Argo and based on those discussions Jason spoke with the consultant regarding including a message related to salmon, and concern over the size of the document. The committee can contribute subject matter, and can review draft products from the consultant. Themes of the report change from year to year according to what is going on in the Utility. Eric Anderson suggested information such as SPU's bond rating could be published. Dave proposed that the consultant be present for the committee presentation and review. Jason has asked the consultant to talk to other utilities regarding how they communicate the required information. Discussion took place about how to get customers to read the Water Quality Report. Jason may be able to attend the March meeting, as well as possibly the consultant.

### **WSAC Member Updates – Water Rate Design**

**Tom Grant**

SPU is moving towards a proposal to the Mayor and City Council for a rate proposal. Ray Hoffman and Sherri Crawford will be at the March meeting to discuss what is driving the rates and the process. The committee will be able to raise issues to Ray and Sherri. Tom indicated that one issue might be breakpoints for the three tiers of pricing and where they might be moved. Tom will send an email to members in the next few days requesting additional questions for Ray and Sherri. He will also be asking for interested committee members to participate on the rates sub-committee. The primary focus next year will be debt service coverage (paying for the things SPU has built). Dave Hilmo encouraged members to put questions on the table for Ray and Sherri.

### **Annual Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting – Brainstorm Potential agenda topics**

**Alice Lanczos,  
Acting Chair**

Julie reported that the annual CAC meeting has been set for Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00PM. She asked that members email Sue with ideas for the agenda. Sue will forward to Sheryl Shapiro. Julie also would welcome any members who are interested in working on the Water Use Efficiency goal for the Water System Plan. There will be a combined orientation session planned for new WSAC, SWAC, and CDWAC members in the near future

### **Committee Closing Business**

**Alice Lanczos,  
Acting Chair  
Julie Burman,  
SPU Policy Liaison**

- Next meeting – Wednesday March 16, 2011
- Meeting adjourned at 5:50PM