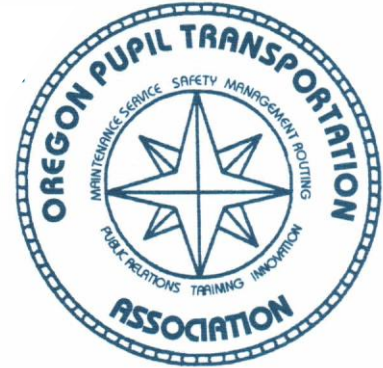


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# Oregon Pupil Transportation Association

## Northwest Chapter Meeting Minutes

**May 20, 2009**

President- Mary Conger called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.

Members present: Debby Wright, Beaverton; Paula Adams, Beaverton SD; Patricia Carner, Beaverton; Mary Conger, NCSD; Keith Wright, PPSD; Jean Frazey, Beaverton; Dan Wood, Brattain Bus; Robin Biden, Hillsboro SD; Shawn Choruby, Western Bus Sales; Dawn Parsell, NCSD; Rosemary Vehrenkamp, Oregon City AD; Jennifer Willis, NCSD; Janet Alley, NCSD; Doug Fedderson, NCSD; Charisse Wall, PPSD; Kim Crabtree, Sherwood SD; Mike Conley, Northside Ford; Ron Parmer, NCSD; Jim Gray, HRCSD;

Total attending: 19

Minutes taken by: Jean Frazey

April 2009 Meeting Minutes were accepted and approved after the following amendments:

Change dates for the June Conference to be June 22 – 24, 2009

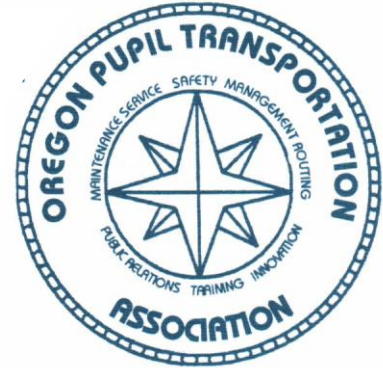
Change the June Conference location to Valley River Inn

### ***Financial Report:***

Debby Wright reports that:

Balance as of April 1, 2009	\$ 6168.04
Deposits	\$250.00
Workshop	\$150.00
NW Dues	\$100.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance as of April 30, 2009	\$6418.04

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Just mailed off bills for 2008 Summer Workshop. We have occurred expenses in regards to the mailings of \$16.00.

Financial Report was accepted and approved

### ***Committee Reports***

#### **August Workshop: Mary Conger reported for Bill Mattes**

The class schedule for the workshop week should be available by next week. Contact Bill Mattes at Estacada SD-Transportation if you would be an instructor.

The classes will be pre-registered with payment attached also. There will be registration taken the day of the workshop on a space available basis. The workshop is August 11 – 14, 2009 at Oregon City HS.

It was suggested that everyone should bring their camera to the workshop for pictures to use on the OPTA website. Send those pictures to [jean\\_frazey@beavton.k12.or.us](mailto:jean_frazey@beavton.k12.or.us)

### **Education:**

Keith Wright handed out a list of classes in the region. The list is located on the website [www.optaschoolbus.org](http://www.optaschoolbus.org). It is the hope that this list will assist District's in finding courses and networking with fellow operations.

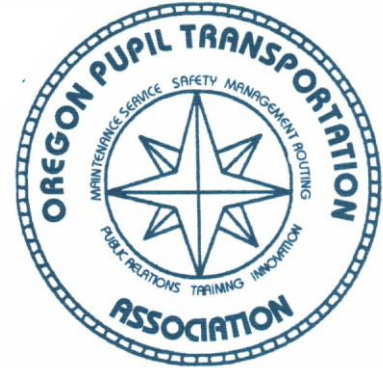
Not listed is a CORE Refresher class on June 11 at PPSD 716 NE Marine Dr. from 8 – noon. Please contact Sandy V. or Keith W. if interested in registering for the class. Please contact Sandy V. or Keith Wright at Portland Public SD with your classroom class schedules so we can utilize our resources within the region.

### **Membership:**

No report

Please note that the OPTA Newsletter uses the membership list for mailing so please make sure that you are up to date.

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**Poster Contest:**

Mary Conger reported that contest posters were voted on at the NW Safety Exercise. She will be counting votes and submitting the winners to be voted on at the State Summer Conference.

**Sunshine:**

Debby Wright was notified that Hillsboro SD transportation had the death of a dearly loved driver recently. Also Kathy Houck had a niece pass away. Our thoughts and prayers are with those families and friends during this time of sorrow.

**Safety Exercise:**

Mary Conger reports that the 2009 NW Chapter Regional Safety Exercise was at Hillsboro HS in Hillsboro on May 16th, 2009. Mary wants to thank all those who helped to make the event a success. Big THANK YOU to Dan Woods, Braittain for the hats, Shetky for the donation of gift certificates that were used in a drawing, Debby Wright/Jean Frazey/Patricia Carner for registration and trophies, Hillsboro SD for letting us use Hillsboro HS, the custodian for being great help, and all those who helped in the course set-up and tear down. It does take a village to make things work great.

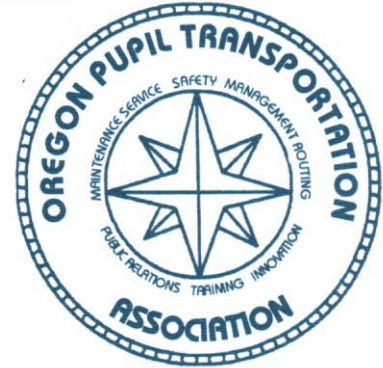
There was a request for ear-plugs from the judges at back-up alley. Mary will purchase them for the next event.

Thank you to N. Clackamas, Portland Public and Hillsboro for the donation of buses for the event.

If you have any pictures from the Safety event to use on the OPTA website, please send them to [jean\\_frazey@beavton.k12.or.us](mailto:jean_frazey@beavton.k12.or.us)

State Safety Exercise Doug reports that the event will be May 30th, 2009 in Redmond at the old Wal-Mart parking lot. Registration will be accepted until May 22. Registration is located at [www.optaschoolbus.org](http://www.optaschoolbus.org). Final item is to secure donated buses for the event. It looks like PPSD for Mini buses, Redmond for Transit buses and Hillsboro SD and Greater Albany for Conventional buses.

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**State Board:**

Robin Biden reports that discussion about the proposal in front of the Ways and Means Committee of the state legislation regarding the funding of pupil transportation. They were looking at the recommendation from the outside consultant stating that with the current practice of 70% reimbursement does not give incentive to transportation operations to look for ways to run more efficient. The OPTA state board members prepared a response to the recommendation that stated that there was not enough information given in the consultant report and that the state board was not in agreement with their findings. The consultant recommended Block funding. Before the state board could send their response, the Ways and Means committee took the proposal off the table. The state board will continue to monitor what happens with the tabled proposal.

**Summer Conference:**

Doug Fedderson reported that the Conference was reduced by one day in an attempt to keep the educational opportunity but to help out in these financial times. The State Conference is June 22 - June 24, 2009 at the Valley River Inn in Eugene. More information and registration is at [www.optaschoolbus.org](http://www.optaschoolbus.org)

It was suggested that everyone should bring their camera to the conference for pictures to use on the OPTA website. Send those pictures to [jean\\_frazey@beavton.k12.or.us](mailto:jean_frazey@beavton.k12.or.us)

***Nominations and Election Results:***

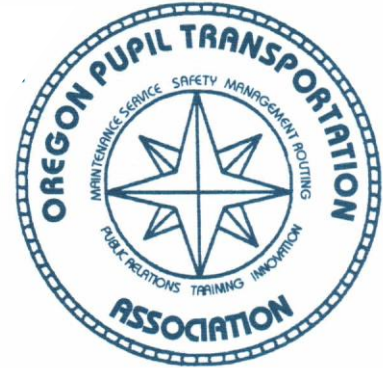
President-elect: Patricia Carner, BSD  
Keith Wright, PPSD withdrew his nomination  
Treasurer – Dawn Persall, NCSD  
Secretary – Jean Frazey, BSD

It was recommended that those who ran unopposed for office were accepted. It was seconded and approved

Board Member- Jennifer Willis, NCSD and Rosemary Vehrenkamp, Oregon City SD were nominated. Rosemary Vehrenkamp was elected to the board position.

Thank you to everyone for their time and effort to the association.

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***Old Business:***

Moving State and Regional safety exercises closer to the National exercise. The timed events are the items not followed, Doug Fedderson has more information.

**NWOPTA \$500 Grant Program-**

It was discussed that the Grant program voted on in 2007-08 needs help to fine tune and better guidelines. The original program was to be a budget line item with a max. of \$500.00, with a maximum of \$100.00 limit per accepted application using the federal per diem as a guideline. This program was meant to help with hardships of being able to participate in a safety exercise, conference or workshop.

Discussion on not losing sight of the volunteering that makes this association succeed, how do you decide whose application would be accepted for grant, and ensuring that there is no double reimbursement (i.e., district & grant pay)

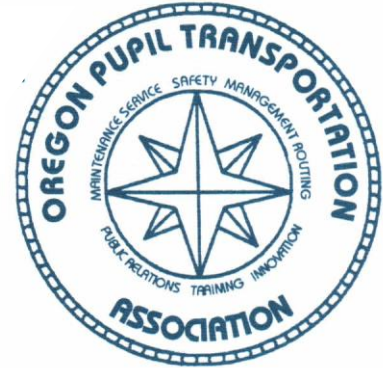
A committee was formed to work on this program: Jennifer W.-NCSD, Charisse W.-PPSD, Doug F.-NCSD, Ron P.-NCSD, Paula A.-BSD, and Rosemary V.-OCSD

**Membership Promotion:**

Patricia Carner reported that she canvassed other districts for nominations of officers for better representation of other district with the association. Brian Mullins and Jean Frazey are working on making changes to the website. Working on the brochure that Robin B. forwarded. She is updating the information and is looking for pictures to include on the brochure. This brochure/flyer should be ready to use at the NAPT Conference 2009 to promote the 2010 Conference and Oregon. Note: NAPT Conference – Will the state board member that goes to the 2009 Conference have a table to give an overview of the area and promoting Oregon for the 2010 Conference.

Also by using this brochure in-state with transportation operations, OPTA could be a vital tool promoting networking and the sharing of information and resources among operations.

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**2009-10 NWOPTA Budget:**

Mary reviewed a draft of the budget asking for input and clarification. She will present the final budget at Tuesday 6/23 meeting at the State Conference.

***New Business:***

There was a discussion on the matter of Safety Exercise Events head judges. Chapter events are separate from State event and the chapter event chairperson is responsible for picking their head judge. At times that person could be the same for all events. Some feel that this lends to scoring consistency at all events.

***Good of the Order***

Patricia Carner passed out information on:

- NAPT School Bus Safety Week in October
- Thomas Bus Essay Contest
- NAPT Speech Contest – suggested that this information be forwarded to the Speech Teachers in your district.

Meeting adjourned 12:30 pm

Next Meeting: June 23, 2009, at the State Conference