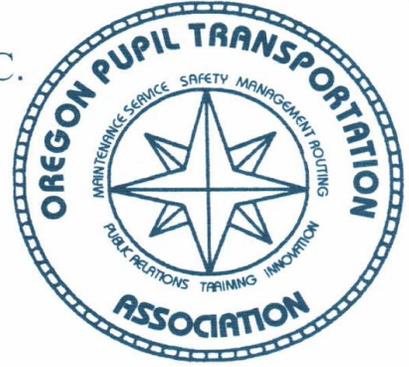


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State Board of Directors
January 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Kim Crabtree, Michael Shields, Tim O'Connell, LD Ellison, Keith Wright, Kathy Houck, Keith Bowers, Casey Jebens, Sandi Miller, Chris Ellison, and T.J. Crockett

Members Missing: Cindy Moran, Ryan Hahn, David Farley, David Jorgenson, and Sarah Drinkwater.

Guest: none.

Call to order at 11:10 am at the Spaghetti Factory Restaurant, Happy Valley, OR.

Minutes:

Read Minutes for the October meeting; approved with amendments to the minutes. The

Financial Report: Kathy H. – Audit was finished earlier that day for last years' records. Board approved last years' record. The board also approved 07/01/15 through current.

Legislative – T.J. Crockett. –Many side conversations are stemming from the question of: how do you take money from the classroom to fund bus pass (transit) or yellow bus sports practice. T.J. said a survey was sent out. Michael and T.J. sat on that committee. They will meet again in February. Radio Frequency moving forward. Next month will be a public comment period. There needs to be a second reading (March 7) then it will go to vote. ODE did not specifically include this as not reimbursable, although committee is leaning that way. Workgroup consisted of COSA, OSEA, ACLU, Kim/Tim, T.J. and others. Concerns have been voiced about “tracking” kids. (student ID on buses and school) Oregons' stature says “students” can opt out....draft settled on age 14. Feel free to submit comment so panel hears everyones point of view on it. T.J. said he feels it will be adopted. Retna scans are unregulated so could use that, if serious about tracking students. The first reading will be Thursday 1.21.16. ODE has been approached by a couple of legislators about seatbelts on buses. (kind of like putting out feelers) Last year the idea was not chaired so didn't really go anywhere. Probably, not the case this year due to NHTSA change of position.

Chapter Reports:

Northwest: Keith B. – met last Thursday. Talked over lots of items, NW new Secretary position was filled by Sean Schroder of Oregon City SD. NW talked again about changing up meeting so business items are handled electronically so they can have at least a 30 min PD Series. WW theme is “Build your Dream Team” March 7 at Monarch Hotel 8-12. Steven Fulmer and Janet Mauldin Speakers. Talked again about doing some changes to By-Laws but have not met officially. NW Opta would like to still sponsor the poster contest. They do have questions about the state monetary awards – would they still be available?

South Willamette Valley: Sandi M. –Winter Workshop “Making the Right choice” will be 2/20/16. Filming is done did flip bus with Chris E in the bus. At the workshop will have one on top, one on side, and one filled with smoke. Will also feature training with goggles on drunk driver, high driver, and high on prescription pills. Still looking for lots of volunteers. SWV talked briefly about the issues with Safety Exercise.

Committee Reports:

Conference- Michael S.-process is moving along slowly. Vendor Registration and App. Are done. Draft for Schedule is done. Linda Bluth is secured for Conference. She is willing to give multiple classes for her fee. Still working on Bill Paul for speaker. 4 people from Salem-Keizer will talk about Harassment both Sexual and Non. Leon is a Speaker from NASDPTS. Also have people from ODOT and SR2S speaking. Working with Hotel has presented some challenges. (new people and different ideas) moving forward with Golf tournament about 20 people involved so far. Michael has also put in a request for Governor to speak, but won't know til March. Having a Peer to Peer roundtable on Wednesday. Thursday will start with “Connections” which has been restricted to one speaker from each company. *need to split up districts so they all don't hear the same speakers* Trade show in the afternoon. Lunches and at least 2 dinners to apply towards the food quota. Still more work to do on the “Connections” piece. There is plenty of money in the budget but it is not in the right areas. Hotel has taken Suites out of contract. OPTA has them reserved but will pay additional if used. Committee needs to meet and vote to move money around so it is able to be used in the right areas to attract more to the conference.

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

Poster – Kim C said she will take care of the poster contest from the State level. SWV is Karla and NW is Mary C. and ?

Safety Exercise- Tim O. – state fairgrounds not an option both dates not good. Alternate dates ok but could be bumped if full price customer wants them.

(we could be bumped) \$2100.00 is the cost, same as last year. Tim O. will talk with fairgrounds about running in a different way. So as not to interfere with wedding (14th) or Republican Conference (4th). LD looked at Rickreall and it will not work. Lynn County Fairgrounds might be an option – plenty of room. Kim C. will check on that.

***ODE could put out an RFS (request for Services) on behalf of OPTA for ideas on new location for Safety Exercise and Conference.

Web Report- Chris E. – wants to get out another Enews. He has Conference Registration out. Also has Workshop classes and ODE Updates posted.

Old Business: Michael S. has a driver parking in Handicapped parking. Business office talked to the driver about it. The driver “flipped” out was the report. Michael talked to driver and DMV. – DMV says it is logged on their driving record. (SalKeiz driver did not have it logged). Several meeting later it has been resolved. Driver was using someone elses permit. It still bears the question though of should school bus drivers have ADA parking permits? Can they react in an emergency situation if they qualify for the parking permit?

New Business: Motion was made to extend Speaker budget by \$5000. It was approved by board.

Good of the Order- Replacement for Janice Briggs has been hired. They still need to be cross-trained so expect some lag time while they learn the job and come up to the level Janice was at. (Leslie only lasted 4 months) Sarah D. would like more communication out to the field. T.J. would like ideas/topics to put out there. So far they have come up with a Webinar Idea (Quarterly) they thought a good time frame would be 10-12 and length period will be dependent on subject matter. Kathy H. noticed (federal) standard has changed from 50% to 25 % tested (random drug). Alcohol standard stayed the same. She brought up the idea of what do district policy say? Do we change or stay the same? What was the rational for the change?

Future Meetings: @ 11:00 am. The 4th Tuesday of the month
03/15/16 – Sizzler Springfield, OR.
05/17/16 – Bend area
06/21/16 – Pre-Conference @ Riverhouse 09:00am
06/24/16 – Post Conference wrap up

Meeting Adjourned 13:09 pm.
Respectfully Submitted by: Keith Wright
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