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July/August 2008

Board and Executive to Meet July 10, 2008

In the Executive Committee meeting June 12, 2008, WESTMARC members reinforced the importance of our process of being thorough yet timely, especially with regard to the possibility of WESTMARC adopting positions on proposed ballot initiatives that might be on the 2008 ballot.

Accordingly, staff was asked to review all potential initiatives and referenda as they relate to WESTMARC's mission and then to work with our appropriate committees so that these possible ballot propositions are properly considered within our process.

Initiative signatures are due in the Secretary of State's Office on July 3rd, and ballot arguments are due July 11th. By then

we should know which measures will be referred to the ballot by the Legislature.

The Executive Committee has asked staff to develop brief background papers on these items. Jack Lunsford will be drafting these papers and they will be the basis for Committee discussion, and will be shared with the Executive Committee and the Board in a timely manner so they can be used during the Executive Committee's and Board's final discussions.

We appreciate your flexibility in adjusting meeting schedules and hope that we have not created any inconvenience for you. Please don't hesitate to contact our office with any questions.

**THE NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD
JULY 10 FROM 7:00-8:00 AM**

**THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD
JULY 10 FROM 8:00-9:30 AM**

Executive Committee members are invited to attend the Board meeting

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JULY 23 IS CANCELLED

**THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING AFTER JULY 10 WILL BE THE ANNUAL BOARD RETREAT
DATE/TIME/LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**A note from Jack Lunsford
President/CEO**

Congratulations to the City of Goodyear for being named an All-American City by the National Civic League!

WESTMARC Announces New Committee Chairs

On behalf of our Chairman, Ray Jones, I am happy to announce new committee co-chairs for the Economic Development Committee, and to thank those who have served until now.

Russ Ullinger, Salt River Project, has joined Landis Elliott as Co-chair of the Economic Development Committee, replacing Jeff Fairman who, due to increased responsibilities, has asked to step aside. Jeff has provided outstanding direction and leadership for

the Economic Development Committee alongside Landis and we thank him for his time, effort, commitment, and leadership.

The same appreciation for their time, effort, commitment, and leadership goes to Christopher Smith, Cox Communications, and Lisa Estrada, City of Peoria. They were our Co-chairs for the Public Affairs Committee. Christopher has taken on a special assignment with Cox Communications and has had to leave his association with

WESTMARC for now. He is ably replaced by Michael Stull, who has already joined our Board of Directors. Lisa's role with the City of Peoria continues to grow, as does her family with the birth of her 2nd child, and she would like more time to concentrate on both. Our new Public Affairs Committee Co-chairs are Art Othon, El Bravo Restaurants, and Fred Waterman, Mayor of the City of El Mirage.

New Co-chairs Russ Ullinger and

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July/August 2008 Meeting Schedule:

Public Affairs	July 8	Tues.	10:00 am
Education	July 9	Wed.	7:30 am
Executive*	July 10	Thur.	7:00 am
Board of Directors*	July 10	Thur.	8:00 am
Transportation	July 17	Thur.	7:30 am
WMEZ TAG	July 31	Thur.	10:00 am
Econ. Development	- no July meeting -		
Health Care	- no July meeting -		
Water	- no July meeting -		

Public Affairs	Aug 1	Fri.	10:00 am
Education	Aug 13	Wed.	7:30 am
Executive	Aug 14	Thur.	7:30 am
Health Care	Aug 19	Tues.	8:00 am
Transportation	Aug 21	Thur.	7:30 am
Water	- no August meeting -		

All Meetings held at WESTMARC unless noted otherwise. Committee members will be sent a reminder by email prior to the meeting date, and will be notified in the event of a meeting change/cancellation.
*Western International University

New Committee Chairs

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Fred Waterman will serve the balance of the terms of their predecessors (until the 2009 Annual Meeting) and will take their seats on the Executive Committee at its next meeting in June. Art Othon is already on the Executive Committee in his role as our current Board Secretary.

Thanks again to Jeff, Christopher, and Lisa, and we appreciate our new Co-chairs' willingness to serve.

Jack

Committee Chairs 2008

Economic Development Committee

Landis Elliott, Bade Companies
Russ Ullinger, SRP

Education Committee

Herman Orcutt, The Orcutt Winslow Partnership
Robin Berry, Palo Verde School District

Governance

Gregg Hanks, Fennemore Craig

Health Care Committee

Mike Woodard, Blue Cross-Blue Shield of AZ
Christine Clouse, Midwestern University

Marketing Committee

Hal DeKeyser, Hal DeKeyser & Associates

Public Affairs Committee

Art Othon, APS
Fred Waterman, Mayor, City of El Mirage

Transportation Committee

Derek Earle, DMB/Verrado

Water Committee

Leo Commandeur, Global Water
Robin Stinnett, City of Avondale

On the Horizon:

Board Retreat

Date, Time, Location TBD
WESTMARC's Annual Board Retreat

Health Summit

Date TBD
Vital information on Health Care and issues of concern to employers in the West Valley. Topics will include Worksite Wellness, De-mystifying Premiums, and more

16th Annual

Best of the West Awards
Thursday, October 30, 2008
Renaissance Glendale Hotel
5:30 Reception
7:30 Dinner

Join us for our Signature Event! Contact our office for Call for Entries and Nomination Forms

Economic Development Symposium

Avondale City Hall
November 6, 2008
7:30-noon

Workforce Task Force Survey roll-out, as well as important information on current trends and community strategies for continuing the economic strength of the West Valley

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