

Oregon Fire District Directors Association
April 20, 2013
MINUTES

Chair Roy Palmer called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present:

Present:

Roy Palmer, President
Darrell King
Mark Kreutzer
Eldon Marcum
Bob Reeves
Dennis Rogers
Don Thompson
Don Trotter

Not Present:

Carol Smith

Staff:

Genoa Ingram
Jessica Carpenter

Guests:

Dave Penicook, WHA
Susan Shepard, OFSOA

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 19, 2013 meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Eldon Marcum and seconded by Dennis Rogers to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2013 meeting as corrected. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report

The Committee reviewed the financial statements. It was noted that a large portion of the dues had been received.

MOTION: Moved by Dennis Rogers and seconded by Don Trotter to accept the financial report as presented. **Motion passed.**

Guest Reports

The following guest reports were received:

OFCA: Written Report received by Jim Aldrich (EXHIBIT A)

DPSST: Written Report received from Eriks Gabliks (EXHIBIT B)

OSFM: Staff reported that the OSFM budget was on track, including the Fire Insurance Premium Tax. The next Revenue Forecast is scheduled for May 16 and, following that date, we can expect to see budgets start to move.

OVFA: The Board met the previous evening and focused on the Annual Conference.

OSFOA: Susan Shepard reported that the OFSOA Workshop is next week in Seaside.

President's Report

President Palmer reported that he had been engaging more in the legislative process.

Staff Report

LOSAP: Staff thanked the Board for support on LOSAP during the legislative session.

Strategic Plan Review: No report at this time but will continue to keep it on the agenda for review at each meeting.

Legislative: Staff reported on the following legislation:

HB 3326, SB 625 and HB 528: The Fire Marshal Authority issue has been put to rest for now.

9-1-1 continues to move forward. It is currently in Ways and Means. Pre-paid may not be fully resolved since the phone carriers and several key legislators are not happy with the point of sale option. Additionally, there is yet room to modify the extension date and perhaps the amount of the (although the latter would be difficult politically).

Extension of the tax credit for rural firefighters is dead; but the rural EMT tax credit is moving along on track.

SB 134 relating to PSAP consolidation will not move forward this session.

SB 275 requiring CPR training in schools will not move forward this session.

HB 2418 related to collective bargaining, has been referred to the Senate General Government Committee where it will likely pass out. The best chance to stop the bill will on the Senate Floor.

SB 422 remains locked up in the House Veterans' Committee as requested by OFDDA and OFCA.

May 1 is Fire Service Day at the Capitol. Staff distributed a draft agenda for review.

MOTION: Moved by Bob Reeves and seconded by Darrell King to partially fund box lunches during Fire Service Day. **Motion passed.**

Committee Reports

BPSST: Written report received by David Jones. (EXHIBIT C)

Insurance/Risk Management: Dave Penicook reported on recent risk management workshops.

Governor's Fire Policy Council: Minutes of the January meeting were distributed. (EXHIBIT D)

Conference Planning Committee: Don Trotter reported that the Committee had toured the facility in Pendleton and planning is on track.

NAEFO: Mark Kreutzer reported that the Board was scheduled to meet the following Saturday in Olympia. He also reported on a health care workshop conducted by Mark Stevens. Mark reported that he plans to fly back to Washington, D.C. on May 7.

Old Business

LOSAP Policy Review: The Board discussed a draft policy allowing vested LOSAP participants to forego the normal waiting period outlined in the OFDDA LOSAP Plan. (EXHIBIT E) The Board suggested including a standard Application for Waiver as an Appendix to the Policy. It was also suggested that the application be accompanied by a copy of the local board minutes reflecting its recommendation in the matter.

By consensus, the Board agreed to refer the draft to the Bylaws and Policy Committee for further revision before it is returned to the Board for final approval.

New Business

Candidate Endorsement Policy: Board members discussed development of a policy relating to candidate endorsement. Don Trotter pointed out that OFDDA governing documents provide a directive to build supportive and friendly relationships with all directors. Board members discussed whether the proposed policy should extend to endorsement of legislative candidates and legislative issues. It was agreed that the policy should make a strong statement that an individual making a personal endorsement cannot identify him/herself as a member of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Fire District Directors Association. Don Trotter will work with staff to draft a policy for the Board's review and consideration.

Board Visitations: Eldon Marcum reported that he had prepared materials to take to Board visitations. He has visited Umatilla RFPD, Hermiston Fire and Emergency Services, Boardman RFPD, Pilot Rock Fire District, East Umatilla County Fire District and is in the process of planning and scheduling additional outreach.

Volunteer 360 Committee: Mark Kreutzer reported that the Committee had met recently in Canby with minimum of 20 people in attendance. Chief Gary McQueen will continue to Chair. Three subcommittees have been formed to review the following areas of potential compensation:

Definitions – Volunteer, Intern, Stipend, Reimbursement

PERS

Residents Program

The Committee is scheduled to meet next on April 29.

June Agenda: The following agenda items were suggested:

Candidate Endorsement Policy

Strategic Planning

Dues Scholarships

ISO Issue – Request for Funding: The Board discussed an email request from the OFCA for a contribution of \$10,000 for a challenge to the revised ISO grading system as submitted to the

Oregon Insurance Commissioner. Board members expressed a preference to have a representative on the ISO committee prior to making a contribution. President Palmer will contact Chief Kunze for additional information.

Good of the Order: No reports.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.