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## ***State Board***

Date:	March 21, 2019
Location:	Black Bear Diner, Wilsonville
Meeting Called to Order:	Chris Ellison, 11:15 AM
Members Present:	Casey Jebens, Sandi Miller, Scott Bohl, Janet Alley, Jason Chess, Chris Ellison, David Jorgenson, T.J. Crockett, Becky Adovnik, Michael Graham (Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities) and Ed Kendzierski (Collins Bus) were also in attendance.
Previous Minutes:	Reviewed minutes from the January meeting. A motion was made by T.J. Crockett to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Sandi Miller. Approved.
Financial Report:	No updates.
Chapter Reports:	<p>Northwest: NW Winter Workshop was 3/14/19 at Reynolds SD. 28 people attended. Emma Forslund, TOSA presented on restorative justice and how it pertains to student management. T.J. Crockett presented on affecting change, and Brock Dittus from ODE also presented.</p> <p>NW Summer Workshop: 8/6-8/8/19, Location is Hazelbook ES in Tualatin . Patrick Mulick is keynote speaker, NW is looking for class instructors.</p> <p>South Willamette: SW Winter Workshop was 2/23/19 at First Baptist Church in Eugene, covering threats/weapons on the bus, and featured a live scenario to be recorded for future class use. Attendance was around 800, response overall was positive.</p>

## ***Committee Reports***

State Conference:	June 24-29 2019, Riverhouse, Bend. Conference committee met earlier today. There are approximately 45 individuals registered to date, which is about average for this point in the year. Hotel rooms are going fast, with rooms for the entire conference (including pre-conference) are very limited. Schetky (Wednesday), Western Bus (Thursday), and Peterson International (Friday) will
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be sponsoring dinners. Next conference committee meetings are 4/23 (10:00 AM), and 5/31 (9:30 AM), both in Wilsonville.

- Awards Committee: Chris Ellison has updated the awards applications, to make it easier for people to submit nominations. Janet Alley has not received any nominations as of yet; deadline is 5/10.
- Legislative/ODE: No updates. Scott and Brock just returned from attending the Transporting Students with Disabilities (TSD) conference.
- Safety Exercises: Sandi Miller will chair. Combined regional event is scheduled for 5/4/19, State event is scheduled for 6/1/19, both at the First Baptist Church in Eugene. Buses have been arranged. There may be an issue with judges' lunches, as Peterson International may not be able to sponsor. Sandi will wait until she receives confirmation on this before proceeding with an alternative plan.
- Website: Updates/upgrades to website are completed. Chris Ellison provided statistics on website traffic.
- Old Business: A/V Equipment: Chris has purchased most of the needed equipment, but is still working on purchasing wireless mics. South Willamette provided \$5,000 donation to cover the remainder of the purchases. Some of the equipment was used at the Winter Workshop, and worked very well.
- A discussion was held about State OPTA registrations, and if there could be an incentive for getting individuals registered earlier in the year.
- New Business: Michael Graham from Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities presented on their services offered regarding alternative fuels in transportation. Chris Ellison talked about the benefits of utilizing R-99 diesel, and the reduction in DEF/emissions issues when that fuel is available. Distribution is limited at this point, but can be "stacked" in tanks with B-20 diesel. R-99 is also about \$0.30 more per gallon.
- Ed Kendzierski from Collins Bus presented on their latest product offerings.
- T.J. Crockett talked about utilizing G Suite for standardizing OPTA-related email addresses, making them position-specific rather than to an individual person. This would allow easier access to board members from people looking to reach out.
- Open Discussion: None

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

Future Meetings:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
May 31, 2019 Friday	Black Bear Diner, Wilsonville
June 2019	Bend-State Conference

Meeting Adjourned: 1:15 PM

Next Meeting Date: May 31, 2019

Next Meeting Location: Black Bear Diner, Wilsonville