

**Oregon Fire District Directors Association
Seaside Convention Center – Seaside A
November 1, 2023**

MINUTES

President Curtis Hoopes called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. A quorum was present:

Present:

Curtis Hoopes, President
Joe Morneau, 1st Vice President
Jay Cross, 2nd Vice President
John Dunn, Immediate Past President
Cheryl Johnson, Director
Don Thompson, Director
Chaplain Kenton Johnson

Not Present/Excused:

Jon Peasley, Director

Staff:

Genoa Ingram
Laureal Williams
Mandy Grauerholz

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 12, 2023, and the October 24, 2023, email ballot.

MOTION: Moved by Joe Morneau and seconded by Cheryl Johnson to approve the August 12, 2023 minutes as presented and the October 24, 2023 meeting as corrected to reflect the correct dates. **Motion passed.**

MOTION: Moved by John Dunn and seconded by Joe Morneau to approve the June 17, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report

Laureal Williams reviewed the financial reports through October 27, 2023, noting that the bank had begun to charge a fee for accounts with lower balance.

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

President's Report

President Hoopes announced that he would consider options for possible recipients for the President's Award.

Staff Report

LOSAP: Laureal reported that approximately \$606,000 in contributions have been processed so far this year. There are currently a total of 53 agencies participating in the program. As of today, the LOSAP trust is currently valued at \$15.4 million and includes 1,961 individual accounts. Year to date, staff has returned \$60,000 of forfeitures and successfully processed 23 cash distributions.

Legislative: Genoa Ingram reported that OFDDA had submitted testimony on several pieces of legislation including SB 1068, SB 5036, and SB 750.

Joe Morneau reported on meetings with Rep. Conrad regarding his work on legislation for leaves of absences for volunteer firefighters. He encouraged staff to touch base with Rep. Conrad on this issue.

Committee Reports

BPSST: Joe Morneau reported the Board is scheduled to meet in September.

Bylaws and Policies: Joe Morneau asked staff to draft a suggested amendment forwarded by Cheryl Johnson and distribute it to the Board for review and approval for further distribution. All proposed Bylaw amendments must be distributed to the general membership 60 days prior to Conference.

Governor's Fire Service Policy Council: John Dunn referenced his written report. (EXHIBIT A)

Conference Committee: Mandy Grauerholz reported that registration is up and running for the 2023 Conference in Seaside. She is also in negotiations with Sunriver for 2024.

SDAO Legislative: Staff reported that the SDAO Legislative Committee had met on Thursday. Public meetings, ethics and other key issues were discussed but nothing specific to fire.

NAEFO: Jay Cross reported that the Conference will be held in September.

Nominations Committee: John Dunn reported that he had met via telephone with Bobby Myers of Aurora and Angie Frye of Drakes Crossing, who are both interested in serving on the Board.

Oregon Life Safety Team: Cheryl Johnson reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22.

Property Committee: Staff reported that landscape covering was completed and a power audit has been requested to ascertain why costs are so high. Staff is also seeking estimates for repair of one of the office sprinkler heads.

MOTION: Moved by Joe Morneau and seconded by Cheryl Johnson to increase the \$500 threshold for approval of expenditures by the Executive Director to \$1,000. **Motion passed.**

Ambassador Committee: Cheryl Johnson expressed interest in defining duties of ambassadors and expanding outreach. Staff noted that a previous policy relating to outreach had been voided in 2009. However, the intent was to promote OFDDA in any way possible, including attendance at neighboring districts.

Budget Committee: No report. The budget process for 2024 will begin later this summer.

Past Presidents' Committee: John Dunn reported that he had forwarded an email to the Past Presidents list but had not received acknowledgment.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

No new business.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 13, 2024 at the Fire Service Center in Salem.

Adjourn

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.