



# WSPSA WINTER NEWSLETTER January 2015

## GETTING BACK TO BASICS

The time has come to get WSPSA back on track and the best way to do that is to **GET BACK TO BASICS**.

Members need to step up to the plate and take a position to help with this association get back on solid ground. There are several committees that you could choose to work on. Joining a committee is a huge helping hand for WSPSA.

Here's a list of committees that could use a member's help;

**Membership:** Gail Sauerland is the Chair, and she could also use your help planning and working the up-coming Annual Conference.

**Legislative** – Ted Trask will be acting as our Lobbyist, while watching out for bills that could hurt the industry. Ted could use the help of a few members to be "Watch Dogs" to watch for any proposed action that could have a negative effect on our Industry.

**Newsletter** – MaryLee Rustand If there are any members out there that have a story to share or news relating to our industry, please drop an e-mail MaryLee at [rustands@gmail.com](mailto:rustands@gmail.com).

There are more committees that can use your help; Grievance & Arbitration; Technology; and Finance, they can all use your help.

## LEGISLATIVE UP-DATE

by  
Ted Trask

**WASPA** has been working on legislation making an assault on a Process Server a Felony. This effort has been hampered by some Representatives within the State for various reasons. I have spoken with some of these Representatives to find out why they did not support this legislation. I was told the prior bills focused on assaults that are already defined as felonies. They did not feel it necessary to make a new law to cover a crime that was already defined as a felony. I was told we needed to show them that we were serving legal papers for courts, and we deserved the same protection afforded to court employees. If we can show we are acting through the courts, we have a good chance of having a felony assault bill passed for process servers. A new bill will be written over the next few weeks that will address this issue for the coming session. I don't have any word yet on who will sponsor the bill, but I should have more information after the New Year. If all goes well, this legislation could be passed this session.

**If you would like to help, call your Representative and let them know you support this legislation. We need all the help we can get.**

**Ted Trask**  
**Mason County Legal Process Service**  
**Fidelis Process Service**  
**Legislative Chair & Lobbyist for WASPA.**

**ANNUAL DUES  
&  
ADVERTISING**

TO: WSPSA Members  
FROM: Charles Rhodes, Treasurer  
Gary Turpen, President  
DATE: January 23, 2015  
SUBJECT: Annual Dues

Dear Members:

We want to thank you for your continued support of the Washington State Process Servers Annual DUES are due NOW: RATES are as follows:

First Voting Member:	\$175.00
Second Voting Member:	\$ 95.00
Associate (out of state):	\$ 50.00
Associate (vendor)	\$ 75.00

At the Annual Conference, a motion was made and passed to put aside 10% of any unspent money at the end of each year in a rainy day fund in hopes of building a **“war chest.”** Also, we have not retained our Lobbyist this year to help restore funds.

We will be getting our directory printed earlier this year, so we need your dues to be received by January 31<sup>st</sup> to have your name included in that directory. Please make out your check to WSPSA and, to expedite processing, mail all dues to:

Darcel Nootenboom  
Grays Harbor Legal Process  
700 McBryde Ave W  
Montesano, WA 98563

If you would like to put an ad in the directory, please email your ad copy to Gail Sauerland at [gsauerland@comcast.net](mailto:gsauerland@comcast.net) or, for questions, call her at 509.327.7018 Send your payment to Grays Harbor Legal Process. The advertising rates are as follows:

Full page:	\$135.00
Half page:	\$ 85.00

**PAY-BY-MILE**

12/09/2015 The News Tribune put the word out. PAY –BY-MILE could be tested on Washington Roads. State Transportation Commission voted to ask the Legislature for permission to do a yearlong demonstration project on charging drives by the mile instead of by the gallon of gas. A per-mile charge might be vetted by volunteer drives up and down the West Coast, with the goal of eventually replacing the gas tax. Oregon has carried out two tests using volunteer drivers – the most recent one with 21 Washingtonians among it’s 88 participants and is getting ready for a third. California in September approved its own test.

Now Washington Transportation Commission wants to run it’s own yearlong test of a road usage charge, voting unanimously to ask Legislature for permission and funding.

Formerly climbing gas tax proceeds have plateaued and are expected to head downward. An alternative based on miles traveled would be a more fair lucrative and dependable source of money, state consultants have concluded after more than two years of study at costs approaching \$2 Million.

The commission wants to offer drivers four different ways to pay:

- Flat fee to drive unlimited miles over a time period
- A charge based on an odometer reading
- A charge based on miles tallied by a reporting device in the vehicle
- A charge based on miles tallied by an application on a Smartphone.

Word is there is going to be a consumer choice. The advantage of a device or app would be its ability to ignore miles driven out of state or on private land. Some might see it as invasive, but consultant Jack Opiola told the commission it would be only track the number of miles on each category of the road. It does not keep track of where you are precisely in time.

WSPSA need to keep an EYE on this...

