

local nonprofit internet provider

# November 10 2018

#### **Membership Meeting**

Our annual membership meeting will be held on November 10th 2018 at 6:30pm in the MARC building (across from the IGA) in Darrington. There will be a short presentation by the Board followed by a Q&A session for our members. Also during this membership meeting we will have an election to vote on our open board member position. If you would like to nominate yourself to serve on the DIUA board please email the board secretary at <a href="mailto:justin.sisney@diua.org">justin.sisney@diua.org</a>.

#### **DIUA Progress**

This year has been filled with many notable events for the DIUA. At the start of September of 2017 a board consisting of 5 DIUA members was formed per DIUA bylaws. A DIUA President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, were elected. Over the last year we have had legal review of our bylaws and some of our processes to assist us in managing a legal non-profit public organization. Our bylaws, articles of incorporation, and some DIUA polices are available for review at our website <a href="https://www.diua.org/policy-and-legal">www.diua.org/policy-and-legal</a>.

Earlier this year our network plan was created to bring internet into Darrington. This included possible sites of demarcation, wireless tower requirements, and hardware requirements. Our plan of action includes using existing infrastructure in Arlington and on Frailey mountain to decrease our costs. Use of these sites are currently in negotiations. After receiving a grant from the United Way, we approved purchase of Ubiquiti hardware that will be used to provide the necessary components to make this all possible, this includes routers and cabling. We have also taken ownership of our own IPv4/24 and IPv6/36 IP address and created a processes on how those IP address are to be used.

At our October 2018 board meeting it was discussed that our negotiations for sites in Arlington and Frailey mountain have been stalled until we acquire our Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licensing. The board voted to approve the use of DIUA funds to purchase this essential licensing. The FCC manages all wireless transmissions in the United States. This license is required for DIUA to bring wireless transmission of internet into Darrington.

Current Membership

52

Grant \$10,000

Purchases
Greater Than
\$5000

Board Members: Jeromy Statia, Drew Bono, Kaleb Wyatt, Joe McConnaugy, Justin Sisney

#### **Community Outreach**

This summer the DIUA board and Presidency hosted a Community Outreach Booth to answer questions and to increase membership. This booth included a simple activity for children and a working wireless demonstration to show how the wireless Ubiquiti hardware works. This booth was set up at the Darrington Street Fair, Rodeo, Fourth of July celebration, in-front of the IGA, and at the National Night Out.





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### Resignation of DIUA President

In September Jacob Kukuk stepped down from his role as DIUA President. The board formally accepted his resignation. We wish him success in his future endeavors and growing family. Our vice president Jeromy Statia is working with Jacob in transitioning data and access credentials. The DIUA board is working hard to take on various presidential roles until a new president can be found. The board wants to assure our members that we are moving forward with carrying out the vision of DIUA.

## Volunteer Opportunities

The DIUA has completed many milestones in the last year. As we move further towards our goal of providing internet service to Darrington, we have many areas where we can use assistance that range from graphic arts, technical networking, to grant writing. If you are interested in volunteering please fill out our contact form at <a href="https://www.diua.org/volunteer">www.diua.org/volunteer</a>.