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## ***State Board Meeting***

March 6, 2015

Black Bear Diner, Bend OR

Attendees: Kim Crabtree, Michael Shields, David Farley, Deborah Maskal, Cindy Moran  
Chris Ellison, Sandi Miller, Tim O'Connell, Keith Bowers, Michael Wiltfong via phone

Previous Minutes: Deborah approved the minutes with revisions of State Exercise location is still up in the air at this time. David seconded the motion, approved by all.

Financial Report: Kathy Houck was not at the meeting. No report was given.

Board Reports: **Northwest** – Keith Bowers reported no one was here to represent NW. There is a workshop on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Monarch Inn, Clackamas “Family Reunification”

**South Willamette** – Cindy Moran reported, winter workshop went very well. Officer Galloway “Tall Cop Says Stop” should have been 6 hours. There were about 659 attendees.

Safety Exercise will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Salem Fairgrounds.

**Conference Committee** – Michael Shields reported conference is June 22-25<sup>th</sup> at Valley River Center. A packet has been made to help whoever takes over the following years. It shows a list of jobs, when and who took care of them. There is also minutes of each meeting and monthly timelines for each job as they are needed to be done. A schedule was shown of how the classes will be blocked out and color coded. Each of the speakers will have a space to put in a paragraph description of their class. This will be helpful for the attendees to know which classes they are interested in. At this time pictures are needed for the conference, Michael asked if anyone had pictures of past conferences to send them to him, he wants to put a slide show together. They are still working on presenters. All vendors are sponsoring a dinner and the awards banquet has been moved to a luncheon. There will be no extra charge for attendance. The 2016 and 2017 Summer Conference will be held in Bend at the River house. The contracts have been signed.

**Web Report** – Chris Ellison reported that there is need of upgrades to the website. The charge from Verb marketing is between \$100-\$150 a year for the domain name and site, also \$90 per hour for updates, \$45 for half an hour. At this time Chris waits to update more than one or two things to the site to make it more cost effective. There is \$5000 budgeted for the web site.

Proposal #1

\$225 – Direct to Tab

\$630 – Page to Page

\$405 – Jobs Admin Page

\$1800 – E-News + \$9 a month to maintain

\$3100 Total

Proposal #2

\$225 – Direct to Tab

\$630 – Page to Page

\$405 – Jobs Admin Page

\$2400 – Site becomes OPTAs, only pay verb the \$100-\$150 a year

\$3660 Allows Chris to update any time.

A discussion of the benefits of each proposal occurred.

Sandi Miller moved to pay for proposal #1 giving Chris the ability to send out news to all the districts for the amount of \$3100. Deborah seconded it, all were in favor.

This will take a couple months before it is ready to use.

We will look at the second proposal again next year.

ODE Report:

Michael Wiltfong reported via phone – It's been interesting here in Cap City due to the governor change, State change Michael Jordon. We are happy with Rob Saxton.

The budget for schools is 7.235 Billion. There will be a possible increase due to the full day kindergarten. We are hoping for 100 million for the school fund, it is really tight at this point. If there is a wage increase from 672 to 700 thousand, that is about a 28 thousand \$ increase, the impact on the school budget would be too big.

There is not a lot of movement in transportation. The transit bill passed for Portland and Eugene. There are concerns with this being limited to two areas. Michael Shields discussed the advantages Salem/Keizer to lighten the load for the school buses. Discussion continued on this topic.

There has been no activity on the seat belts.

Michael asked about the Emissions issues. MW reported budgets are not as tight but we may have to choose between a teacher and bus, what is the priority. California and Washington have more support than we do here in Oregon. The DEQ may have to step up. There will probably be more short term solutions for now, changing mufflers, filters etc. It will cost 350 Million, state wide to replace buses and 54 million to replace parts. There was an article in the Oregonian that said Salem is replacing 26 buses, Santiam Christian Buses are well maintained, and there may be a 22 million dollar kicker in the end. MS – How does the kicker work? MW – If the revenue exceeds 2% then it gets kicked back so it will depend on if the revenue exceeds 49 million.

Michael W. stated that the forum panel was fun at winter workshop. He will send the questionnaires he has back to us and we will put a letter together with the questions and answers then send them to all the districts. Cindy Moran commented that a forum would be good to do at all the Workshops at lot of people enjoyed it and want to see it back again.

Stay tuned for more as congress gets things going.

Safety Exercise:

May 30<sup>th</sup> 2015, the location for the State Safety exercise has not been secured. Kim asked Tim to check out Bend locations, David to check out Salem locations, Chris to check on Eugene locations and Cindy to check on Albany locations.

Troy Hagaman from Eugene is updating the equipment in the South Willamette trailer to meet the new scoring guidelines. Eugene donated a light bar for the top of the gator for better visibility.

Cindy Moran will order the trophies for the State safety Exercise.

Chris has the new guidelines posted on the OPTA website. The Special needs committee still needs to come up with two scenarios for the testing, one for emergency evacuation and one for behavioral.

Poster Contest: “Bully Free Zone” - Information is on the OPTA website.

Old Business: David Farley - Tech training, what is the thought on where we are going with this? Right now the districts are reluctant on sending techs to summer conference because it is just a sales pitch. Is OPTA planning on staying with fleet management or tech training? David would like to see more training on the ODE tech test, specific bus systems, new emissions and new bus issues/ camera systems, Fleet manager association, eco-friendly systems.  
Next year 2016, let’s repopulate the tech piece of the conference. There are concerns about budget for the districts. We need workshops for the next generation.  
Michael asked who will provide the leadership to follow up with the great ideas we come up with. There is an ever changing technology to make a running fleet. He asked David to take a poll on what the mechanics are interested in.  
David stated that the small districts are repairing the small stuff and sending out the big stuff.

New Business: Michael reported there are two grants in the making.  
ARTS – March  
ST – State information plan – August  
Chris reported about Operation lifesaver. Chris sits on the board and wanted to let us know what is happening. The board wants to expand the knowledge base and has new training modules. One is school bus training. They are looking for reverse business partnerships; he has put them on the website to promote the cause. There is a link under resources. If we donate to Operation lifesaver they will make themselves available to us at conferences and workshops. Chris stated he will be asking South Willamette to make a donation on our behalf.  
Chris then talked about the State awards. 5 plaques need to be purchased, 4 new and one for the mechanics. He buys at Advanced Laser and Stamp Design for \$150-\$175 per award. \$1000 will include stands to hold the plaques. Kim will send a letter to Shetcky, Western Bus, and Brattain International to see if they may want to sponsor them.

Nominations for State awards deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Awards committee will get together to pick the winners.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 3:10

Next Meeting Date: May 5<sup>th</sup> 2015

Next Meeting Location: Eugene or, Location TBA