

**Oregon Fire District Directors Association
March 19, 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
Eldon Marcum
Gary Ollerenshaw*
Spike Piersol
Carol Smith
Don Thompson
Kevin VanDyke

Guests:

Steve Silva, WHA

Staff:

Jessica Carpenter
Genoa Ingram
Laureal Williams

**via conference call*

Minutes

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

MOTION: Moved by John Dunn and seconded by Don Thompson to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2016, meeting as presented. **Motion passed**

Financial Report

Laureal Williams reviewed the current financials. She noted that the documents reflect a subscription to *Constant Contact*, which allows newsletters and legislative updates to members and interested parties.

Guest Reports

OFCA Report – No report.

DPSST Report – Written report submitted by Director Eriks Gabliks. (EXHIBIT ON FILE)

Insurance Update – Steve Silva, WHA, provided an overview of 2016 trainings.

President's Report

OFCA Meeting President Rogers thanked Mark Kreutzer for attending the recent OFCA Board meeting on OFDDA's behalf.

SDAO Conference President Rogers reported that he had attended the Conference where he had networked with Cloverdale, Lebanon, and Jackson County #3 Fire Districts. Next year's Conference is scheduled for February 10-12 in Portland.

Staff Report

Legislative – Genoa Ingram reported that the 2016 short session concluded at 1:07 p.m. on March 3 and provided updates on HB 4030, relating to the GEMT, and SB 1513, relating to waiver of property taxes for surviving spouses of public safety officers killed in the line of duty. There was a “Fire Service Day at the Capitol” organized and attended primarily by OFCA, joined by OFDDA Board members Kevin Van Dyke, Mark Kruetzer and President Dennis Rogers. Staff also reported that communication had not been as strong between OFCA and OFDDA as has previously been the case.

LOSAP – Laoreal Williams reported that Adair would be coming on board as a LOSAP participant but was struggling with the parameters of their plan. Newberg is entering into a cooperative agreement with TVF&R for fire protection and will be merging its LOSAP program with TVF&R. The Clackamas Fire District 1 request for waiver for Dale Miller was discussed.

MOTION: Moved by Don Thompson and seconded by Eldon Marcum to approve the request for waiver for Dale Miller. **Motion passed**

Board Outreach Genoa Ingram reported that she had been asked to speak at the Yamhill Volunteer Appreciation Banquet and that Jessica Carpenter had met with Newport Fire who plans to become an OFDDA member at the beginning of the fiscal year. On June 7, staff will attend a meeting of several Boards in Eastern Oregon, hosted by Hermiston Fire. A legislative update and LOSAP overview has been requested.

Committee Reports

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

Bylaws & Policies Committee – Mark Kreutzer identified the following issues:

Bylaws: Mark discussed whether former OFDDA Presidents who no longer hold elected Board positions should be granted voting privileges at the Annual Meeting.

By consensus, Board members agreed that language should be drafted for consideration by the membership that would allow Past Presidents the ability to vote.

By consensus, Board members agreed that Board members should not be “termed out” of serving on the OFDDA Board and that Past Presidents should not automatically be excluded from serving on the Board in the future.

Policies: Mark indicated that he will have some additional recommendations for changes to OFDDA Policies.

Governor’s Fire Service Policy Council – Mark Kreutzer reported that the next meeting of the Council is April 26 and he has submitted paperwork to be OFDDA’s representative.

Conference Committee – Don Thompson reported that the Committee will meet immediately following the Board meeting. This year’s Conference will be in Bend in October, followed by Ashland in 2017.

SDAO Legislative – President Rogers reported on his attendance at SDAO Legislative Committee during the legislative session and remarked that it was a very worthwhile and informative process.

NAEFO – Mark Kreutzer reported that he plans to be in Washington, D.C. the first week of May in conjunctions with the Congressional Fire Service Caucus (CFSC) and visiting on Capitol Hill with members of OFCA to lobby fire service issues. He also plans to attend the CFSC Board of Directors meeting Friday morning, along with a tour of the White House. Mark distributed copies of handouts he collected from the Washington Fire commissioners Conference last Fall related to safety issues.

Nominations Committee – No report.

Fire & Life Safety – John Dunn summarized the handouts from the Fire and Life Safety Committee. (EXHIBIT ON FILE).

Property Committee – Staff reported that bids have been secured for replacement of the light fixtures and that staff was working with Property Committee under the direction of Chair Don Trotter.

Ambassador Committee – Eldon Marcum reported that Committee had discussed best practices policy for districts to assist with Scholarships and discounts for first-time attendees had also been explored.

Budget Committee – No report.

Vacant Lands Committee – Mark Kreutzer reported that legislation on this issue is anticipated for the 2017 session from OFCA.

Past Presidents Committee – Mark Kreutzer reported that the Fire Suppression grading Task Force is disbanded; Volunteer 360 is on hold. There is a proposed task force to look at control of water supply and approach. Mark also suggested Past Presidents shirts with the year they served, along with the OFDDA logo.

By consensus, Board members approved expenditure of funds for Past President shirts. Staff will contact the Past Presidents.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.