

**Oregon Fire District Directors Association
September 17, 2016**

MINUTES

President Dennis Rogers called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present:

Present:

Dennis Rogers, President
Mark Kreutzer, Immediate Past President
John Dunn
Gary Ollerenshaw
Don Thompson
Eldon Marcum
Spike Piersol
Kevin VanDyke

Guests:

Eriks Gabliks, Director, DPSST

Staff:

Genoa Ingram
Laureal Williams

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 16, 2016, Board meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Eldon Marcum and seconded by John Dunn to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2016, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report

Laureal Williams reminded the Board that the Association runs on a calendar fiscal year so we are now approaching the final quarter. The audit has been received and staff has contacted the auditor regarding some of the adjustments made on the Balance Sheet. We have yet to post the registration income for the Conference, which represents the largest revenue stream for the year. Dues are at 91 percent of anticipated, although that is usually made up when people register for Conference and wish to register at the member price. Overall, the budget is in line if future Conference revenue expectations are taken into consideration. Once the Board approves the proposed budget, it will be posted in anticipation of approval at Conference. Board members agreed to revisit the budget after discussing Conference give-aways.

Guest Reports

OFCA Report – No report.

DPSST Report – Director Eriks Gabliks summarized his written report. (EXHIBIT ON FILE)

Insurance Update – An updated OFDDA/SDAO Workshop Schedule was distributed. (EXHIBIT ON FILE)

President's Report

OFCA Meeting No report.

Staff Report

LOSAP – Laureal Williams thanked the Board for approving the 25 percent discount in LOSAP administrative fees for members. Member districts received approximately \$2,600 in LOSAP

discounts this year. To date, \$957,963 in LOSAP contributions and re-distributions and returned \$139,596 in forfeited funds to districts for anticipated re-distribution

Legislative – Genoa Ingram provided information on three issues:

Coos Bay Trip (Transient Lodging Tax): Genoa reported that she attended the meeting of the Coastal Caucus in Coos Bay on August 8 and 9 where the a limited modification to the transient lodging tax to benefit public safety entities on the coast (police and fire) was discussed. She expressed the significance of the Caucus and indicated she would attempt to attend future meetings. It is not known yet if legislation will be introduced to modify the TLT, according to Sen. Arnie Roblan.

Urban Renewal: Genoa reviewed the Urban Renewal Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2009 wherein parties agreed not to introduce or support legislation modifying urban renewal statutes. The MOU expires January 1, 2017 and legislation will be introduced to allow taxing districts (including Special Districts) to opt out of urban renewal projects. Additional legislation may be introduced to better define “consult and confer” and exempt public projects from urban renewal since they will never return to the tax rolls. She asked OFDDA what if any, part the Board would like to play in the issue during the upcoming legislative session in 2017. Board members agreed that urban renewal was a problem I that it diverted tax dollars. President Rogers asked staff to convene the Joint Fire Legislative Committee to make sure all fire service partners are on the same page.

Implementation of SB 1513: Staff distributed a copy of Linn County Resolution implementing SB 1513. The resolution contains a caveat that that implementation will occur when veterans are included.

Tax Check-off for Volunteers: The draft legislation from Rep. Olson and Rep. Boone is out and staff will collect signatures during the following week’s legislative days.

Board Outreach: Genoa Ingram reported that she and Laurel Williams had visited Aumsville Fire.

Committee Reports

BPSST – Written report submitted by David Jones (EXHIBIT ON FILE).

Bylaws & Policies Committee – Board members reviewed and discussed changes to Policy #117, which reflects current practice with regard to Past Presidents.

MOTION: Moved by John Dunn and Kevin VanDyke to approve the changes to Policy #117 as presented. **Motion passed.**

Board members reviewed and discussed changes to Policy #154, relating to requests for emergency in-service withdrawals of LOSAP funds.

By consensus, Board members agreed to defer action on Policy #154 pending addition of language to provide an approximation of costs to address the emergency and to specify that examples of an emergency include the loss to “primary residence” as opposed to “property” and pending a second review by legal counsel. Action expected at the Board meeting to be held during Conference.

Governor's Fire Service Policy Council – Mark Kreutzer reported indicated that there was no report pending the next meeting.

Conference Committee – Laoreal reported that registrations are on schedule and cut-off for early bird registration was October 7. In response to attendee comments, the schedule structure has returned to the original format. Laoreal provided income comparisons from previous conferences, including joint conferences and stand-alone. Increased proceeds from the stand-alone events enable the Association to offer additional tracks, decrease LOSAP fees and keep registrations affordable. The Board reviewed give-away options as well as a financial recap of joint conferences versus the stand-alone conference.

By consensus, Board members agreed to purchase additional red conference bags to supplement the current supply, as well as “junior” padfolios as Conference giveaways.

Gary Ollerenshaw presented a collection of Oregon thundereggs to be award as speaker gifts.

SDAO Legislative – Genoa Ingram reported on legislative concepts that will be introduced by SDAO. No public safety proposals President Rogers reported that the next meeting is scheduled for November 10.

NAEFO – Mark Kreutzer reported that he leaves the following day for the Conference in New Orleans. All speakers and programs have been finalized.

Nominations Committee – Mark Kreutzer asked for confirmation that the 1st and 2nd Vice President were willing to move up. 2nd Vice President Eldon Marcum reported that he did not wish to move up through the Chairs. Staff confirmed that Director Positions two and three are elected in even numbered years for a two-year term while positions four, five and six are elected in odd-numbered years for a two year term.

Fire & Life Safety – John Dunn reported on two meetings, one on the 18th and one the previous week. During the September 18 meeting, Chief Devon Wells summarized educational programs being taught in schools which emphasize the small 3-minute window of escape and actions that will increase chances of escape such as the “Shut the Door” program. A required fire safety program in high schools is also being examined. A representative from the Department of Education spoke about the particular safety challenges for non-English speaking citizens and migrants who may speak different dialects. The importance of the fire service knowing its constituents was stressed. The 911 anniversary was also discussed.

Property Committee

Staff reported on the Property Committee's recommendation for changing over of the lighting in the building.

MOTION: Moved by Don Thompson and John Dunn to approve bid #3 from Judson's in the amount of \$1,940, not to exceed a total of \$2,100. **Motion passed.**

Ambassador Committee – The Board reviewed the *Top Five Reasons to Belong to OFDDA* submitted by Gary Ollerenshaw. (EXHIBIT ON FILE)

By consensus, the Board approved the document for posting and distribution.

Gary would also like to work with staff to address a strategy for increasing membership.

Vacant Lands Committee – No report. (Mark Kreutzer had previously reported that legislation on this issue is anticipated for the 2017 session from OFCA.)

Past Presidents Committee – No report.

Staffing Contract

Action deferred until the October meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26 during Conference.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.