

Oregon Fire District Directors Association
April 9, 2022
Via Zoom/In person

MINUTES

President Curtis Hoopes called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present:

Present:

Curtis Hoopes, President
David Burnett, 1st Vice President
Joe Morneau, 2nd Vice President*
John Dunn, Immediate Past President
Allen Forster
Cheryl Johnson*
Jon Peasley*

Not Present:

Jay Cross
Don Thompson

Staff:

Genoa Ingram
Laureal Williams

**Via video conference*

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 15, 2022, Board meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Allen Forster and seconded by Dave Burnett to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2022, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report

Laureal Williams reviewed the financial reports through March 31, 2022, noting that there were some conference credits reflected.

MOTION: Moved by David Burnett and seconded by Allen Forster to approve the revisions to the budget. **Motion passed.**

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Johnson and seconded by Joe Morneau to approve the financial reports as presented. **Motion passed.**

President's Report

President Hoopes thanked Allen Forster and Laureal Williams for their work on removing the tree limbs that were overhanging on the OFDDA property. He also thanked Cheryl Johnson for representing OFDDA at a recent memorial service.

Staff Report

LOSAP: Laureal reported that \$300,000 had been processed in LOSAP and returned approximately \$48,000 in forfeited funds. She provided an overview of the forfeiture program, including OFDDA's notification to participating Boards of their list of participants for verification. The Trust is currently worth just over \$15 million, which is a slight drop.

Staff also reported on the recent retirement of Michael Hart of VALIC. Staff had also provided a recent overview of the LOSAP program to Tangent Fire.

Executive Director's Report: Genoa Ingram reported on the following items:

- A list of legislative candidates has been compiled reflecting new district boundaries following reapportionment and that list is available to any Board member who wishes to have a copy.
- Staff has responded to several inquiries from member districts. Often, when responding, staff will send out a copy of the applicable statute with a disclaimer that we do not interpret the statute or provide legal advice.
- Mark Kreutzer has served OFDDA very well as its representative on the Governor's Fire Policy Council; however, his term is up and a replacement is needed. Both President Hoopes and John Dunn expressed interest and were forwarded the application link. The Council meets four times per year.
- The Directors' Academy has 39 participants to date. More courses are needed in module 3, which is the fire service module (collective bargaining, cooperative service agreements, overview of regulatory agencies, etc.). Online training may also be available. John Dunn mentioned that he had been unable to obtain his certificate online.
- The Capitol will be closed beginning July 1 and will not reopen until February 2025.
- Staff is also participating in several work groups relating to firefighter capacity and emergency response.

John Dunn reminded Board members of the insurance discount for attending training. He also mentioned that the value of volunteers should be tracked in preparation for legislation relating to volunteer incentives. He offered to assist with testimony when the bill is brought back in 2023

Committee Reports

BPSST: No report.

Bylaws and Policies: No report.

Governor's Fire Service Policy Council: The GFSPC has not recently met.

SDAO Legislative: John Dunn reported that he had attended the video conference meeting of the SDAO Legislative Committee where the Committee received a recap of the 2022 short session.

Conference Committee: Dave Burnett met on the most recent meeting of the Conference Committee and reviewed 2021 Conference evaluations. The slogan for 2022 is "Overcoming Hardships through Excellence". The Committee will meet immediately following the Board meeting.

NAEFO: Dave Burnett reported that NAEFO had met on April 4 and was struggling with finding an Executive Director. There are currently nine member states. Bill Webb will be the keynote speaker for the Annual Meeting in September.

Nominations Committee: John Dunn will contact Board members whose terms will expire in 2022 in an effort to determine who wishes to run for their positions again. He will also be assessing where we stand with officers.

Oregon Life Safety Team: John Dunn reported that he had been unable to attend. OLSST is looking for additional participants.

Property Committee: Allen Forster provided background information on the recall of the sprinkler heads and the ensuing replacement process. He also reported on the recent removal of branches from the large walnut tree near the property line and make suggestions on

Ambassador Committee: No report at this time.

Budget Committee: Joe Morneau thanked Laureal for her work on the budget and indicated that he had no further comment.

Past Presidents' Committee: John Dunn reported that he had nothing to report.

Old Business:

No Old Business.

New Business:

Laureal Williams reviewed the 2021 Conference evaluations for the Board. Overall, evaluations were very positive.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in June in Hermiston in conjunction with the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Training Conference.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.