

OREGON PUPIL  
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State Board of Directors  
October 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chris Ellison, Keith Wright, Cindy Moran, Kathy Houck, Kim Crabtree, Michael Sheilds, David Farley, Tim O'Connell , Sandi Miller, Deborah Maskal, and Michael Wiltfong. Ryan Hahn was present via Skype.

Members Missing: Cindy Sim and Janet Mauldin.

Guest: none.

Call to order at 11:15 am at the Cascade Grill Restaurant, Albany, OR.

Minutes:

Read Minutes for the May 30 meeting; approved with three changes, Read minutes for the June 16 meeting; approved with two changes, read minutes for the June 19 meeting; approved with two changes.

Financial Report:

Audit for 2013/14 year done. Paid for Conference and got reimbursement for overpayment. Financials were read and approved.

**Legislative** – Michael W. – wrapping Budget for 2015-17. State School Fund has lots of changes. Transportation Grant not talked about. Education looks good for this session. The revenue picture is picking up. ODE has moved to an online School Bus Driver application, and fingerprint Background check is becoming more automated – a big push to Live Scan – hold up seems to be the OCA number. NASDPTS in November – Michael is going. Looking to get feedback for issues at state level ie...aluminum rims vs. steel rims. Comparison numbers look in line but have to look at changes in shop ie.. tool calibration, vehicle weight rating, and public perception at extravagance. Also should look at Truck industry vs. School Bus industry. Seems to be a shortage of drivers state wide, in addition looks like there is a shortage of Tester/Trainer. Federal guidelines say cannot be the same (2/15) Michael got lots of feedback from Board members. There was talk about Bus Video's and how private companies would not release to ODE. An idea would be to have a "chain of custody" to follow the video that outlines who gets to see it and how information is used and shared. A

question was asked if any thought was given to limiting the amount of transportation for students in Day Treatment Services (DHS or McKinney-Vento Act). ODOT is looking at some kind of tracking who uses roads, and some kind of fee structure for use of State Highways Re: Bill 810. OPTA needs to monitor this so we can be a part of discussion.

#### Chapter Reports:

*Northwest: Ryan H. – The first meeting is set in Sherwood. NW is going to be using google drive for minutes and meeting documents. NW would like to shift the focus of meetings to be for training/betterment of drivers/trainers. Ryan would like to start doing a Professional Development Series and using google for approving minutes, financials, and emails. NW needs to attract more people to the chapter and give tools to other to do jobs better might be a pull in that direction. November Meeting set in Portland at PPS Transportation.*

*South Willamette Valley: Deborah M. – Cindy took notes, set dates for meetings, and set date for SWV Safety Exercise. There was a similar tone for the use of meetings. There was talk about Winter Workshop, they have a good list on interests and topics. Salem/Keiser SD had a date for VersaTrans meeting at Transportation kind of a look see at system and how training for S/K routing works. SWV picked May 2, 2015 for their Safety Exercise.*

#### Committee Reports:

**Conference-** Janet M to chair. Most of conversations have been on 2016 conference as dates are late because of late Labor Day 2015 Holiday. Committee is worried about attendance and still needs to lock down dates and place of venue. Michael S. put out some emails to vendors and they lean towards the last week of June. Thought again should be given to maybe a joint OPTA and WAPT conference. Ryan H talked a little about WAPT/OPTA shows and not one verses the other just really tailored to wapt crowd. Committee should do a Survey to see if assuming still in school, would districts send or not and what about going last week of June. Tim O is going to look at Eagle Crest on the way home to see if viable option for 2016. Riverhouse would raise room rates from \$109. To \$170. Chris got an Email about Valley River Inn 2017 and 2019 conferences. (see attached letter) It is about moving dates for both years due to another company wanting our dates. Committee to revisit Joint wapt meeting, President is Director of ESD 112 (Vancouver). A decision needs to be made by first of year. Chris will send email/letter back about Board needing to discuss and come to a resolution. Topic was tabled til next meeting.

**Speakers-** T.J. will be working this area again.

**Poster –** Need a chair for this.

**Safety Exercise-** Tim O. to chair this event. Kim C and Sandi M to help with SPED portions. Committee has picked May 30, 2015 for State Exercise.

**Web Report-** Chris – Training Tab not being utilized (Eugene and Albany only) need to forward info to Chris. Districts can put in close dates or must call for registration. Government Capitol Corporation is a new Silver Partner. Blue Star is excited but stopped follow up.

Old Business: NATT

New Business: Mentoring Program???? Road Usage fees (see legislative report) and National Conferences – NAPT Kim C. going, NASDPTS Michael W, Michael S, and Chris E. are going.

**Good of the Order-** NATT

Future Meetings: @ 11:00 am. The 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month

01/20/15 – Portland area @ TBA

03/17/15 – Central Oregon area @TBA

05/19/15 – Eugene area

06/15/15 – Pre-Conference @ Valley River Inn 09:00am

Meeting Adjourned 1551 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Keith Wright

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