WOWSC Members

"Why are the WOWSC Agendas reviewed by our legal team before being published?"

We received this question at the Aug 10, 2024 Special Board of Directors Meeting. We would like to take this opportunity to explain how, and why we include our Legal team in review of our communications.

1) Litigation. One major concern is that the corporation has historically been targeted for litigation. We include our Legal team in the process of developing and posting Agendas to protect the Corporation from violating the rules, guidelines and complexity of TOMA.

The goal is to more fully adhere to the law. This type of legal review protects the Corporation.

If the WOWSC BoD and Legal team had reviewed Agendas and Meeting procedures 5-7 years ago the corporation may have been able to avoid the legal challenges and the results which continue to impact the corporation today.

The legal team also performs a preliminary review in support of all PIA requests to determine when they may need to be more fully involved in the response.

- 2) In March of 2024, the former Board engaged The Carlton Group (TCG) as our legal team. This relationship was approved by the full Board with the contract signed by the then President. The agreement specifies that TCG will review ALL agendas (and other such significant communications such as PIA requests) prior to publication. Again, this is to protect the Corporation, included as part of business procedures.
- 3) A valid, authenticated Officers Signature is required on each agenda

We hope this helps to clarify the reasons why the legal review is so important, even where it regards our simple, small, "Class D" Public Utility.

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