

**Oregon Fire District Directors Association
May 15, 2015**

MINUTES

President Kreutzer called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present:

Present:

Mark Kreutzer, President
Don Trotter
Dennis Rogers
Carol Smith
Don Thompson
Gary Ollerenshaw
Eldon Marcum

Not Present:

John Dunn

Guests:

Jim Aldrich, OFCA
David Sellers, OVFA

Staff:

Genoa Ingram
Laureal Williams
Jessica Carpenter

Guest Reports

Insurance/Risk Management – No report

OFCA Report – Chief Jim Aldrich, President, OFCA, reported on the recent Conference and composition of the new OFCA Board. He reported that Chief Dan Peterson continues to chair the Task Force for Insurance Services. Reduced law enforcement is being addressed by the Governor's Fire Policy Council. Marijuana policy after July 1 is also a hot topic. Gordon Graham, retired California CHP has put together a company that assists with model policies and practices. The Health and Fitness Roundtable is scheduled for May 20, 11:00 at DPSST.

OVFA – David Sellers, OVFA Past President, reported on OVFA's Board meeting the previous evening, including a discussion of fire service partnerships. OVFA's Conference is scheduled for June 17-20 in Pendleton. David noted that the High Angle Rescue Class has been filled; there are approximately 50 registrants signed up for conference so far.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 21, 2015, Board meeting. Without objection, the minutes were *approved as presented*.

Financial Report

Staff reviewed the financial reports provided in the packet materials. Without objection, the report was *approved as presented*.

President's Report

President Kreutzer reported that his local Board members have opponents in their elections and the campaigns have become contentious. He has also been busy in Salem representing the Association

on legislative issues. Fire Service Day at the Capitol is May 20. He also attended the OFCA Conference in Redmond and travelled to Washington, D.C. to meet with Oregon's elected officials in Congress.

Staff Report

LOSAP – Laureal Williams reported on funds received for account contributions, as well as a substantial amount of forfeitures. She provided information on LOSAP fees and a comparison of the impact of a discount of those fees for OFDDA members.

Legislative – Genoa Ingram provided a “big picture” overview of the session including paid sick leave, minimum wage, the impact of the low carbon fuel standard on the federal transportation package, implementation of the recreational marijuana law, and the revenue forecast. She also discussed fire service legislation including:

- SB 866 which would have given DCBS the authority for fire and life safety inspections for health facilities—the bill will go to a workgroup;
- OFCA's unprotected lands proposal will also go to workgroup;
- Rep. Jodi Hack's bill on the \$250 tax credit for volunteer firefighters will not move forward;
- HB 3550, also from Rep. Hack, granting counties the ability to forgive the property taxes on the primary residences of volunteer firefighters;
- HB 2818, the fourth attempt to enable OVFA to be placed on the tax check-off list, is moving and will likely go to Ways and Means.

Board Outreach – Staff reported that Canby Fire had been visited to discuss LOSAP, benefits of OFDDA membership, and the upcoming OVFA Conference.

Gutter Bids – Staff reported that two additional bids had been secured and the Property Committee would be consulted for a recommendation.

Committee Reports

BPSST – Written report submitted by David Jones.

Bylaws & Policies Committee – No report

Governor's Fire Service Policy Council – David Sellers reported on two task forces –

- The Firefighter Injury Task Force explores numbers of injuries of firefighters and recommendations on disseminating that information to assist in reducing the number of injuries. The group has also entered into a partnership with Drexel University who is working on a pilot program with various entities;
- The Law Enforcement Task Force is studying the impact of the lack of law enforcement on the fire service. Citizens are calling 9-1-1 and reporting a medical emergency or fire when it is actually a domestic dispute or other issue.

Conference Committee – Dennis Rogers reported that the program and the event logistics should be wrapped up by today's meeting.

SDAO Legislative Committee – Dennis Rogers and President Kreutzer attended Tuesday's meeting and reported on issues discussed.

NAEFO – President Kreutzer reported that the Conference had been pretty much finalized. Staff's contract is ending this fall and the NAEFO Board is exploring other options.

Nominations Committee – Don Trotter noted that Gary Endicott had resigned due to other commitments. An email notification was forwarded to the *Communique* email list and the Association's Past Presidents had been contacted for input. Don asked for recommendations and reviewed the process for appointment of a replacement. Gary served on the Bylaws and Policies Committee. Don suggested evaluating applications as they are submitted or waiting until the elections at the November business meeting if no applications are received.

Fire & Life Safety – Written report submitted by John Dunn.

Property Committee – Report covered under Staff Report.

Ambassador Committee – Eldon Marcum reported that he had been contacted about expanding distribution of the Legislative Report to include others in addition to the Board. He suggested assembling OFDDA packets to leave with fire Districts that may not be staffed. He discussed offering incentives for first-time attendees and promoting Conference and membership in the newsletter and other communications.

Budget Committee – No report at this time. The Committee will begin working with staff on a draft budget for 2016.

ISO – No report

360 Committee – David Sellers reported that the group is focusing on PERS, which is a challenge.

Vacant Lands – Staff reported that the issue will be work grouped over the interim

Past Presidents' Committee – Don Trotter reported that, as outlined in Policy 153, he contacted the Past Presidents and invited them to participate in the Committee. Members who have accepted to date include:

Larry Goff
Connie Barton
David Jones
Bob Reeves

Old Business No Old Business

New Business No New Business

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.