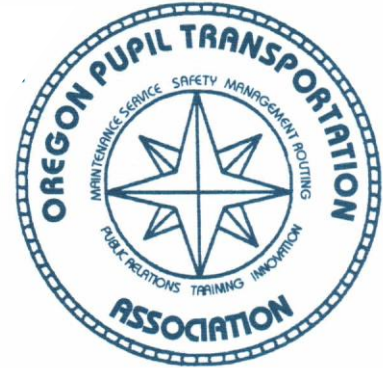


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*Minutes Of The State Board Meeting
Oregon Pupil Transportation Association
October 4th, 2007 Clackamas, Oregon*

Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM by board president, Michael Shields

In Attendance:

- Michael Shields - Kathy Houck - Chris Ellison
- Bill Mattes - Janet Alley - Deborah Lincoln
- TJ Crockett - Lynnette O'Dell - Robin Biden
- Marty Hopper - Matthew Kutcher - Keith Wright
- David Phillips

The **Agenda** was distributed and reviewed.

Minutes of the July 24th meeting were approved.

Financial Report (thru 7/23) approved. It was noted that an audit was performed through May 2007. Chapters and the State Board need to meet to complete the fiscal year audit as soon as possible. Chris, TJ and Kathy will coordinate this effort.

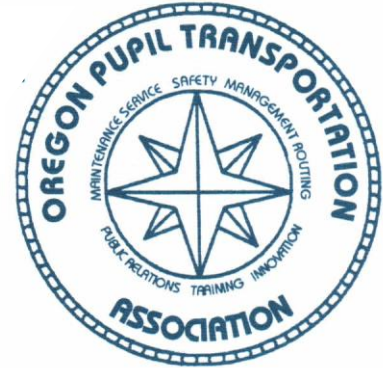
A motion was made by Chris to change the wording of the Conference Registration to charge non-members an additional fee that would not be a membership fee. Details to be worked out by the Conference Committee. Motion was seconded and past.

Chapter Reports:

Southwest: No report at this time.

Northwest: No report at this time.

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Legislative Report:

Deborah provided a brief summary of potential upcoming action regarding retiring of pre-1977 buses and use of motor coaches for pupil transportation.

Safety Exercise:

It was pointed out that the next international exercise would be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Potential participants should plan ahead to obtain a passport. There was also discussion of OPTA possibly obtaining a support vehicle for use at the Safety Exercise. This was referred to the committee who will report back to the board.

Committee Reports:

Deferred until later.

Old Business:

(A) The Board felt that there was no conflict with regard to Robin and her family having business dealings with OPTA.

(B) Discussion of Association support for events. TJ moved that the Association provide financial support to the following positions and events:

President Elect – National Conference; Transporting Students with Disabilities

President – NAPT / NASDPT

Past President – STN Conference and Expo

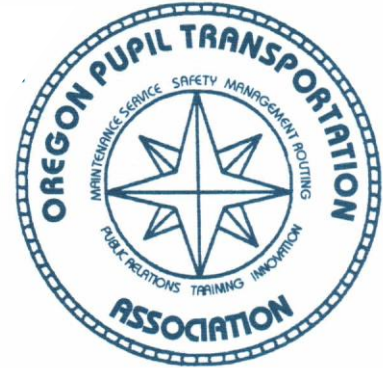
A state board member may be appointed to serve in the absence of the person holding the office. The money allotment could be used for any or all; travel, registration or other related fees. Motion was seconded and past.

(C) NAPT Convention in Portland, 2010. TJ will look into the status of this and explore forming a committee that would spearhead hosting this event. Mention was made of involving the Washington State Association as well.

New Business:

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There was discussion questioning if the State Association wanted to take a position on the topic of seat belts being required on large school buses. It was determined that the Association would not weigh in on the decision process but wanted to take a position on funding. Should this become a mandate, the Association wants to be sure that the mandate include funding for implementation. Kathy is to draft a letter in this regard for review at the next meeting.

Conference:

Deborah distributed summary materials from the 2007 conference for review.

Marty gave an update on planning for the 2008 Conference. Discussion took place on changing the times of the various vendor nights and awards events. Marty will contact the vendors to gauge interest.

The Board approved holding the 2009 Conference at the Valley River Inn and authorized Marty to renegotiate the contract with them.

Newsletter:

In progress

School Bus Safety Week:

The Chair of this committee is currently an open position.

Education:

A summary of the Performance Measures from the July 24th meeting was distributed. No further discussion or action at this time.

Winter Workshop:

Deferred until later.

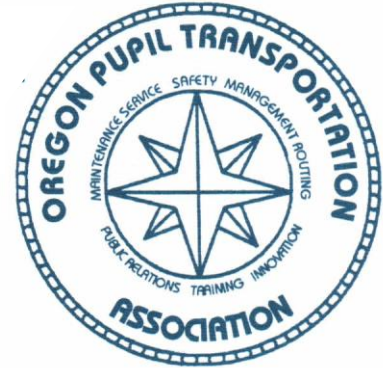
By Laws:

It was felt that the current By Laws are acceptable as written.

Membership:

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- Discussion of opening membership to people beyond the current level. The goal would be to have membership opportunities to be as inclusive as possible.
- Discussed developing an informational handout that would address why a person would want to become a member of OPTA.

Good Of The Order:

- Brief discussion of how to get transportation employment opportunities out to potential candidates.
- Next meeting in Albany at Wyatt's Eatery, December 13th.
- Marty will update the Board contact list.
- Meeting for April 11, 2008 moved to The Resort At The Mountain.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Submitted for approval,

(DP)

David A. Phillips, Recording Secretary