



OCEAN

Oregon Conservation Employees Association Network

08 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 1, 2008

Newport, Oregon

Attendance:

2008 Member

Jane Keppinger-Marion SWCD
Janet Greenup-Morrow SWCD
Diana Lobo-E Multnomah SWCD
Autumn Bryant-Tualatin SWCD
Barbara Grant-Curry SWCD
Eric Himmelreich-Coos SWCD
Luca De Stefanis-Marion SWCD
Merilee McDowell-Morrow SWCD
Larry Ojua-ODA-Assoc.
Walt Baron-Douglas SWCD
Rick Gruen-Clackamas Co. SWCD

Guests

Lissa Adams- E Multnomah SWCD
Tanya Jorgenson-Lincoln SWCD
Tom Straughan-ODA/Umatilla Co. SWCD
Kari Hollander-Columbia SWCD
Nancey Pennington-Lakeview/FRSL
Susan Mungarro-Lakeview/FRSL
Kim Peterson-WMultnomah SWCD
Jason Faucera-Marion SWCD
Eann Rains-Clackamas Co. SWCD
Bill Eagle-Columbia SWCD
Don Guttridge-Clackamas Co. SWCD
Joe Siri-Siri & Son Farms
Alma Siri-Siri & Son Farms
Lloyd Forman-Jefferson Co. SWCD
Brian Lightcap-W Multnomah SWCD
Chuck Hemphill-Umatilla Co. SWCD
Dinah Hemphill-Umatilla Co. SWCD
Jay Gibbs-NRCS

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jane Keppinger. Jane thanked Tanya Jorgenson for putting together the OCEAN benefit raffle basket.

Larry Ojua announced "Connect 2009", the all SWCD employee training to be held in Canby April 7-9, 2009. Each attendee will receive a t-shirt, meals, lodging and training. It is being styled after Washington State's All Employee Training. Employee planning input is needed. The first planning meeting will be held November 14 @ Canby Grove. Anyone willing and able to assist, forward your information to Karla at ODA.

Spring training will also be held for directors with sessions around the state to encourage attendance. Please make suggestions for topics and locations. Basin locations will design the layout of the sessions.

Chair report: Jane notified everyone that the 07 meeting was not held due to lack of attendees.

As Chair of OCEAN, Jane attends approximately 1 meeting per month of the conservation partnership. The OCEAN Chair is a voting member of the OACD Board. This has been important to the visibility of OCEAN as advisor to committees and the Oregon Partnership, NCDEA and NACD.

Jane notified everyone that the NRCS CCE Computer Training Webinar is a dynamic training tool. Other training opportunities are also available free of charge to Districts as partners.

NRCS will present information on computer security on Monday. A statewide taskforce dealing with IT issues has been formed. Jane reminded everyone that access to the NRCS computer network is a privilege, not a right.

The employee association has grown over the last several years. Ten districts have acquired permanent tax rates. Columbia SWCD currently has a measure on the County ballot.

2008 & 2009 Budget: Janet Greenup, OCEAN Treasurer presented the 08 & 09 proposed budgets. A motion to approve both budgets was made by Diana Lobo, seconded by Walt Barton. Motion passed.

Elections:

Area Representatives:

Area 1: Kari Hollander was nominated and a motion made to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot by Janet, second by Walt; motion passed.

Area 2: Jane was nominated and a motion made to close the nominations made by Jackie, second by Diana Lobo; motion passed.

Area 3: Tanya Jorgenson was nominated and a motion made to close the nominations made by Merilee, second by Diana Lobo; motion passed.

Area 4: Walt Barton was nominated and a motion made to close the nominations by Randy White, second by Jackie; motion passed.

Area 5: Vacant. Jane will appoint.

Area 6: Marty Suter was nominated and a motion made to close the nominations by Merilee, second by Diana; motion passed

Area 7: Janet Greenup was nominated and a motion made to close the nominations by Randy White, second by Rick Gruen; motion passed.

Area 8: Laurie Owens was nominated and a motion made to close the nominations by Walt, second by Diana; motion passed.

At Large 1: Autumn Bryant was nominated and a motion made to close the nominations by Jackie, second by Diana; motion passed.

At Large 2: Randy White was nominated and a motion made to close the nominations by Walt, second by Rick; motion passed.

All were notified that Round Table Discussions will occur again next year and area reps will assist in planning.

Election of Officers: President: Jane Keppinger was nominated by Diana, second by Randy. There being no other nominations, Jane was elected unanimously.

Vice-President: Walt Barton was nominated by Rick, second by Randy. There being no other nominations, Walt was elected unanimously.

Secretary: Autumn Bryant was nominated by Merilee, second by Diana. There being no other nominations, Autumn was elected unanimously.

Treasurer: Janet Greenup was nominated by Walt, second by Randy. There being no other nominations, Janet was elected unanimously.

OCEAN Work Plan: Was developed two years ago by Jenn Clark. One item has been completed-benefits survey. Jane asked all to review the current copy and forward updates to her. Rick will route the health insurance and benefits survey again.

A Partnership 101 was suggested to help new employees learn about the partnership.

Jackie is working on a brochure about OCEAN. Her staff contacted districts around the state asking "What is OCEAN"? Adequate answers were not forthcoming. We need to sing our own praises.

Mentoring: Look into assisting with expenses of mentoring staff. Leisl asked if reimbursement of expenses could be retroactive. Wallowa SWCD helped Union SWCD for several months.

Administrative Round table: Requested a list serve to ask questions of other districts. Need a current skills survey. Jay Gibbs suggested Share Point with a possible demonstration on Sunday morning.

Jason Faucera discussed list serves and their use.

Jackie suggested that OCEAN send something to new members-welcome packet; membership cards to all members and districts notify the Treasurer when employees leave and new employees to finish out the membership year.

There being no further business; meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Janet Greenup-Treasurer.

