

**Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials  
Legislative Leadership Stipend Task Group  
June 25, 2007 – Meeting Notes  
General Administration Building, Room 207**

The Task Group Meeting of the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials was convened at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Commission Members Present:

- Alan Doman, Vice-Chair
- Dorothy Gerard (via Telephone)
- Janet Hays
- Ron Hopkins, Chair
- Willean Denton-Hornbeck

Staff Present:

- Carol Sayer, Director

Also Present:

- Fred Owen
- Joanne Pottier

Carol Sayer stated the concern that the Commission has about determining leadership positions based on legitimate responsibilities and not just political leaders.

Discussion centered on determining what is a "position" rather than a "function" and how to determine that in the classic sense for legislators.

Position was defined as an individual job with a well defined set of duties. Must meet the knowledge, skills, and abilities test of Willis and must answer to a higher authority. Someone may run a committee but have no significant responsibilities.

Consensus is that most of the standing committee chairs, floor leaders, and whips probably will not meet the standard required to be included. However, Fred Owen will look at those positions so that we have objective information to substantiate data instead of simply believing that they may or may not.

Carol Sayer will modify the position description format used for Willis for use by Fred Owen in his interviews with legislators. Carol Sayer will run the revision by Dorothy Gerard prior to its use.

The Task Group and Fred Owen will meet again, probably in October, when Fred Owen has his preliminary findings.

The Task Group Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.