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## ***South Willamette Chapter***

Date: April 16, 2019  
Location: Carino's Restaurant, Albany  
Meeting Called to Order: David Jorgenson, 11:15 AM  
Members Present: Chris Ellison, Carla Tysor, Tanya Adams, Robert Manzi, Craig Pruitt, David Jorgenson, Kevin Kramer, Shawn Choruby, Rich Sanner, Russ Buttram

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

Financial Report:

Beginning Balance:	\$33,241.37
Income	\$ 0.00
Expenses	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Ending Balance:	\$33,241.37

A number of checks for Winter Workshop are uncleared at this time.

A motion was made by Robert Manzi to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Tanya Adams. Approved.

### ***Committee Reports***

State Board: Last meeting was 3/21 in Wilsonville.

Rooms for the summer conference are filling up fast, especially for those wishing to participate in the pre-conference. The schedule has been posted to the website. The pre-conference will feature "Speed of Trust" for supervisors, Special Education Transportation 101, refresher classes for behind the wheel trainers and classroom instructors, and new technology in school buses on the fleet side. Speaker information will be posted to the website in the next few weeks.

Chris Ellison has updated the awards information on the website, including the new, streamlined application forms. The deadline for applications is 5/10/19. They should be submitted to Janet Alley (North Clackamas SD, State OPTA Past-President).

ODE Report:

Third Party Program:

The Current Memorandum of Agreement expires June 1, 2019. DMV is in progress to set up agreements with school districts. Meetings with OASBO on a “chapter” level. Brock has attended one, called into another, and DMV has met with three others. One more meeting to attend. No word yet on contracts.

Examiner moves are going well. The biggest challenge has been the test route approval. The process is a little slower; however, we are getting them through.

Manuals:

Entry Level Driver training revision committee has meet. Attendees are working on pieces. Still on schedule for a draft in June.

Maintenance Manual:

Some parts are done and in review now. Planned for June release at the summer workshop.

Classes:

Behind-the-Wheel class had 28 attendees; results should be out by May 1. Core and Third-Party signups are going well. Evaluations will be set up for July and August. Notice should be going out next month.

Accidents:

Currently at 385, as of 04/10/19. Leading cause continues to be fixed objects and parked vehicles. “One district reported to Craig yesterday that of the crashes they have had this year only 1% of their at fault accidents involved moving vehicles, the rest involved fixed objects, or Park vehicles”. Over the last five years ODE at fault rate has been near 70% or higher, with fixed object crashes being nearly 60% of the at fault crashes.

Legislation: See attached

Safety Exercises:

Combined regional event is 5/4/19, state event is 6/1/19, both at First Baptist Church in Eugene. The manual for this year’s safety exercises has also been posted to the OPTA website. Applications for the regional events will go to David Jorgenson, state events will go to Chris Ellison, and judging applications will go to Sandi Miller. Casey Jebens will be the head judge. Applications for regional events are due this Friday, 4/19. Eugene SD and Bethel/Fern Ridge First Student will be providing buses. Trophies have been ordered. Schetky will be providing doughnuts and coffee, Western will be providing water for judges, and Peterson is working with Chris on lunches for judges. Portland and Sherwood are coming down Friday night for set-up. More judges are needed.

Winter Workshop:

No updates.

Sunshine:

Bob Stainbrook (driver, Salem-Keizer)-retired after over 40 years as a bus driver.

Lesley Reeves (trainer, Eugene)-death in family

Education: Kevin Kramer from Schetky Bus & Van Sales presented information on their latest product offerings. Kevin also noted that a retrofit kit for the rear emergency window on HDX models is now available. There is an approximately 2 month lead time for ordering, and installs take 1-2 hours. He also shared that Schetky has achieved platinum status and is the Thomas dealer of the year for the western region.

Shawn Choruby from Western Bus Sales shared that they have just added a paint booth at their location, and it is capable of fitting a full-sized bus. He mentioned that they will have new and exciting things at the summer conference.

Rich Sanner from Peterson International shared that the transition to new ownership is still in progress. As a result of the merging of Brattain and Peterson, they will be consolidating operations in locations where both previously existed. Rich will have demonstrator models of buses with their gas engines and collision mitigation features available soon.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Nominations are open for South Willamette chapter board positions for 2019-2020.

The positions that are open (with currently interested individuals) are:

President: David Jorgenson (Salem-Keizer)  
Vice-President: Ryan Dougherty (Springfield)  
Chapter Representative: Maggi Estes (Lebanon)  
Secretary: Tanya Adams (Eugene)

Contact David Jorgenson if you are interested in being nominated for one of these positions.

Open Discussion: Russ Buttram asked a question about siting of bus stops for new developments, and if anyone had any experience with getting designated bus stops/waiting areas placed during development.

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

Future Meetings:

May 21, 2019	Springfield/Sizzler	
June 2019	Summer Conference, Bend	

Meeting Adjourned: 12:30 PM

Next Meeting Date: May 21, 2019

Next Meeting Location: Sizzler, Springfield

## 2019 Legislature/OPTA Report

Bill/ Last Action	Summary	Description
SB 400 01/04/19	Transportation reimbursement for summer programs	This bill would clarify that transportation for summer programs qualifies for reimbursement from the transportation grant.
HB 2309 1/15/19	Electric school bus loans	This bill would create the Electric Bus Loan Fund in the state treasury to dedicate funds for loan to districts who wish to purchase electric vehicles, thereby reducing the barrier to entry for such districts. It deputizes the Department of Transportation to develop and implement the loan program's structure. It also assigns money from repayment of loans to the created fund to create a perpetually available loan option for the stated purpose.
HB 2326 04/01/19 Work session	Reimbursable no-academic trips <i>Increase to HB 4130</i>	This bill increases the amount of funding tenfold for otherwise non-reimbursable transportation costs. Making it possible for eligible school districts to increase the amount of trips made in rural or historically disadvantaged populations and adding value to the educational experience of students whose participation in some activities outside the classroom, which might not technically qualify for state funding and thus be cancelled
SB 561 01/04/19	Grants for safety improvement near schools	Reduces the applicant's is qualifying cash match amount to 20% of a project's costs, allowing improvements to be made with a lower cost to the locality.
HB 2007 03/21/19 Public hearing	Diesel emissions	This bill aims to hone these emissions to more acceptable levels using vehicle replacement, retrofits, and fleet averaging methods. It also aims to specify how distribution of funds from the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement will be conducted. Specific to school buses, it gives preference to the most efficient methods of reducing emissions in communities most affected by poor air quality. It also specifies how clean diesel in public contracts business use will be assisted, and establishes a diverse task force to deal with the issue
SB 1016 03/29/19 Public hearing	Two way communication	This bill introduces language that modifies current statute regarding handheld electronic devices while operating a vehicle to except operators of school buses from this prohibition when they are using dedicated systems designed for contacting their dispatcher while operating their school bus.