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## ***South Willamette Chapter***

Date: May 21, 2019  
Location: Sizzler Restaurant, Springfield  
Meeting Called to Order: David Jorgenson, 11:20 AM  
Members Present: Joanna Morris, Ashleigh Barley, Ryan Dougherty, Maggi Estes, David Jorgenson, Rich Sanner, Craig Pruitt, Cheryl Hicks, Darel Bidwell, Brenda Tunnell, Shawn Choruby, Lesley Reeves, Tanya Adams, Mindy Parsons, Chris Ellison

Previous Minutes: A motion was made by Tanya Adams to approve the previous minutes with corrections, seconded by Chris Ellison. Approved.

Financial Report: No official updates. Payments have been made-\$1,800 for expenses related to the safety exercises, \$1,800 for OPTA awards. Chris Ellison is checking to see if we will need to make an additional payment to Eugene PD for overtime costs related to the Winter Workshop.

### ***Committee Reports***

State Board: No updates. Next meeting is 5/31 in Wilsonville.

Early bird registration for the Summer Conference ends 5/24. Hotel rooms are filling up fast. Discussion was held about the SW chapter sponsoring a break (NW has already committed to sponsoring one). The consensus was that this would be something important from a perception issue, and would provide a benefit to attendees. Ryan Dougherty made a motion to donate \$2,500 toward providing breakfast on Saturday, seconded by Brenda Tunnell, approved.

ODE Report: **Third Party Program:**

Current Interagency Governmental Agreement expires June 1, 2019. DMV is setting up agreements with school districts. Last discussion with DMV was to send out the IGA last May 17. Please contact Nick Hopper if you have questions. Email would be best.

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All active examiners should plan to attend the DMV's presentation in Bend.

**Manuals:**

Core and Behind the Wheel manuals incorporating "entry level driver" material are in draft. Some material has come in from contributors, for which we are grateful. Brock will cover updates to the curriculum in a presentation at the OPTA Conference in Bend.

**Maintenance Manual:**

Section A and B are done. C and D are waiting for responses from vendors. Planned for June release.

**Classes:**

- Behind-the-Wheel Instructor certificates were mailed May 1, 2017.
- Third-Party class is full at 12. ODE and DMV will co-teach the examiner program.
- Core week one is full, week two has five slots (16 have not completed registration).
- Evaluations will be set up for July and August. DMV is waiting until June 1 to reach out to those who require the review. Look for a notice next month.

**Scott:** Crashes must stop, especially into fixed objects; we are nearing the 450 mark. There are at least 6, or more, roll away crashes each year. The job of setting the park brake cannot be missed. Training should include repetitive practice on the stop sequence; if it's always, the same fewer failures will occur. Whether it's a student stop, unloading at the school, or parking at the bus yard the park brake is first on last off in the process, that means, set the brake and then put the transmission in neutral. When you are ready to leave put the transmission in gear first then release the parking brake.

**Legislation:** House Bill 2007 has a work session 05/21/19. Others appear to be on hold. Electric school bus is getting some "Buzz" though no legislation has gained traction. See attached information.

**Classroom Training:** Flo is out of the office for the next couple of weeks. When she returns, training which can be posted will be, and spring reports run. If you have training which has not been sent in, now is the time. Hint!

Safety Exercises:

Combined regional event was held 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 state events will go to Chris Ellison; judging applications will go to Sandi Miller. Casey Jebens will be the head judge. Applications for the state event were due on 5/17.. 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:

Michael Burton, Salem-Kezier (retirement)

Carla Tysor, Eugene (injury)  
Tony Garino, Eagle Point (passed away, card for family)

Education: Shawn Choruby from Western Bus Sales shared information on new products coming from Blue Bird, including their new electric school bus.  
  
Rich Sanner from Peterson shared that they will have a “ride and drive” of buses featuring their new collision mitigation technology at the summer conference.

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)

There were no new nominations received; the listed individuals were motioned, seconded, and approved to these positions by acclamation.

Open Discussion: None.

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

Future Meetings:

May 21, 2019	Springfield/Sizzler	
June 2019	Summer Conference, Bend	Install New Officers

Meeting Adjourned: 12:40 PM

Next Meeting Date: June 26, 2019

Next Meeting Location: Summer Conference, Riverhouse, Bend

Bill Number / Version / Action	Relating to...	Summary according to Brock	Bill Location	Action Date	Action / Status	Priority
SB 400	transportation reimbursement for summer programs	This bill would clarify that transportation for summer programs qualifies for reimbursement from the transportation grant.	Senate Committee	01/14/19	Introduced	3 - Low
HB 2326	reimbursable non-academic trips	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 might not technically qualify for state funding and thus be cancelled.	Senate Committee	04/01/19	Work Session	2 - Medium
HB 2309	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.	House Committee	01/15/19	Introduced	5 - Monitor for potential impact to ODE

<b>SB 561</b>	<b>grants for safety improvement near schools</b>	<b>Reduces the applicant's qualifying cash match amount to 20% of a project's costs, allowing improvements to be made with a lower cost to the locality.</b>	Senate Committee	01/14/19	Introduced	<b>4 - All State Agencies</b>
<b>HB 2007</b>	<b>diesel emissions</b>	<b>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 issues.</b>	House Committee	03/21/19	public hearing held	<b>3 - Low</b>
<b>SB 1016</b>	<b>two way communication devices</b>	<b>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.</b>	Senate Committee	03/29/19	Public Hearing	<b>3 - Low</b>