

Oregon Fire District Directors Association
BOARD MEETING
Oregon Fire Service Center – Salem, Oregon

January 16, 2010

President Connie Barton called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Connie Barton, President
Mark Kreutzer, 1nd Vice President
Allen Forster, Immediate Past President,
Director Position #1
David Jones, Second Vice President,
Don Trotter, Director Position #2
Darrell King, Director Position #3
Roy Palmer, Director Position #5
Kevin Van Dyke, Director Position #4
Bob Reeves, Director Position #6

Members Not Present/Excused:

Guests:
Christy Monson, Speer/Hoyt

Staff:
Genoa Ingram, OFDDA
Mary Tucker, OFDDA

Approval of Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 4, 2009 meeting.

Motion: Moved by Director Kreutzer and seconded by Director Forster to accept the November 4 minutes as amended to remove the duplicate motion relating to policy #123. Motion passed.

Motion: Moved by Director King and seconded by Director Palmer to accept the December 2 email ballot as presented. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Mary Tucker reviewed the financial reports for the association, noting that income is down significantly from the previous year. Director Forster asked the resources spent on the LOSAP program were balanced by the benefits. Staff responded that, at this time, LOSAP is very labor intensive but it is expected to level out. For now LOSAP represents a “value added” benefit for the membership. Conference costs were also discussed, as well as the benefits of mailing the Communiqué to the districts rather than individual Board members.

Motion: Moved by Director Reeves and seconded by Director Palmer to accept the financial report as presented. Motion passed.

President's Report

President Barton reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2010 and made revisions made on Board input. (EXHIBIT A) Board members expressed a preference for the Central Oregon Coast for the 2010 Retreat and asked staff to explore options in Yachats.

President Barton reviewed the Board reviewed and revised the Committee assignments for 2010. (EXHIBIT B)

Staff Appreciation President Barton presented gifts of appreciation to staff on behalf of the Board.

Staff Report

DPSST Letter of Recommendation – Gabliks Staff noted the inclusion of the letter in the Board packets and reported that the Governor's office had acknowledged receipt of the letter.

Communiqué Staff reported that the publisher had been asked to supply a breakdown in cost for producing the newsletter and comparison bids would be sought. In response to the notice in the Communiqué, several Directors had indicated that they would prefer to receive electronic copies.

Colton Fire Staff provided an overview of recent developments in the appointment process of Directors to the Colton Fire Board.

Motion: Moved by Director Van Dyke and seconded by Director Forster to forward a letter from President Barton expressing support for the four candidates recommended to the County Commissioners by the selection panel. Motion passed.

Fire Service Appreciation Day Staff reminded Board members to attend the Fire Service Appreciate Day at the Office of State Fire Marshal, and asked for Board approval to fund the cost of the cake to be served. **By consensus**, Board members approved the expenditure for the cake.

Guest Reports

OFSOA Staff submitted the written report from OFSOA. (EXHIBIT C) It was noted that Fire Service Appreciation Day should be listed in January.

DPSST Staff noted that the report from Acting Director Gabliks was included in the meeting packet. (EXHIBIT D)

Committee Reports

BPSST Past President Larry Goff provided a reported on recent developments with BPSST public safety certification, with particular emphasis on the Fire Policy Committee. He noted that, due to recent changes in policies, criminal background checks were now required for

fire. While this has long been the policy for the police certification, it has not been a requirement for fire. The result is that some long-time certifications were being pulled; however, fire districts have broad discretion as to whether to disqualify from service. In response to questions, Larry clarified that while training is required, certification is not.

Joint Conference Mark Kreutzer reported on recent plans for the 2010 Joint Conference including maximizing financial returns and providing a program tailed to Directors as well as chiefs. Revenue is down, even though attendance was up. Director Palmer suggested a session addressing the impact of changes in Medicare to the ability of districts to operate transport services.

NAEFO Mark Kreutzer reported that he has been elected NAEFO President for 2010 and the emphasis this year will be on membership. This year's Conference will be held in September in Las Vegas.

Old Business

Bylaws Update Director Trotter distributed a copy of proposed Bylaws amendments (EXHIBIT E) Director King asked if the proposal addressed the progression. Director Trotter responded that the provision is addressed in Article IV (B). Board members discussed the policy relating to Directors who are not elected to their local Boards. Christy Monson suggested adding language specifically addressing those situations. Director Trotter pointed out that the revisions would allow for nominations of additional candidates for President. Christy Monson suggested possible revisions relating to removal of Board members.

Director Trotter noted additional changes relating to check signing and service of past presidents on the Nominating Committee. Christy Monson was asked to assist with drafting the changes discussed.

Director Trotter reported that policies 115 and 132 (relating to elections), 142 (check signing) and 153 (financial accountability) would be revised and sent out for review prior to the next meeting.

Other Business

Director Palmer reported that he had attended Chief Caldwell's Celebration of Life, adding that loss of the Chief was a tremendous loss to the fire service.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.



Genoa Ingram, OFDDA Executive Director