

WASHINGTON *Independent Distributors of Energy Association Report*



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WIDE Members Continue to Struggle with Exemptions of CCA

The Association just finished its annual convention at Suncadia Resort, where the highlights were our General Business Session, Tradeshow and Golf Tournament. Front and center focus is on the complications surrounding implementation of the Climate Commitment Act. The primary complication is the exemptions required to be offered to Agriculture, Maritime and Aviation. Mostly, we are concerned with the Agricultural piece, and getting farmers CAR Free Fuel.

The Department of Ecology is doing a Summer Workshop trying to find a way through the process, but we continue to struggle under current regulations. Our hope is that the workgroup results in recommendations to the State Legislature and Governor on how we can fix this next session.



Convention Location:

In the most recent survey, many of our members shared a desire to change locations from Suncadia to somewhere new. While Suncadia has shown that it isn't perfect in many areas, geographically it's unrivaled. If you were to recommend a new location, what would that be? Please email Lea at lea@waoil.org and send suggestions! We are contracted with Suncadia through 2024, but we could be looking for a new home for 2025 and beyond.

Acronym Change

In the June 2023 Board Meeting, the group discussed how we could adjust our acronym to something less "giggly" than the WIED (often pronounced WEED). As a result, the Board agreed and voted on a acronym and name change to the Washington Independent Distributors of Energy – WIDE. For many of us, it will always just be WOMA, and honestly that is okay too! The name change was directed and

purposeful around our external perception and communications with State and Federal Legislature to assure we are part of the discussion in all things climate related.

New Leadership:

Also as of the June Board Meeting, we have a change in Leadership. The newly voted in Executive Committee is:

- **President**, Travis Coulter (CO-Energy)
- **Vice President**, Jarrod Franson (Sun Pacific Energy)
- **Second VP**, Open Seat
- **Past President**, Steve Snider (Snider Energy)
- **WIDE EMA Director**, Chris Eerkes (Sun Pacific Energy)

In addition, we are pleased to announce that the incoming Chairman of the Energy Marketers of America will be Brad Bell of CO-Energy, and Todd Shaw is taking on the 3rd Vice President role at WPMA. We are always so pleased and proud of the leadership in Washington and their willingness to step into roles that serve the state, regional and national Associations that are at work for your business.

We are looking for new Board Members!

Would you be interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the WIDE Association? We are looking for new members who are seeking to be engaged, provide contribution, and get involved at the State and National level for legislative and regulatory support. These leadership positions are rewarding and offer you a whole new perspective! Contact Lea McCullough or any member of our Board to get involved today! We currently have 15 members, and our bylaws allow for a range of no less than 12, and no more than 21 members. We have room if you are interested in serving!

Your dues billing will be arriving soon. In that invoice, we have included a 20% Annual Voluntary Assessment that will go to the PAC Fund to support our efforts. Diana Carlen will use the money to leverage influence we need to protect the industry. Please pay your dues, and stay involved!

Have a great Summer!