



**OREGON PUPIL  
TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
Northwest Chapter  
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### **NW Chapter Meeting**

Date: February 14, 2019  
Location: Peterson Hillsboro, 5450 NE Five Oaks Dr, Hillsboro  
Attendees: Sandi Miller, T.J. Crockett, Casey Jebens, Teri Brady, Scott Bohl, Sharon Pierce,  
Rich Sanner

The meeting was called to order at 10:45am.

Due to low attendance minutes from the 1/10/2018 meeting were tabled to be reviewed at the March meeting.

Financial Report: The Treasurer was not present. Financial report was tabled for the next meeting.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Education Committee – No training opportunities to report. Sandy vanB and Geoff Smoke will be creating a Google doc to store class information.

Sunshine Committee – Nothing reported

State Report – Scott Bohl, ODE –See attached reports from Scott, Craig and Brock

Winter Workshop – Sandi Miller shared that the Winter workshop is on track. Speakers have been confirmed. Breakfast will include Starbucks and Costco items. Lunch will be Mexican/Burritos and will have Gluten free options. Discussion was had regarding setting aside space for vendors. Those present agreed it was needed. Sandi will contact vendors to see who may attend.

Safety Exercise – No report at this time. Regional exercise will be held 5/4/2019 and State will be held 6/1/2019. Both will be at the Eugene Baptist Church.

South Willamette Chapter Winter Workshop – Will be held on Saturday 2/23 in Eugene at the Eugene Baptist Church. Speakers and a live action exercise are scheduled. 6 hours work of driver hours will be available. Lunch is included.

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Summer Workshop – Casey Jebens has confirmed Hazelbrook MS in Tualatin. There will be no cost for using the site. There is always a need for instructors. Anyone with ideas for new classes are asked to contact Casey at Sherwood SD.

Vendor Updates: Rich Sanner from Peterson presented information on new Bendix Advanced Safety Systems available on IC buses. The systems offer stability control and collision mitigation. There will be stock buses available for demos.

IC is also selling its purpose built gasoline engine in its CE series buses. The engine has low speed and high torque and works well for cold weather starts.

Rich also explained the benefits of working with Peterson. Over 80 years of service to trucks and equipment, able to better meet customer's needs.

Meeting break for lunch 11:45

### **Forum Topic: Accidents**

#### **What are we doing to prevent accidents –**

The group discussed the concern about trip drivers and going to other district's locations. Experienced drivers know the tricks to get in and out of locations, whereas new drivers (or first timers to a site) can get into trouble even with the best of intention.

It was suggested that we develop a google doc with entries for each District. This would allow folks in the know to give drivers the needed information before they head to a trip destination.

- A. **Patterns-** Do districts track patterns? Months? Days? Times? Weather? New vs experienced drivers? Etc?

One district shared that they produce a district map and identify where accidents are happening and put it in the driver's room. This provides awareness for the drivers.

What types of incentives are given? Breakfast if you meet goals. Accident free...

- B. **Trainings –** Do all districts retrain after an accident? Most do, especially for preventable accidents. Sherwood also retrains some non-preventables and uses them as teaching moments. PPS returns to the scene of the accident with the driver so they can learn what should be done in the situation.

Scott offered up the Advanced Reference Point manual from ODE as a great reference to use for training and retraining.

- C. **Accidents vs Rodeo?** – Do districts require participation if you have been in a preventable accident? Are there any trends that relate to rodeo?



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Suggested topic for next month's meeting: no suggestions at the meeting

Unfinished Business: None at this time

New Business:

State OPTA awards- There continue to be relatively few nominations for the State OPTA awards. As a Chapter, we need to educate membership more on the awards, who they are named after/history, and how people can nominate fellow professionals.

Meeting adjourned 12:50p. Next meeting scheduled for March 14, 2019 at the NW Winter Workshop at 20311 NE Glisan St. Building C, Fairview, OR

Respectfully submitted  
Teri Brady

Attach: February report from ODE

Board Members for the 2018-19 School Year:

NW President – Sandi Miller, Sherwood SD  
NW President Elect – T.J. Crockett, Reynolds SD  
NW Past President – Becky Adovnik, STA  
Treasurer – Jason Chess, Reynolds SD  
Secretary – Teri Brady, Portland Public Schools  
Director at Large (2016-2018) – Sean Schroeder, North Clackamas SD  
Director at Large (2017-2019) – Sharon Pierce, Portland Public Schools  
Director at Large (2018-2020) – Casey Jebens, Sherwood SD

Upcoming Meetings:

March 14, 2019 Reynolds SD/Winter Workshop, 20311 NE Glisan St. Bldg C, Fairview, OR  
April 11, 2019 Western Bus Sales, 30355 SE Hwy 212, Boring OR

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May 9, 2019  
June 26, 2019

PPS, 716 NE Marine Dr, Portland OR  
Riverhouse Conference Center, State Conference, Bend OR