

OREGON PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

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State Board

Date: June 19, 2018
Location: OPTA State Conference-Eugene Hilton
Meeting Called to Order: Chris Ellison, 9:05 AM
Members Present: Chris Ellison, Scott Bohl, Ryan Dougherty, David Jorgenson, Becky Adovnik, Stephanie Malherbe, Sandi Miller, Casey Jebens, Kathy Houck, Teri Brady, Bryan Winchester. Don Meeker and Walt Commans were in attendance as guests.

Conference Opening: Sandi Miller made a motion to open the conference, seconded by David Jorgenson. Approved.

Previous Minutes: No minutes for review.

Committee Reports

ODE Report: No updates.

Safety Exercises: The venue seemed to work quite well. A discussion was held if OPTA should go ahead and reserve First Baptist Church again for next year. It was determined that this should go to the chapter level for further discussion. Chris has worked to get a certificate of liability insurance for the next year for any events held there, as the South Willamette OPTA winter workshop will most likely be held there again. For any dates at First Baptist Church, they should be requested soon to lock in preferred schedule. Eugene SD will be purchasing non-lift Type A buses if they are needed for the competition. Once the safety exercise schedule is complete, Chris can publish the handbook.

State Board: Chris Ellison reviewed the current status of the OPTA State Board, including challenges regarding the President and President-Elect positions (both became vacant this spring). Ryan Hahn resigned his position as President Elect, and Tim O'Connell left the pupil transportation industry. Per OPTA bylaws, a list was generated of active Past-Presidents to select a President Pro-Tem to serve out the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. Chris Ellison was selected to and accepted this position. As a result of this, both a President and President-Elect will need to be nominated and voted on during the conference.

Additionally, as the pool of active Past-Presidents is limited (and may result in the future of no Past-Presidents being available to serve, an amendment to the OPTA bylaws has been proposed:

6. The past president shall be a member in good standing, who has held the office of president in the State Association, is appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. ***If no State past president is in good standing (active), or is willing or able to serve, the President shall appoint a Chapter-level past president who is a member in good standing to serve in the role as State past president. This appointment shall be approved by the Board of Directors.***

7. The webmaster shall be a current member of the association appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

The change to the webmaster position is designed to integrate it in the manner that is generally utilized, and will result in no major changes at this time. Becky Adovnik made a motion to accept the proposed amendments to the bylaws, seconded by Teri Brady. Unanimously approved.

State Conference: Chris Ellison gave the latest updates for the Summer Conference.

Keynote Speakers-an overview was given. Chris worked pricing with Mark Kendall where each attendee will receive a copy of “La Camioneta.” (\$3.25 per copy vs the \$25 that was the original price). These will be distributed immediately after the screening of the movie.

Vendor hospitality nights-an update was given. Schetky night will feature “heavy hors d’oeuvres” rather than a formal sit-down dinner.

Sandi Miller gave an update to the “passport” program. Stamps were distributed to board members/speaker buddies. Bios for speakers are published, if needed.

There are also modifications to the schedule:

- No head start/preschool roundtable
- Tim Ammon is being replaced by Tom Platt for TransPar presentations
- Malinda Sandhu is being replaced by Chris Akiyama for the Seon presentations
- There are also room changes for Friday/Saturday classes
- Theresa Anderson *may* not be coming due to health issues-more information to come.

Conference Surveys-Chris has these completed and will be sent out each night via SurveyMonkey

Nominations for State Board: The following positions will need nominations and voting at the conference:

- Director at Large (3 year term). Casey Jebens has been nominated.
- President-Elect (2 year, then 2 years as President, then possible 2 years as Past-President). Sandi Miller has been nominated.
- President (2 years, then possible 2 years as Past-President). Chris Ellison has been nominated.

Nominations close 6/20/18 at 12:00 PM. Voting will take place at the trade show, if needed.

Trade show: OPTA booth-Becky and David will make sure it is staffed. For bus vendor parking, there is a prescribed order of parking (based on a rotation to make sure each vendor gets a shot at the “prime” parking locations, and their arrival times at the parking area are staggered to facilitate this. Will need to make sure that extra tables are removed from the trade show area, as OPTA is billed \$50 for each table. Trade show runs from 1-4 PM, tear down at 4 PM.

There will be a drawing for prizes at each general session. Tickets will be distributed at the opening session.

Old Business: None

New Business: 2020 State Conference-Eugene Hilton has been sold to new owners. There were some concerns with a member of the new ownership group and if a comment that they made were consistent with the image that OPTA wishes to provide. Additionally, the 2020 Olympic Trials may be held in Eugene-if this takes place, then the conference will need to be held elsewhere. Sunriver may be a fallback option in the event that Eugene doesn’t work out.

Updated OPTA logo-Chris is working on getting this adjusted, as the current file size is too big.

South Willamette OPTA Winter Workshop: This is already in the planning stages, and will most likely produce a video. Tentative subject is live action shooter scenarios, possibly along the lines of the Reynolds SD event from a few years ago. Chris already has support from Eugene PD. Teri asked of Department of Homeland Security could be another option.

Open Discussion: Walt Commans discussed a new ASE School Bus Technician training program that is currently in development-this is important, as there are a limited number of technicians and a large number of unfilled positions. There is a lot of competition from other programs. He stressed the importance of working with local high school and colleges to help look for solutions/opportunities.

For the Good-of-the-Order

Future Meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
June 20, 2018 Wednesday	Eugene-State Conference	State Conference-General Session
June 22, 2018 Friday	Eugene-State Conference	State Conference-Organization for 2018-2019

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 AM
Next Meeting Date: June 20, 2018
Next Meeting Location: Eugene Hilton (State Conference)