



OREGON PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.
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State Board

Date: September 27, 2018
Location: Black Bear Diner, Wilsonville
Meeting Called to Order: Chris Ellison, 11:00 AM
Members Present: Chris Ellison, Scott Bohl, David Jorgenson, Sandi Miller, Casey Jebens, Kathy Houck, Teri Brady, T.J. Crockett, Bryan Winchester, Rich Sanner, Janet Alley, Jason Chess

Previous Minutes: No minutes for review. Minutes from June and today's meeting will be available at the November meeting for review. June minutes are also currently posted to the OPTA website.

Financial Report:

Beginning Balance:	\$50,174.72
Income	\$14,490.00
Expenses	<u>\$40,461.67</u>
Ending Balance:	\$17,092.75

Income was from State Conference activities (registrations, vendor contributions). Expenses were also related to conference, including payment to hotel and speaker fees. Chris has negotiated with hotel in regard to A/V fees, as they were much higher than anticipated. All hotel-related expenses should now be paid. There are also membership dues waiting to be processed. Rich Sanner mentioned that Brattain International has been bought out by Peterson Cat, so their dues may be delayed.

Chapter Reports: Northwest: First meeting is 10/11 at Parkrose SD, 10:30 AM.
South Willamette: First meeting is 10/11 at Carino's restaurant in Albany, 11:00 AM.

Committee Reports

State Conference: June 24-29 2019, Riverhouse, Bend. Chris will reach out NASDPTS and NAPT for speakers. He has also reached out to Karen Main (she was well-received at this year's conference), and requested that she hold the dates for the conference. T.J. Crockett will be gathering a committee to help with planning. The dates for

the 2019 conference conflict with the traditional dates for the Northwest OPTA summer workshop; they will need to discuss alternatives. Chris also mentioned the possibility of changing the format of our vendor nights, based on feedback from vendors and attendees-vendors may not be getting the value needed based on the amounts of money they are spending to host these nights. Chris has talked with all three of the primary vendors. Western would like to continue hosting their own evening, Brattain/Peterson and Schetky may work together. Chris mentioned that the amounts of money that vendors have spent on these events may be disproportionate compared to other similar events. Sandi Miller also mentioned that her district enjoyed the opportunity to have an “on your own” night. Chris is also working to update the awards nomination forms, as there is unnecessary information, and he will also be adding a spot for a supervisor’s signature, as there were issues that came up during the nomination process last year.

Awards Committee: No updates.

Legislative/ODE: The new legislative session is upcoming. ODE has received notice from NTSB/NHTSA about the status of seat belt legislation. In the wake of the Baltimore bus crash, there has also been more discussion about technology pertaining to lane departure and crash avoidance. HB 4130 is in process, pertaining to non-reimbursable transportation costs. Districts will be ranked within their reimbursement levels (90%-80%-70%) for awarding of funding. DMV and ODE are in the process of working through issues pertaining to certification of 3rd party testers-this is still in process and could potentially cause issues for testers and districts if an agreement is not in place prior to October 1st.

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. There was discussion about altering some events to match the international competition:

- Right/left turn-using cones to mark curb (these will be removed)
- National anthem-this will be added
- PowerPoints available with course layout-these will not be added
- No cones marking score sheet pick-up location at events, runners on course to collect sheets-this will not be adopted

Website: Chris Ellison presented options available for making updates to the OPTA website:

- Option 1 (\$1,170)-General website/admin tool updates
- Option 2 (\$1,440)-Admin tool updates/past requests
- Option 3 (\$4,140)-Updates specific to summer conference

There was discussion about the cost of these updates and redirecting some funds budgeted to travel to the website. Chris will do some additional research on what the budget has allocated/encumbered and then send out via email.

Old Business: By-law changes: The proposed change to allow chapter past-presidents to serve the president if no past-presidents are available passed at the summer conference. There is also a proposal to raise the registration fees for the summer conference, as there has not been an increase in several years, despite increased costs. The proposed fees will be \$150 (\$175 for late registrants) for members, and \$200 (\$225 for late registrants) for non-members.

New Business:

Future conferences:

2020: 6/13-6/18 (Saturday-Thursday). Location not confirmed, Riverhouse has these dates available.

2021: 6/21-6/26 (Monday-Saturday), trying to change to 6/14-6/19

Vendor Representative board position: This is a new, non-voting position that will require a by-law change. The representative will rotate between Brattain, Schetky, and Western on a yearly basis, starting with Brattain. A question was raised if other vendors should be included, but as the three bus vendors provide the bulk of the support to OPTA, they will be the ones in the rotation.

Voting via email: T.J. Crockett raised a question about whether voting on board actions could be done via email. More research on the by-laws is needed.

Open Discussion:

None

For the Good-of-the-Order

Future Meetings:

Date	Location
November 29, 2018 Thursday	Eugene/Brattain International
January 24, 2019 Thursday	
March 21, 2019 Thursday	
May 31, 2019 Friday	Bend
June 2019	Bend-State Conference

Meeting Adjourned:

1:10 PM

Next Meeting Date:

November 29, 2018

Next Meeting Location:

Eugene/Brattain International