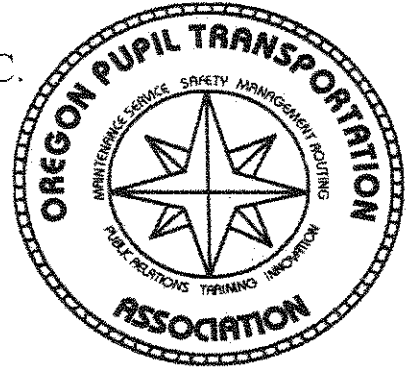


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State Board of Directors  
May 5, 2015 Meeting  
Hole in the Wall, Springfield, Oregon

Members Present: Kim Crabtree, Michael Shields, Tim O'Connell, Cindy Moran, Keith Wright, Keith Bowers, Deborah Maskal, Sandi Miller, David Farley, Chris Ellison, and Michael Wiltfong.

Members Missing: Janet Mauldin, Kathy Houck, Ryan Hahn, and Cindy Sim.

Guest: none.

Call to order at 11:27 am at the Hole in the Wall Restaurant, Springfield, OR.

Minutes:

Read Minutes for the March 6 meeting; approved by motion with a change to date of Conference.

Financial Report:

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**Legislative** – Michael W. – larger bills are taking precedence, smaller stuff is falling off. Not a lot of Transportation Bills. Funding looks to be falling in line, May 14 is the next forecast date. State is getting better about seeing money (tax) back into budget. It appears to be a trend we will see into the next biennium also. Smaller Districts are not happy with the smaller budgets. Retro fits look like there are still about 27K buses needing to be done. (2017 Diesel) Districts are starting to ask for money to do needed retrofits. David F talked about, (based on his fleet), that after retrofit the maintenance on said buses would be higher. Would rather see the money go toward new buses with lower maintenance cost.

Chapter Reports:

*Northwest: Keith B. talked with Ryan H and overall response to Rodeo was positive. NW winter workshop had a good turnout (highest in memory). The TSA program at end had a high attendance also. Ryan H. did a Re-Unification program that he has rolled out @ Astoria SD.*

*South Willamette Valley: Cindy M. – SWV donating \$1K to Operation Lifesaver for the next 3 years. SWV awarded a Conference Registration as part of the Winter Workshop. (Christy from Sherwood) SWV will also be donating \$2500.00 to the Speaker fund for Conference. Group talked about Rodeo they moved their meeting to Salem for the next on.*

Committee Reports:

**Conference-** Michael Shields says on track. T.J. working on Schedule, he will post a complete schedule when done. Board members need to show on Sunday to stuff Conference bags and complete last minute items. Michael W. is attempting to get an ODE official to speak at opening of program. Nominations will be opened on Monday, Awards on Tuesday Lunch – not very many nominations at this time. The Board will invite all nominees to Awards Lunch at Conference. The Board will pay for their lunch tickets. “Connections” program shows lots of interest. Keith W. will work on a blurb for interested vendors and distribute to all Vendors. Conf. Attendees will be assigned a number on their nametag. Vendors will then change tables so a mix of personnel and speakers can be heard by all district attendees. Trade show will follow a round of Classroom breakouts. OPTA time is scheduled for each day. Social Time is scheduled before each of the dinner events. Tee shirts or vests will be ordered for greeters and the Board to make stand out. No tickets for most meals needed as most are plated. Board needs to start thinking about promoting 2016 with a tri fold or something to get word out early. Scavenger hunt - Ryan H. will have participants seek out an answer from specific vendors. \*\*Vendor gift bags from Board – Thank You gift and some kind of Oregon trinket and a reminder about next years Conference.

**Speakers-** T.J./M. Shields/Kim C. going good at this time. Still need Speaker Buddies – looking for 15 from each chapter to have enough. Buddy would help them check in and prepare for class.

**Poster –** Ryan H. had nothing to report at this time. Voting will happen at the Trade Show on Wednesday.

**Safety Exercise-** Tim O/David F/Keith B - Thurston High School 5/30/2015. 1 SPED event will have two judges role play the challenging student, 2 need about 7 minutes for Drive portion 3 still will have w/c load and c/s securement events 4 Pre-Trip. Brattain volunteered to bring BBQ need to find someone to cook and run the food - Ask Kathy C if she is interested in selling to public at event.

**Web Report-** Chris – testing new programming will go live next week? Changes to some to the click/hover options are being made so that it takes you to info.

you are looking for. Need to ask about a “search” to help navigate.  
They’ve sent templates for “E News” some other businesses have used.

**Old Business:** tabled from last - Mentoring Program???? Road Usage fees (see legislative report October) Did questionnaires go out?

**New Business:** Promote membership! There will start to be a larger retirement group – are we promoting the younger people of OPTA and districts to step into the roles currently covered? Skype meetings/ Google hangouts – did they work and do we like them? Mic Shields brought forth an idea to partner with someone like Willamette University to co-ordinate a program. Example – If you want to be a Director of Transportation take these courses, if you want to be a Fleet Manager take these courses, and so on. Must be an active member of OPTA and maybe include a requirement to attend a chapter meeting and receive a “certificate of completion”. The chapters and Board agree that we need to keep working at the meetings to be more learning/training and less business. Could the Board make a flier to go to all Districts with OPTA benefits, forums, ODE updates, class trainings and such? Could it also be sent to Business Managers, Directors of Transportation, and Superintendents? Maybe the Board members could write what drew them to OPTA and their best memory or the best connection that they remember. Networking is an important aspect of OPTA as trainers/routers/managers capitalize on those connections for help and ideas to run at their facilities.

**Good of the Order-** none at this time.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 13:40 pm.  
Respectfully Submitted by: Keith Wright  
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