

Spokane Hotel Motel Association  
April 16, 2019  
Ramada by Wyndham Spokane Airport

In attendance:

Pam Alfaro	Chantel Fan	Jody Sander
Chris Anderson	Ruth Fitzgerald	Eric Sawyer
Jenae Ball	Toni Hansen	Tom Stebbins
Liz Beck	Tobby Hatley	Will Strandy
Melissa Boland	Lisa Leinberger	Duane Sunwold
Lee Carney	Troy Marko	Paul Swavely
Carol Carter	Katelin Merchant	Travis Tramp
Julie Cohen	Elizabeth Mills	Denise Vickerman
Brent Ashton	Vanessa Polson	Ruby Whitt
Jamie Crawford	Meredith Rainville	
Chrissy Emerson	Tara Sainsbury	

President Julie Cohen called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Jenae Ball, Attorney with Randall Danskin provided us with an employment law presentation. She focused primarily on new legislation that will impact exempt vs non exempt employees, non-compete changes and ADA website compliance.

Following her presentation Julie opened the general business meeting. Minutes and financials were approved as submitted.

Tobby Hatley provided us with a government affairs update. He alerted us to a Consumer Data Privacy Bill that has surfaced in Olympia and will keep us posted if there needs to be a call to action to kill it. On the positive side the short term rental legislation has passed. SB 5258 has also passed; requiring training and panic buttons for isolated employees. Locally the focus is on elections, public safety, and construction.

Ruth Fitzgerald provided an update from Visit Spokane. They have converted 80 leads in the first quarter of 2019.

Eric Sawyer provided the Sports Commission Update as his team is on the road. He discussed potential plans for a Plantes Ferry renovation and then handed the discussion to Travis as it relates to the update on the Sportsplex.

Travis shared the hiccup in funding for the Sportsplex and the efforts to raise an additional 13 million on a tight deadline. Everyone is working on behalf of our industry to make this project a reality.

Elizabeth Mills shared a story about receiving a letter from a young boy who attended PNQ and loves Spokane. She emphasized the economic impact that all Spokane events bring.

With no further business or discussion the meeting was adjourned.