

**Oregon Fire District Directors Association  
April 11, 2020  
ZOOM Teleconference Meeting**

**MINUTES**

President John Dunn called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present:

**Present:**

John Dunn, President  
Curtis Hoopes, Vice President  
Don Thompson, Immediate Past President\*  
Scot Breedon  
David Burnett  
Jay Cross  
Allen Forster  
Joe Morneau  
Dennis Rogers

**Not Present:**

Laura Green

**Guests:**

Mark Kruetzer, Past President  
Kevin Van Dyke, Past Board Member

**Staff:**

Kate Trauernicht  
Genoa Ingram  
Laureal Williams

**Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 18, 2020, Board meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Allen Forster and seconded by Scot Breedon to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2020, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

**Financial Report**

Laureal Williams reviewed the financial reports, noting approximately \$15,000 in outstanding accounts receivable (primarily 2020 dues renewals) on the balance sheet. Conference revenue reported on the profit and loss statement represent recent receipt of payments related to the 2019 Oregon Fire Service Conference.

**MOTION:** Moved by Allen Forster and seconded by Jim Morneau to approve the financial reports as presented. **Motion passed.**

**President's Report**

**SDAO/OFDDA Board Member Accreditation:** President Dunn reported that all programs had been delayed due to the COVID-19. He asked staff to touch base with SDAO regarding the progress of the program.

**Staff Report**

**LOSAP:** Laureal Williams reported that the overall value of the LOSAP program has been up and down from as much as \$12 million down to \$9 million. As of today, it is back up over \$11 million. For this calendar year to date, staff has forwarded \$168,000 in contributions, returned \$64,000 of forfeitures, and processed 21 cash distribution requests.

Legislative: Staff reported that the Governor had announced three weeks ago that a Special Session was imminent but no information as to date had been provided. A priority for fire districts is timing of public comment during the budget process. Many districts are meeting virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which is challenging from a public meeting perspective.

Board Outreach: Staff reported that two issues had arisen since the last Board meeting. One district had asked about the purchases of land by public entities, such as Metro, which removes the property from the tax rolls and the impact this has on fire districts. A second request had been made for ordinance language prohibiting firefighters from serving on fire Boards.

SDAO Conference: Staff reported that the SDAO Conference had been well attended by OFDDA Board members and the fire service in general.

Other: Kate Trauernicht reported the OVFA Conference was in danger of cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Committee Reports**

BPSST: Mark Kreutzer reported that the DPSST Board had held a virtual meeting on April 23. He also noted that his term was about to expire.

**MOTION:** Moved by Scot Breeden and seconded by Jim Morneau to support Mark Kreutzer's reappointment as OFDDA's representative on the BPSST. **Motion passed.**

Bylaws and Policies: No report.

Governor's Fire Policy Council: Mark Kreutzer reported that implementation of GEMT had been delayed by Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The fire service is working with OHA to address the issues but if no solution can be found, a legislative solution may be required. He also addressed the transition of marijuana grow operation building designation from agricultural buildings to commercial buildings, which would allow inspection by fire. The transition will require a change in designation through Building Codes.

Conference Committee: Curtis Hoopes reported that he had researched scholarship criteria for both the Bruce Williams Scholarship and the general OFDDA scholarship. He noted that the Board had departed from the criteria on Bruce Williams which gives preference to those districts in the lower 25 percent, based on their budget. He suggested making that criteria clear in the application and distributing information earlier in the year. A Conference Committee meeting will be held immediately after the Board meeting. Kate Trauernicht reported that planning was going well. All subject areas had been filled and speakers were being identified. Speaker contracts will follow.

SDAO Legislative: No recent meetings; no report.

NAEFO: David Burnett reported that the Board had met in March. Candy McCullough from Washington State and Ken Schmalbeck from Missouri were appointed to the Congressional Fire Services AFG panel. Dave also reported that several Conference Sponsors had been identified. It is possible that the 2020 Conference, currently scheduled for September 21 and 22, may be rescheduled. If so, the new dates will be September 19 and 21, 2021.

Nominations Committee: No report.

Fire & Life Safety: President Dunn reported that all meetings had been postponed.

Property Committee: Allen Forster reported that he, Fran Harris, and Don Trotter make up the Property Committee. The goal is to meet twice per year to inspect the building and make

recommendations to the Board regarding any needed repairs or changes; however, the last meeting was cancelled due to the pandemic. The Committee hopes to meet two weeks prior to the next Board meeting.

Ambassador Committee: No report.

Budget Committee: No report.

Past Presidents Committee: No report.

### **Old Business**

No old business.

### **New Business**

No new business.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, in conjunction with the OVFA Conference.

### **Adjourn**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.