

# OREGON PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

*A non-profit organization*



## ***South Willamette Chapter***

Date: February 12, 2008  
Location: Brownsville, Pioneer Villa  
Meeting Called to Order: 10.30 am  
Members Present: Ron Albers, Mollie Blagg, Denice Blake, Chris Ellison, L.D. Ellison, Carl Salstrom, Matt Kutcher, Deborah Maskal, Cindy Moran, Vurlee Nab-Alexander, Tom Saddler, Michael Shields, Wilber Starr, Michael Severyn, Dan Henry, Craig Pruitt, Kevin Baker, Carla Long, Delwin Loucks, Dale Rosin, John Van Winkle, Janet Mauldiu, Shawn Choraby

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the last meeting were handed out. Minutes accepted

Financial Report: Balance stands at \$7356.74.

### ***Committee Reports***

Election for Vice President: Carl Salstrom was nominated  
Voting members voted all in favor for Carl for Vice President.

State Board: Chris Ellison reported:  
The Web page has had troubles – not updated, Jane Langlois hired a new tech Arron Richins from Beaverton. Brian Mullins moved to a new job, but still helping with the transition. Talk of what was wanted for the website including; keeping current updates/membership status/ employment opportunities. The NW and SW presidents would like to have access to the site to help with updates. You can give additional comments until March 15.  
Motor coach rule is in draft. Comments are being solicited. Seatbelt shoulder harness discussed. Interstate drivers need additional training. 80 hours. This was discussed in length.

- Who would police this? DMV – How?
- What are they trying to address? Mostly contractors going from State to State that have different laws. Trucking being the biggest concern.
- School bus drivers that drive truck in the summer?

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26 OPTA State Conference; The speakers getting lines up, looks to be a good week.

Poster Contest: AVOID HARM, OBEY THE STOP ARM! Flyer was handed out. It has been sent out State Wide.

Safety Exercise: State safety exercise has not been set yet. We're hoping that Redmond area is open for May 31<sup>st</sup>. State will be adding to their budget for the head judge and set up crew, \$75 for lodging and \$25 for food. Talk of expanding scope to include a special needs event. Love the Bus Campaign; this is a week long event putting drivers in the public eye, giving extra recognition to drivers.  
Safety exercise in Lebanon May 3<sup>rd</sup>, busses will be provided by;

- ✓ 4 minis – L.D./ Sweet Home
- ✓ 8 conventional – L.D. /Sweet Home
- ✓ 6 transits – Pat /Lebanon
- ✓ 2 transits – Chris /Albany
- ✓ Trailer with equipment – Doug /NW?

Sunshine: Vurlee will send a card to Grants Pass, Three Rivers; they lost a driver this month. Chris E. brought pictures of a plaque for vote. This will be the Jim Harris traveling award for safety. Chris will also be purchasing a plaque to go to Springfield in honor of Jim Harris.

Education: Salem/Keizer has monthly trainings. Check with Carl Salstrom by e-mail for dates and times. Springfield SD had a simulated class that was very informative and had very positive reviews from the drivers. She will be e-mailing Chris information on this.  
Reminder the Behind the Wheel and Instructor course is this summer you need to be registered soon.

Winter Workshop: Bullies, Behavior and Bombs... Oh My! Ready to go, 158 are pre-registered and we're hearing from districts that haven't come before. February 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 to 3:00 in Turner at Cascade High School. Loose ends worked out.  
 John Day wants training out in their area. N.W. has a March training set for Supervisor and trainers only. Possible v-tech training? Their numbers are low so the cost would have to be looked at.  
 Starting work on next years WWS. "Bus vs. Train"  
 This will be a multi-agency event. Claudia Howell will be the Key-Note speaker. She is looking for a good site for the impact. A committee will be set up for this; it will be a big project. Tabled until the next meeting.

Membership: At 46% we have 107 members as of today.

Old Business

By-laws:

A report was made by members of the sub-committee that looked at changing the term of service for Presidential positions. A recommendation was made to consider a two-year term for President Elect and President. The position of Past President and related duties would be made by yearly appointment by the President, drawing from the "pool" of all Past Presidents. The Board generally thought the sub-committee should explore this idea further and develop a plan with greater detail. One item brought up was that only "elected" Board members are allowed to vote. Would this eliminate one voting position?

New Business

? Is DMV notified about revoked license? Asked Craig how this was handled.

***For the Good-of-the-Order***

There was a discussion on reinstating the Northwest vs. Southwest chapter golf social. North Clackamas has the trophy.

Future Meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
October 9, Tuesday	McKenzie School District (Finn Rock?)	General Housekeeping; set Drivers' Winter Workshop date & location; set Safety Exercise date & location
November 13, Tuesday	Pioneer Restaurant, Brownsville	TBD
December 11, Tuesday	Almost Home Restraint, Salem	State of the State's Pupil Transportation
January 8, Tuesday	Pioneer Restaurant, Brownsville	Winter Workshop
February 12, Tuesday	Pioneer Restaurant, Brownsville	TBD
March 11, Tuesday	Pioneer Restaurant, Brownsville	Safety Exercise
April 8, Tuesday	Pioneer Restaurant, Brownsville	Nominate New Officers (Pres/VP/St. Rep/Treas); judge Poster Contest
May 13, Tuesday	TBD (Central Oregon?)	Elect Officers (Pres/VP/St. Rep/Treas)
June 24, Tuesday	Welch's OR Inn at the Resort	Install New Officers (Pres/VP/St. Rep/Treas)

Meeting Adjourned: 12:30 pm

Next Meeting Date: March 11<sup>th</sup> 2008

Next Meeting Location: Pioneer villa Restaurant, Brownsville