

**Oregon Fire District Directors Association  
June 13, 2020  
OFDDA Conference Room and  
ZOOM Teleconference Meeting**

**MINUTES**

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

**Present:**

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

**Not Present:**

Laura Green

**Staff:**

Kate Trauernicht  
Genoa Ingram  
Laureal Williams

**Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 13, 2020, Board meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Allen Forster and seconded by Dave Burnett to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2020, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

**Financial Report**

Laureal Williams reviewed the financial reports, noting that dues renewal reminder notices for the current fiscal year are ready to be mailed on July 1.

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

**President's Report**

President Dunn reported that he had participated in the OVFA Annual Business Meeting via Zoom and advised the OVFA Board of the upcoming OFDDA fundraiser. President Dunn suggested that if OFDDA reaches its goal of \$5,000, OFDDA may be able to contribute \$1,000 to OVFA.

**MOTION:** Moved by Joe Morneau and seconded by Dave Burnett to approve President Dunn's suggestion to contribute \$1,000 to OVFA should the \$5,000 fundraising goal be met. **Motion passed.**

**Staff Report**

**LOSAP:** Laureal Williams provided an update on the Newburg LOSAP program, which was absorbed by TVF&R. TVF&R has indicated it is not interested in administering the Newburg program and staff has been working with legal counsel to determine the best course of action for

the program. Currently 55 districts are participating in the LOSAP program, including Polk County 1, Sandy Fire, Mohawk Valley, and Mist-Birkenfeld, which are new. Staff has processed in excess of \$480,000 worth of contributions and returned more than \$78,000 in surrendered funds to participating districts. Staff has also processed 35 Cash Distribution requests and two waivers.

Legislative: Staff reported that the Senate Committee on Emergency Preparedness discussed a Constitutional amendment that would allow the Legislature to meet in Floor Session via electronic or virtual means.

Board Outreach: No report.

### **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 the fire marshal. The transition will require a change in designation through Building Codes.

Conference Committee: Kate Trauernicht provided an update on the 2020 Conference, including speaker contract status and facility issues with regard to compliance with COVID-19. She noted that the Salem Convention Center will limit Conference attendees to 175 based on current guidelines. She provided cost estimates based on a variety of attendance formulas and discussed the possibility of negotiating food minimums.

SDAO Legislative: No recent meetings; no report.

NAEFO: David Burnett reported that Candy McCullough from Washington State and Ken Schmalbeck from Missouri were appointed to the Congressional Fire Services AFG panel which reviews Pell and other public safety grant applications. This year's NAEFO conference has been cancelled.

Nominations Committee: No report.

Fire & Life Safety: No recent meetings; no report.

Property Committee: Allen Forster reported that the Committee plans to meet this coming Friday to do a walk-through of the building. He invited the Board to examine recent improvements that had been made, including fire resistant mulch.

Ambassador Committee: No report.

Budget Committee: Budget preparation will begin in August.

Past Presidents Committee: No report.

### **Old Business**

OFDDA/SDAO Accreditation Input: Staff reported that the Board's suggested changes had been incorporated into the brochure.

### **New Business**

Bruce Williams Scholarship Criteria: Staff presented a spreadsheet listing which districts would qualify for the Bruce Williams Scholarship based on the criteria of their assessed value being in the lower 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of the state. Eligible districts are not required to be members of OFDDA in order to apply for the scholarship. Staff will draft a letter inviting eligible districts to apply for the scholarship and Board members will provide outreach to some of the eligible districts.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2020.

### **Adjourn**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.