

**Oregon Fire District Directors Association
April 21, 2018
OFDDA Conference Room – Salem, Oregon**

MINUTES

Vice President John Dunn called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. A quorum was present:

Present:

Don Thompson, President
Dennis Rogers, Immediate Past President
John Dunn, Vice President
Eldon Marcum
Curtis Hoopes
Kevin Van Dyke*
Spike Piersol
Jamel Mercado

**via teleconference*

Not Present/Excused:

N/A

Staff:

Lisa Van
Genoa Ingram
Laureal Williams

Guests:

Mark Kreutzer, OFDDA Past
President

Introductions

Board members introduced themselves to newly elected Board member Jay Cross, Clackamas Fire District 1.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 20, 2018, Board meeting and the February 28, March 1, April 3, and April 13 2018, Email Ballots

MOTION: Moved by Eldon Marcum and seconded by Curtis Hoopes to approve all minutes as presented. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report

Laureal Williams reviewed the financial reports provided in the packet and discussed factors that impact the budget such as Board expenses, copy charges, the Communiqué, and the Conference.

MOTION: Moved by Dennis Rogers and seconded by John Dunn to approve the financial reports as presented. **Motion passed.**

Guest Reports

Mark Kreutzer reported on the Governor's Fire Policy Council, BPSST and federal issues. (See Committee reports below.)

President's Report

President Thompson reported that he and OVFA President Jason Servatius had signed a joint letter encouraging assistance on the signature gathering effort for OVFA's tax check-off.

Staff Report

LOSAP: Laureal reported that the account currently valued at more than \$10 million. Staff has visited with Mist-Birkenfeld and Vernonia Fire Districts about the benefits of the LOSAP program and has worked with new office administrators at SW Polk RFPD and Multnomah Co FD 14 to familiarize them with the program.

Legislative: Genoa Ingram reported Governor Brown has signed SB 1528, the tax reconnect bill, and indicated that the Governor will call a special session in June to undertake tax inequities.

SDAO Conference: Staff noted that many of the Board members had attended the SDAO conference. Jay Cross noted that the February event was one of SDAO's largest conference.

Board Outreach: Genoa reported that, in addition to Mist-Berkinfeld, staff has had conversations with Colestin RFPD in Jackson County and the district will be sending in dues.

Building/Copier: Laureal Williams reported that Allen Forster planned to have the parking lot worked on in late June over a weekend. Also, the copier contract will be up this year and staff plans to examine other options.

Committee Reports

BPSST – Mark Kreutzer reported that the next meeting is April 26. He explained that the purpose of the Board is to review and investigate alleged wrongdoing by police, fire, telecom, and corrections personnel. The Board can determine that allegations are unfounded and take no action, suspend certification, or revoke certification for up to seven years. The Board operates under strict criteria along with statutes and administrative rules.

Bylaws & Policies Committee – Dennis Rogers reported that no additional changes are anticipated.

Governor's Fire Service Policy Council – Mark Kreutzer reported that the GFPC is expanding its agenda to address marijuana grow operations, which are now considered agricultural and, therefore, not heavily regulated. The numbering system for apparatus is also being reviewed. Under consideration is a four-number system: the first two would represent the County, last two would indicate the department or district. Mark has been voted in as Vice Chair of the Council.

Conference Committee – John Dunn reported that the committee will meet immediately following the Board meeting to discuss the agenda and finalize speakers, including a session on cyber-security. Sunriver and Salem are being discussed as possible locations for the 2020 conference.

SDAO Legislative – Dennis Rogers reported that he and staff had attended the Legislative Committee the previous month where the focus was on legislative elections and a recap of the short session.

NAEFO – Curtis Hoopes reported that he had attended his first NAEFO conference. Mark Kreutzer reported that he had just returned from the Annual Meeting of the Congressional Fire Service Institute in Washington, DC. He noted that 24 members of the fire caucus would not be returning due to retirement or seeking other offices. Mark reported that \$688 million has been allocated for SAFER and AFG grants, which is approximately the same level of funding as previous years. Campus safety and Volunteer Incentive funding were also issues.

FirstNet has contracted with AT&T for interoperability services. One of the speakers was the Deputy Director for Homeland Security who provided an update on funding for FEMA. Mark also reported on new legislation that will provide a permanent reauthorization of a portion of the tax code which allows volunteers to receive property-tax based incentives and up to \$600 in other incentives without being considered taxable income.

Nominations Committee – Dennis Rogers indicated that there was no report.

Fire & Life Safety – John Dunn reported that the Committee had met the previous Thursday and members had been divided into two groups: 1) Youth Fire & Prevention, and 2) Best Practices Guide for Public Educators. John was part of the second group which was examining seven points currently being taught that are no longer best practice (such as stop, drop, and roll).

Property Committee – Included in the staff report.

Ambassador Committee – No report.

Budget Committee – Laureal reported that the budget process will begin mid-summer.

Past Presidents Committee – No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Committee Assignments – President Thompson made the following changes to the Committee Assignments:

OFCA Professional Development: Replace Curtis Hoopes with Jay Cross

Ambassador Committee: Add Eldon Marcum

Bylaws: Add John Dunn

Staff will revise the Committee Assignments sheet and redistribute to the Board.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, 2018, 11:30 a.m. in North Bay in conjunction with the OVFA Conference.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.