

Oregon Fire District Directors Association
BOARD MEETING
Depoe Bay Fire – Depoe Bay, Oregon

September 25, 2010

President Connie Barton called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Genoa Ingram, OFDDA
Mary Tucker, OFDDA
Ken Jones, Speer-Hoyt Local Government
Group

Guests:

Chief Michael Hansen, Douglas County Fire

President's Report

President Barton reported that she will attend the OFSOA Conference in Bend in October.

Approval of Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 19, 2010 meeting.

Moved by Director Forster and seconded by Director Van Dyke to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2010 meeting. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Mary Tucker reviewed the financial reports for the association, noting that the Association is on track for where it should be this time of the year. Expenses are down while income from LOSAP, copies and phone charges are up. The Board discussed costs associated with the Communiqué. Don Trotter suggested sending the Communiqué out on a quarterly basis. Other Board members suggested going completely electronic.

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

Budget Discussion Board members discussed the proposed budget for 2011.

Motion: Moved by Director Totter to revise the budget seconded by Director King to modify the budget in the following manner, resulting in a \$1,009 surplus:

Increase dues to \$115,000

Increase Rent by \$2,000 to \$12,000

Eliminate Building Fund

Reduce Newsletter costs to \$5,000 and go completely electronic beginning January 1, 2011

Eliminate Retreat

Motion passed.

Guest Reports

Oregon Fire Service Museum Jerry Heater reported that the Oregon Fire Service Museum is changing its name to reflect education. He reminded the Board that a fire service museum was part of the vision of Ted Miller. He requested a letter from the OFDDA indicating support for the Learning Center and Museum. Additionally, there is the potential for sharing a staff person between OFDDA and the Learning Center.

Motion: Moved by Director Reeves and seconded by Director Palmer to provide a letter of support and partnership for the Learning Center. Motion passed.

Staff Report

LOSAP Update Mary Tucker reported that several additional districts had joined the LOSAP program and that the program was running smoothly.

Guide for Public Officials Genoa Ingram reported that the OGEC's Guide for Public Officials had not yet been approved but that meetings were being held in October. It was noted that the Commission is still attempting to implement changes made during the 2009 Legislative Session while the 2011 Session is just months away.

2011 Proposed Legislation Genoa Ingram reported on a request to OFDDA to introduce legislation capping fees for annexation into a fire district. Ken Jones suggested that the issue be dealt with locally such as Fire Defense Boards to put pressure on the local counties.

Ingram also reported that the OFCA had requested OFDDA's support of the proposed sprinkler legislation.

Motion: Moved by Director Kreutzer and seconded by Trotter to support the OFCA with the fire sprinkler legislation. Motion passed.

Ingram reported that the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association would bring forward legislation to place the Association on the list of organizations eligible for the tax check-off.

Motion: Moved by Trotter and seconded by Director Reeves to support OVFA's legislation. Motion passed.

LOSAP Boards continue to seek information regarding LOSAP and an informational meeting is scheduled with Jackson County 3 during the OVFA Conference.

Committee Reports

- BPSST – No report submitted.
- Insurance Program/Risk Management – No report submitted.
- Governor's Fire Service Policy Council – Director Reeves reported that the Council had not met.
- Joint Conference Director Kreutzer provided an update, noting that a number of scholarship applications had been received. Shifting the Conference through Sunday was also being discussed. Director Trotter suggested that every meeting should include a review of the Strategic Plan. Director Palmer discussed holding the Conference at the Pendleton Convention Center, the largest convention in the state. Representatives would like to make a presentation before the Joint Conference Committee. Jackson County was also suggested. Staff was asked to review the amount of the buy-out of the current contracts.
- NAEFO Director Kreutzer reported that he had been extremely busy with NAEFO and had attended the Fire Rescue International in August. He also plans to attend next year in Atlanta and would like to put together a panel of Directors. The 2010 Conference was cancelled and there was discussion regarding the Conference at the Board meeting two weeks ago. The 1099 vs W2 issue has stalled, although work continues.
- Oregon Life Safety Committee Director King was unable to attend the last meeting due. He plans to attend the October meeting.
- Nominations Committee Mark Kreutzer announced that, due to his commitment to NAEFO, he will decline the nomination for President of OFDDA.
- Governor's Fire Policy Council Director Reeves provided a written report. (EXHIBIT B)

Old Business

- Bylaw Amendments: Director Trotter reviewed proposed Bylaw changes that had been previously forwarded to the Board members.

Motion: Moved by Director King and seconded by Director Reeves that during the discussion of adoption of the Bylaw revisions during Joint Conference, that one of the Directors make a recommendation and motion from the Floor to revert to the original language in Article V, Section 4, to require only one year service of on the Board prior to nomination (eligibility) for President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President. Motion passed.

Board Member Input

- Director King reported that he had recently had a bout with cancer.

- Allen Forster noted that this will be his last year serving on the Board after 12 years of service.

Adjourn

There was no additional business and the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Genoa Ingram, OFDDA Executive Director