

Season's greetings from the board of the Port Townsend Marine Trades Association

To all our members,

Thank you so much for joining our nascent marine trades association. Your interest, membership and participation has helped establish ourselves with clarity and focus towards the future.

At our first general meeting, questionnaires asking;

1. what your business's biggest challenges were,
 2. how the PTMTA could help with these challenges and
 3. why you are interested in becoming a member
- have been collated.

Your answers;

1. helped the steering committee write our by-laws,
2. directed the interim board to take immediate, consistent action to build a dialogue partnership with the Port Of Port Townsend commissioners and staff and
3. guided the current board to create and chair committees designed to represent the views of the membership.

The following is a list of challenges in the order of your priorities;

- A. Port of Port Townsend concerns – space – moorage – infrastructure – fees
- B. Hiring – training – keeping good employees
- C. Promotion of the Port Townsend marine trades – enlarge customer base – Economic growth and stability
- D. Environmental issues
- E. Health care – Liability insurance

The current committees – chairs and duties are as follows;

The port committee – co-chaired by Tim Hoffman – Gordon Neilson – Stephen Gale
Diana Talley

Duties – share responsibility of attending every port meeting and workshop
Two members per meeting – 1 board member/1 member
Produce minutes of meetings – speak when applicable
Port budget assessment
Leases/property management concerns

Education committee – chaired by Jim Waizner

Duties – facilitate apprenticeship labor force program

Public relations committee – co-chaired by Blaize Holly – David Griswold

Duties – Educate the public – newspaper briefs and stories – work with E.D.C.

Conduct economic impact study – survey of all tradesmen – website

Insurance committee – co-chaired by Jay Brevik – Stephen Gale

Duties – investigate liability and health insurance pools, costs and benefits

Membership committee – chaired by Diana Talley

Duties – build new membership – communication with members about meetings,
Agenda and current issues – newsletter

Executive committee – co-chaired by Jay Brevik – President – Blaize Holly – Vice-
President – Leif Erickson – Treasurer – Dave Griswold – Secretary

Duties – Form Partnerships and alliances with like entities

As you can see, our hopes are ambitious and we need your help. Our association is unique in that every member is already up to speed about all aspects challenging our livelihoods and stability. Working together, we can accomplish a lot without requiring large time commitments from a unified us.

If these committees speak to you, please contact the chair and volunteer with time, energy or ideas.

One last piece of information. The port Commissioners are having an open hearing next Wednesday – December 13th – 1p.m. at the port's meeting room at Point Hudson. This hearing concerns a new resolution they hope to pass regarding tailgaters or independent contractors. The new definition of I.C. includes every person who works on boats in or out of the water that isn't a leaseholder with the Port of Port Townsend. Canvas workers – painters – surveyors and on and on. Basically, they propose to require all I.C. to obtain \$1,000,000 liability insurance as well as a port permit to work.

This resolution can be downloaded off the port's website and deserves a read. If implemented, the whole nature of the port – it's public relations – employment – costs to customers – new businesses... will change. Anyone with an opinion pro or con should attend this hearing.

Finally – Happy holidays and we wish you all a healthy and prosperous new year.

From, the board of the PTMTA