



**OREGON PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.**
optaschoolbus.org

A non-profit organization

State Board

Date:	June 19, 2020
Location:	Virtual Meeting, Zoom
Meeting Called to Order:	Chris Ellison, 11:00 AM
Members Present:	David Jorgenson, Maggi Estes, T.J. Crockett, Chris Ellison, Geoff Smoke, Scott Bohl, Sean Schroeder, Kathy Houck, Teri Brady, Sandi Miller, Brock Dittus, Kim Hevia
Previous Minutes:	New business-typo. Parentheses open but not closed. T.J. made a motion to approve the minutes as amended (remove parentheses), seconded by Geoff Smoke, approved.
Financial Report:	Not much activity, paid rent for storage for A/V equipment, and website fees. Received dues for state membership. T.J. Crockett made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Maggi Estes, approved.
Chapter Reports:	<p>South Willamette: Will be scheduling a “touch-base” virtual meeting for next week. Now that current board will be rolling forward, we will be starting to conceptualize the winter workshop and what that might look like.</p> <p>Northwest: Still working on goals. Summer workshop planning going on, may be moved to fall. T.J. will be stepping down as president, Sean will assume presidency.</p>
Vendor Updates:	Kim sent some information to ODE on driver protective shielding. They are also working with a new company on Aegis, a disinfectant product. Kim will be sending out information on this. Schetky will be including it on PDI of their new bus deliveries. They are looking at having some meetings/presentations about it as well.

Committee Reports

- State Conference:** The 2020 conference reservation has been rescheduled to 2023. Venue is still working on contracts, should be done in the next couple of months. Room rates will be higher in the future, but that is expected. Venue has been great to work with. 2021 conference will be at the Riverhouse in Bend, 2022-2024 conferences will be at the Resort at Mt. Hood in Welches.
- Awards:** Janet has received a few more nominations, but we still do not have many. Some awards still have no nominations. Janet suggested moving the deadline to 7/15- however, that may not do much to get more, as many folks are out during the summer. Chris put out a blurb in the last e-news, and Brock added a mention in the latest pupil transportation newsletter. At this point, the deadline will remain on 6/30/20. Janet will convene the awards committee to review the nominations. Kathy inquired about invoicing vendors for awards that are/are not given out. Chris noted that it would be unfair to invoice sponsors for awards that are not given out. T.J. made a motion that OPTA covers the costs of awards for this year instead of vendors, seconded by Teri. Chris also asked about vendors covering the cost of awards due to the fact that they will eventually get the “face time” for presenting the awards. Kim indicated that they would have no issue with paying for awards, since some of their other costs have decreased. Teri noted that vendors would only possibly getting the face time once (in 2021)-would that be fair? Kim is fine with it-there are larger issues at hand, and they will still be able to use the awards in social media and other promotions. T.J. mentioned that there may be some value in OPTA taking care of the awards this year, since we utilize our vendors often for support. Teri made a point of order to clarify that awards will be announced this year but presented next year. Motion passed.
- Legislative/ODE:** Will be sending out a notification on a memo regarding an extension of the temporary rule for certificates for school bus drivers through October 31-if drivers are not in compliance with ODE hours, they may renew through this date.
- Safety Exercises:** No updates.
- Website:** Chris budgeted \$5,000 for updating/re-skinning the website. He would like to spread this out over two years. Chris thinks that given our current situation, we should wait until next year until our financial situation is clearer. Consensus is that we will wait until next year-no motion needed to not spend the money.
- Old Business:** No updates.
- New Business:** Bylaws: T.J. Crockett drafted and sent out an update to the OPTA bylaws for the COVID situation.
- T.J. Crockett made a motion to accept bylaw change #1 (no annual meeting this year, freezing the board for another year) as presented to put forward to board membership, seconded by David Jorgenson. Chris Ellison suggested a change to the description of the effects of yes or no votes, but no change to the actual bylaw change. Approved, and the committee will update the language on the effects.
- T.J. Crockett made a motion to adopt bylaw change #2 (regarding annual meetings, elections, and budget) as presented to put forward to board membership, seconded by Teri Brady. Approved.
- These amendments need to be sent out by June 30-T.J. Crockett discussed the issue of the 30-day notice to members, but what would the effects be if votes were received after June 30. There are two possible options-a workaround to allow

membership to be extended in this case so that the vote may be completed, or should the vote be postponed until later (most likely until after school resumes). Extensive discussion was held over the benefits and drawbacks of attempting to hold a vote this year or holding off until a later date.

T.J. Crockett made a motion to send out the ballots by October 1, 2020, with notification to all active and inactive members of the vote. Chris Ellison made a proposed amendment to the motion to receive ballots back by October 16, 2020, seconded by T.J. Crockett. Passed.

Randy Schetky award-will be going into effect for 2020, but will not be publicized as such. Kim would like to designate the supervisor of the year award in his name. This will allow us time to build the story (the “why” and “who” behind the award). A question was raised about whether a motion would be needed to rename the award-it is not, as awards are handled internally by the state board.

Open Discussion: None

For the Good-of-the-Order

Future Meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 23, 2020	Virtual Meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 12:30 PM

Next Meeting Date: October 23, 2020

Next Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)