

**Oregon Fire District Directors Association  
October 24, 2018  
Riverhouse Hotel and Convention Center – North Bend, Oregon**

**MINUTES**

Vice President John Dunn called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was present:

**Present:**

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

**Staff:**

Kate Trauernicht  
Genoa Ingram  
Laureal Williams

**Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 18, 2018, Board meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by John Dunn and seconded by Kevin Van Dyke to approve all minutes as presented. **Motion passed.**

**Financial Report**

Laureal Williams reviewed the financial reports provided in the packet, noting a decline in Conference registrations but an increase in vendors and sponsors. Overall, the Association is very sound financially.

**MOTION:** Moved by Eldon Marcum and seconded by Kevin Van Dyke to approve the financial reports as presented. **Motion passed.**

**2019 Budget**

Vice President John Dunn and Laurel Williams presented the proposed 2019 budget.

**MOTION:** Moved by Eldon Marcum and seconded by Jamel Mercado to approve the financial reports as presented. **Motion passed.**

**Guest Reports**

No reports.

**President's Report**

President Thompson thanked Board reported that the OFDDA Executive Committee had met with SDAO to discuss a more cooperative working relationship with both SDAO and OFCA.

The OFDDA will meet with representatives of SDAO and OVCA during the Fall Conference to continue the discussion.

### **Staff Report**

LOSAP: Laureal Williams reported that the account currently valued at \$10,216,055 (as of October 22, 2018). The number of LOSAP districts is 51, including three new districts. The number of LOSAP participants is 1,696.

Contributions made to the program year to date is \$641,790. Forfeitures returned to districts totalled \$107,470. 69 Cash Distributions were processed, ranging in value from \$500 to \$58,000+. Seven waivers of the six-month waiting period/Requests for in-service distribution were submitted for consideration.

The LOSAP maximum contribution per participant per year was increased from \$3,000 to \$6,000 for all contributions made after December 31, 2017. At its August meeting, the OFDDA Board of Directors extended the 25 percent discount on the annual maintenance fee for all LOSAP districts that are also OFDDA members. Net revenue from annual fees for 2019 is estimated to be \$10,000.

Conference Overview: Genoa Ingram reviewed conference materials with the Board and asked for volunteers to introduce the speakers.

Board Outreach: Genoa reported that several Districts had just joined OFDDA, including Sweet Home, which she recently visited.

### **Committee Reports**

BPSSST: Written report submitted by Mark Kreutzer: As usual we reviewed certifications for firefighters who sometimes experience lapses in judgement; fortunately nothing major. The big item is that the Fire Policy Committee recommended to the full Board to sunset the Fire Ground Leader certification in 2020. This is an Oregon only certification and the required classes are not offered that often. The consensus was that Fire Officer I was to be the new standard as it is recognized throughout the country and the classes for certification are more readily available

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

Governor's Fire Service Policy Council – Written report submitted by Mark Kreutzer: The big issue this year was the number of large fires that were handled by the State Fire Marshal and ODF. The current cost for wildland fires this year is over \$5,000,000.00. Many fires will not be fully contained until the rains arrive. Two teams from Oregon were sent to help in Florida after hurricane Michael. Other issues included:

- Foam systems in airport hangers. It is a very complex issue as each jurisdiction has its own regulations and it is based on fuel capacity of the aircraft. The private industry is all over the board in terms of fueling after landing or prior to takeoff which can be a huge difference in available fuel on board an aircraft as it sits in a hanger. Another concern is the accidental discharge of foam in hangers which results in several thousand dollars of clean up.
- Drones was another topic of discussion. The emphasis was on making sure our people are trained to the proper level of operating drones. Another concern was drones used

during hazardous material incident and how to decon a drone that may have flown through a hazardous material.

- With the upcoming legislative session, there will be some issues that will affect the Oregon Fire Service. The closer we get the session, we will have a better idea on the issues we will need to discuss. Fire Service Day at the Capitol is May 23.

Conference Committee – No report.

SDAO Legislative – Dennis Rogers reported that he and staff continue to attend the SDAO Legislative Committee where legislative races continue to be a hot topic.

NAEFO – Curtis Hoopes reported that he had not attended the NAEFO conference but Mark Kreutzer had attended on behalf of OFDDA.

Nominations Committee – Dennis Rogers reported that he was in conversation with several prospective candidates for Board positions.

Fire & Life Safety – John Dunn reported that the emphasis was on kitchen fires which represented a big portion of cause-of-death fires throughout the state.

Property Committee – Staff reported that there had been no issues other than cigarette smokers dropping lit cigarettes in the bark dust and igniting fires.

Ambassador Committee – Eldon Marcum suggested pulling together a group of Boards from Eastern Oregon for a joint meeting.

Budget Committee – No additional report.

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 prior to the next meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 12, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at the OFDDA office in Salem.

## **Adjourn**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 p.m.