

Oregon Fire District Directors Association
August 10, 2019
OFDDA Conference Room – Salem, Oregon

MINUTES

President John Dunn called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was present:

Present:

John Dunn, President
Curtis Hoopes, 1st Vice President
Don Thompson, Immediate Past President
Scot Breeden
David Burnett
Allen Forster

Guests:

N/A

Not Present/Excused:

Jay Cross
Laura Green

Staff:

Kate Trauernicht
Genoa Ingram
Laureal Williams
Lisa Van

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 26, 2019, Board meeting as presented.

MOTION: Moved by Allen Forster and seconded by David Burnett to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report

Laureal Williams reviewed the financial reports provided in the packet and noted that some early income from the 2019 Conference had been received, including sponsorship by SDIS and other sponsorships. Overall, the Association is very sound financially. President Dunn noted that additional signers are needed on the checking account.

MOTION: Moved by Don Thompson and seconded by David Burnett designate Allen Forster and Scott Breeden as additional signers on the OFDDA checking account ending in 4215 and remove Dennis Rogers. **Motion passed.**

MOTION: Moved by Don Thompson and seconded by David Burnett to Kevin Van Dyke to place the OFDDA credit card in Executive Director Genoa Ingram's name and include copies of the credit card statement with the Board financials for review at each Board meeting. **Motion passed.**

Guest Reports

No reports.

President's Report

President John Dunn reported that he continues to work with staff on the OFDDA fundraiser. Tickets are available for the condo stay in either the Running Y in Klamath Falls, Depot Bay or

EagleCrest. He reviewed the other auction items including family memberships to the YMCA, a BBQ dinner, and a collection of challenge coins.

Staff Report

LOSAP: Laoreal reported that staff will be visiting Scappoose Fire to orient them to the program and assist with implementation.

Legislative: Genoa Ingram reported that efforts had been called off to refer the Senate Republicans continued to absent themselves from the Capitol over the cap-and-trade controversy. The budget for the Office of State Fire Marshal and the increased 9-1-1 tax are two priority bills that have not passed the Senate. If a quorum is not available in the Senate, all remaining bills will die.

Board Outreach: Genoa reported that she had attended the Board meeting of the Corvallis RFPD the previous month and provided information about OFDDA programs.

Building: No issues with the building/no report.

Committee Reports

BPSST – Mark Kreutzer reported that the Board is working on proposed amendments for the definition of “discharge for cause” and “discretionary misdemeanor conviction” relating to sexual abuse and separate those issues into harassment and abuse for clarification. Another rule change relates to NFPA firefighter and emergency services instructor. The difference is that two different positions are being added: life fire instructor and life fire instructor in charge to make sure those positions are adequately trained and meet safety requirements. Director Gabliks has indicated that he can place the language into the Oregon Standard. The board also approved removing “Fire Ground Leader” which is more prevalent in the volunteer organizations and is a difficult certification to secure. “Fire Ground Leader” will sunset in 2022 and will be replaced with Firefighter I. The Board also approved a maritime fire service operator program. The new Board Chair is Patricia Patrick Jolene and the new Vice Chair is Brian Wolf.

Bylaws & Policies Committee – No additional changes are anticipated.

Governor’s Fire Service Policy Council – Mark Kreutzer reported that the Council is missing a citizen representative and is looking to fill that vacancy. The Council has formed a task force on high density construction. There is a new member from League of Oregon Cities, Chief John Clark from Baker City Fire. Steve Patterson from the insurance industry has moved off the Board and Chris McLaran is the new insurance representative. The Petroleum Load Fee will increase from \$8.00 to \$9.00 this year and then up to \$10.00 in 2020. Those funds go to support the Office of State Marshal. The Governor has appointed a task force on wildfire response. Chief Walker and Chief Hallman will serve on that committee. The OSFM website also highlights the “Ready, Set, Go” program, which assists evacuees with what to take in the event of an emergency.

Mark reported on the following additional items:

- SDAO has indicated that EAP will be offered to all members of fire districts.
- The GEMT has run into a roadblock at the state level so that program will not be implemented this year.
- Several bargaining units are demanding bargaining relating to the new PERS reform.

- The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has had issues with drones interfering with medical helicopters.
- OHA is also changing the definition of “patient” so it can be incorporated into community paramedic positions.
- The League of Oregon Cities is considering creating ASAs for the member cities. Insurance companies are now using drones to examine damage and speed up insurance payments.
- The State Fire Marshal is working with insurance companies to spray homes during wildland fires due to fraudulent activities. There has also been some predatory home restoration companies and fire districts will start providing lists of legitimate companies.

Conference Committee – Staff reported that most of the presenters had been confirmed.

SDAO Legislative – President John Dunn reported that the Committee will meet for a recap of the 2019 legislative session.

NAEFO – David Burnett reported that the name change has gone through and is now the National Association of Emergency Fire Officials.

Fire & Life Safety – No report.

Property Committee – No report.

Ambassador Committee – Allen Forster was asked to consider being on the Ambassador Committee.

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

Past Presidents Committee – No report.

Old Business

OFDDA Fundraiser – President John Dunn noted that he had covered this item under the President’s Report.

Director Accreditation Program – President John Dunn reported that he continues to work with staff to identify the curriculum.

Board Vacancies – With the appointment of Allen Forster to the Board and the announcement by Curtis Hoopes that he is interested in moving up to the First Vice President position. It was noted that the 2nd Vice President position should be filled at the November meeting.

New Business

No new business.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 1:30 p.m. at the Seaside Convention Center.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 a.m.