



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

A non-profit organization

State Board

Date:	October 18, 2019
Location:	Schetky Bus & Van Sales, Portland
Meeting Called to Order:	Chris Ellison, 11:11 AM
Members Present:	Teri Brady, Geoff Smoke, Maggi Estes, Tanya Adams, Janet Alley, Sean Schroeder, Sandi Miller, Scott Bohl, T.J. Crockett, Chris Ellison, Kathy Houck, Kim Hevia, Kevin Kramer, Chase Schetky
Previous Minutes:	No updates.
Financial Report:	The membership email reminder was sent out in July, resulting in a small jump in numbers. Invoices were sent out for business partners and for awards. The annual audit will be coming up in November. With OPTA's non-profit status, is there a cap on the amount there can be in our checking account? There was discussion about "weathering the storm" in the event the economy fades.
Chapter Reports:	South Willamette: No updates, first meeting is 10/22 in Springfield. Northwest: NW has been working on committee assignments, bylaws, and membership. They are planning a retreat for the board and members, focusing on vision-setting and budget.
Vendor Updates:	Kim Hevia discussed new products from Thomas and Collins, including electric buses. Kevin Kramer presented a spreadsheet on average MPG for different fuel options-this is available to anyone by request.

Committee Reports

State Conference:	Conference is 6/16-6/20 at the Resort at the Mountain in Welches, although the dates could shift by a day or two. The conference committee would like to reach out to NW and SW for \$2,500 donations for sponsored breaks, similar to last year. The budget for speakers should be good. Meals and budget still need to be planned. We will need to talk with vendors about outside exhibits, and there is ongoing discussion with the
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venue about new lots. A list of possible speakers was discussed. There was also discussion about vendor dinners/attendance, the schedule, and the length of the conference.

- Awards Committee: Janet Alley is still working on the history of the OPTA awards. There was a good number of nominations last year. This could have been due to the simplification of the nomination forms. Another plaque will need to be purchased for Jaiver Davenport, as the original one had his name misspelled-this was an OPTA error. It was noted that the nomination forms should be posted to the OPTA website as soon as possible.
- Legislative/ODE: ODE reports that there is a short session this year. There has not been much impact from legislature this year, and there hasn't been much chatter about anything new forthcoming. The rollout of the ELDT program will be pushed back to 2/7/22, as the IT infrastructure is still not in place. The FMCSA national clearinghouse is still rolling out-registration is tedious, and all drivers must register.
- Safety Exercises: Tentative dates are 5/2/20 for the combined regional event and 5/30/20 for the State event. There was discussion about the locations (Reynolds MS is a possibility for one of the events, and the Eugene First Baptist Church for the other), set-up, and marking of events.
- Website: There was discussion about needed updates to the OPTA website, as the website is based on 8-10 year old technology, and a re-skin/redesign would solve many of the issues with trying to update and maintain the website. The cost of this is approximately \$10,000. The budget will need to be updated to accommodate this cost, and the cost will need to be spread out between 2019-20 and 2020-21.
- Old Business: Chris Ellison is still in the process of procuring A/V equipment. He will take advantage of upcoming holiday sales to try and get the best deals possible. \$3,514 has been spent so far, with a balance of \$5486 remaining.
- It was noted that there are current State Board members that are not active.
- NAPT Affiliate Membership-is this still needed? \$300 membership cost to join in December of January. There was discussion about budgeting for travel-50% of the registration cost needs to be used for NAPT. We also need to discuss vendor sponsorship packages, and utilizing few sponsored registrations to conference.
- New Business: The NASDPTS conference was held in October, and was a great conference. There was a large focus on disaster response and investigation, using TWA flight 800 as an example. There was also a report on transportation for McKinney-Vento/homeless/foster students.
- NHTSA is looking for feedback on seat belts in school buses, especially large buses.
- DERA grant funding deadline is 10/30; there is approximately \$10 million in funding available.
- T.J. Crockett gave updates about Google's G-Suite and possible utilization for OPTA.
- Open Discussion: None

For the Good-of-the-Order

Future Meetings:

Date	Location
November 15, 2019	Black Bear Diner, Wilsonville
January 16, 2020	Black Bear Diner, Wilsonville
March 19, 2020	Black Bear Diner, Wilsonville
May 29, 2020	Eugene

Meeting Adjourned: 1:42 PM

Next Meeting Date: November 15, 2019

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