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## ***South Willamette Chapter***

Date: October 11, 2018  
Location: Carino's Restaurant, Albany  
Meeting Called to Order: David Jorgenson, 11:05 AM  
Members Present: David Jorgenson, Ryan Dougherty, Denise Newton, Chris Ellison, Carla Tysor, Bryan Winchester, Craig Pruitt, Kevin Kramer, Diane Clinkscales, Deborah Maskal, Cindy Moran, Russ Buttram, Mindy Parsons, Tammie Prock, Tanya Adams, Robert Mazuri, Jason Morrow, Camryn Engle, Becky Weeks

Previous Minutes: A motion was made by Bryan Winchester to approve the previous minutes as presented, seconded by Chris Ellison. Approved.

Financial Report:	Beginning Balance:	\$22,879.84
	Income	\$ 1.91
	Expenses	<u>\$ 547.05</u>
	Ending Balance:	\$22,333.11

Income was from interest generated. Expenses were from reimbursement to Eugene SD for cleaning of safety exercise vests and a scholarship for the international safety exercise. A motion was made by Chris Ellison to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Becky Weeks. Approved.

### ***Committee Reports***

State Board: First State Board meeting of the year was held on 9/27 in Wilsonville. There was a debrief about the state conference, including issues pertaining to audio-visual expenses, and how to deal with these moving forward. There was also discussion about "vendor nights" and what they may look like in the future-vendors spend a considerable amount of money on these events, and may not be getting the return they need to offset the costs. The board is considering what these events may look like in future years (at the national level and other state conferences, these events are a lot different. The 2019 summer conference will be held at the Riverhouse in Bend, June 24-29. The conference schedule will look a little different, as the typical dates were not available. Options for the 2020 conference are the Riverhouse and the Resort at Mt. Hood (the Hilton contract was canceled due to the 2020 Olympic Trials in Eugene and the issues encountered at this year's conference). There has also been a non-voting Vendor Representative

position added to the board, which will rotate between the three bus vendors (the 2018-2019 representative is Rich Sanner from Brattain International). This was created to help the board better work collaboratively with vendors to ensure that everyone's needs are met.

ODE Report:

Candace Pelt, Ed.D. has replaced Sarah Drinkwater as director of pupil transportation and fingerprinting. Brock Dittus (previously of Portland Public Schools) has been hired to fill the vacant Program Analyst position. ODE and DMV reached an agreement to extend the third-party program contract to 7/1/19, and will require some changes to the program. New examiner cards were mailed out extending examiner status to 9/30/19 (assuming a new contract as if 7/1/19). The first changes were emailed out 10/5 to examiners at active testing sites. Once ODE receives the forms back, they will transfer them to DMV. One set of documents will cover all examiners at each location/contractor.

ODE would like to remind everyone that applicants must have the correct driving documents to be on the road with a trainer. An incorrect CLP does not grant driving privileges, even if the error was made by DMV or a supervisor. Driving documents should be checked each time the applicant goes out, and the examiner should not serve as the filter.

ODE is traveling this month with Buster, and will start school visits next month.

ODE is working with Steven Huilett on the 2018 Minimum Standards.

Eric Feeley has replaced Kevin Downing at DEQ, and is working with Gerik Kransky on retrofit/replacement program. The EPA also just opened up an additional program: The 2018 DERA School Bus Rebate Program. Information is available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-rebates>

Safety Exercises:

Combined regional event is 5/4/19, state event is 6/1/19, both at First Baptist Church in Eugene. Sandi Miller is the chair for the state event, T.J. Crockett and David Jorgenson will co-chair the regional event. SW will need to provide a head judge. All are welcome to attend, and judges are always needed. There is talk about moving events to the NW area next year (no specific location at this time).

Winter Workshop:

Will be held 2/23/19 at First Baptist Church in Eugene. Chris Ellison is working on an active shooter program, including videotaping for future training use. The preliminary plan is to start with small incidents, working up in intensity, to the Reynolds SD event from a few years ago. Chris has already been in contact with Eugene PD/SWAT and Lane County SWAT to participate. He will be reaching out to vendors for possible donations of buses to use in the program. He is also looking at contacting Nancy Blackwelder to come and speak about student management/safety. Chris hopes to have more information and what specific needs may be in the next week or so. He will also talk to ODE about the format for distribution. Many of the copies of previous events seem to have disappeared, and they are labor-intensive to produce. They will look at electronic distribution options to see what might work best.

Sunshine:

None. Tanya Adams volunteered for Eugene SD to assist with this position this year.

Education:

Jason Morrow and Camryn Engle from Blue Star Gas talked about the services/assistance they can provide for districts looking at propane buses.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chis Ellison talked about the need to increase registration fees for the state conference, based on the fact that they haven't been increased in several years and costs keep increasing. He also discussed the pricing of audio-visual services at conferences, and most locations are going to "ala carte" pricing. There was discussion about OPTA purchasing equipment for use at these events-total cost would be approximately \$8000 (yearly expenses at conference far exceeds this amount). Chis proposed each chapter donating \$2,000 to State, and State donating the remaining \$4,000 for purchasing this equipment. Cindy Moran made a motion for SW to donate \$2,000 to State for purchase of the equipment, seconded by Deborah Maskal. Approved.

Carla Tysor mentioned that it may be time for SW to purchase a new printer, as she has been encountering issues when she tries to use it (the current printer is an inkjet model, and due to the infrequent use, it frequently needs cleaning/maintenance/new ink). David and Carla will research models to see what may work best and bring that information back to the board for approval.

Open Discussion: None

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

Future Meetings:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Topic</b>
November 8, 2018	TBD	
December 13, 2018	TBD	
January 10, 2019	TBD	
February 14, 2019	TBD	
March 14, 2019	TBD	
April 11, 2019	TBD	
May 9, 2019	TBD	
June 2019	Summer Conference, Bend	

Meeting Adjourned: 1:00 PM

Next Meeting Date: November 8, 2018

Next Meeting Location: TBA