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State Board

Date: May 31, 2019
Location: Black Bear Diner, Wilsonville
Meeting Called to Order: Chris Ellison, 11:15 AM
Members Present: Casey Jebens, Sandi Miller, Brock Dittus, Janet Alley, Jason Chess, Chris Ellison, David Jorgenson, T.J. Crockett, Becky Adovnik, Rich Sanner, Kathy Houck. Alison Wiley from Portland General Electric was 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 Casey Jebens. Approved.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Sandi Miller to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Janet Alley. Approved.

Chapter Reports: Northwest: NW Summer Workshop: 8/6-8/8/19, Location is Hazelbook ES in Tualatin . Patrick Mulick is keynote speaker, planning work has been completed. A question was asked about whether credit card payments would be accepted. Sandi will take that back to the chapter board for further discussion.

South Willamette: Elections were held for 2019-2020 SW Board. Results are: President: David Jorgenson, Salem-Keizer. Vice-President: Ryan Dougherty, Springfield. Secretary: Tanya Adams, Eugene. Chapter Representative: Maggi Estes, Lebanon. SW will also be making a \$2,500 donation to State for the Summer Conference, to provide a light breakfast on Saturday morning.

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 at the Riverhouse are basically sold out; some districts have made reservations at nearby facilities. Schetky (Wednesday), Western Bus (Thursday), and Peterson International (Friday) will be sponsoring dinners. Rich Sanner requested that we try and engineer some sort

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of RSVP system for the dinners, as the per plate cost is quite high. We will take a look at doing this for next year.

Becky Adovnik reported that she has 30 vendors confirmed for the trade show, with three more possible. There was a question from a vendor about getting a reduced rate for the trade show, as their company is struggling financially. This vendor is also doing a presentation at the main conference. It was determined that the trade show and conference speaker activities should be treated separately, and that offering discounted trade show booths to vendors could set a bad precedent.

- Awards Committee: The awards committee will be meeting at the conclusion of today's state board meeting. We have received applications for all awards. Silke Communications will be replacing Mid-Columbia as sponsor for the Doug Flatt award, and either OPTA or Peterson International will replace Mike Miller/NAPT as sponsor of the Dennis Essary award. Chris will need the names of the winners ASAP to get the plaques ready in advance of the state conference.
- Legislative/ODE: Brock Dittus discussed some bills falling off of the legislative agenda, while seeing continued work and interest in others. The bills with the most traction were HB 2326 (increase of the newly established school transportation grant to \$2.5 million), HB 2007 (diesel emissions standards), and SB 1044 (zero emissions vehicles).
- Safety Exercises: Sandi Miller is chairing. State event is scheduled for 6/1/19 at the First Baptist Church in Eugene. Buses have been arranged. The unused trophies from the regional events will be repurposed for the team events at the state event. Casey Jebens will also be working on a feedback form for judges to note common issues that participants have in each event.
- Website: No updates.
- Old Business: A/V Equipment: Chris Ellison has purchased most of the needed equipment. To date, \$3,514 has been spent, leaving \$5,486 remaining to be spent.
- New Business: Alison Wiley from Portland General Electric was on hand to discuss electric school buses. It was noted that Oregon has received a poor grade on usage of VW monies, while California and Washington have fared better. There was discussion about the high costs of infrastructure associated with electric buses, and the lack of available funding. DEQ and PGE are looking for two districts within the PGE service area to fund a grant for assisting in the purchasing of two buses each. Chris Ellison and Michael Shields met with representatives from Daimler, and discussed some of these issues. The current cost for infrastructure ranges from \$10,000-20,000, depending on the charging type. The cost for an electric bus is considerably higher than that of other buses, with most of that attributed to the cost of batteries. There was discussion about maintenance, replacement, and disposal of batteries. There was also discussion about the possibilities of selling stored electricity back to utility companies, and that ODE does not currently have provisions in the minimum standards that allow for usage of battery powered buses (although that may change in the future).
- Chris Ellison noted that Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities had inquired about exchanging memberships with OPTA. This might be a possibility, depending on what the cost might be and if there would be any benefit to OPTA.
- Open Discussion: None

For the Good-of-the-Order

Future Meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 24, 2019	Riverhouse, Bend-State Conference

Meeting Adjourned: 1:00 PM

Next Meeting Date: June 24, 2019

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