

OCEAN Quarterly Board Meeting

June 14th, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m.

Teleconference

Attendance

Jeremy Baker-President	Shilah Olson-Vice President	Lisa Mahon-Secretary
Janet Greenup-Treasurer	Jason Faucera	Josh Uriarte
Nathan Slaven		

Meeting Minutes

Shilah motioned to approve annual meeting minutes, Janet seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Janet reported the current account balance is \$5725.43. All bills have been paid.

CONNECT

Shilah reported that about 125 district employees attended CONNECT 2012 and the sessions were well received. Plans are already underway for CONNECT 2013. Lisa reported that there is approximately \$5,000 left over from 2012. Registrations brought in \$19,000, which can be expected again next year. OWEB has already approved \$5,000 and the planning team has a group dedicated to securing sponsorships. Lisa is in the process of getting quotes from various locations.

OWEB Funding for Capacity Building

Jeremy reported that OWEB has asked OCEAN, OACD and the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils to coordinate capacity building events where possible. One possibility he identified is a joint conference with NOWC. Jeremy contacted Erik Kancler, who said he would discuss it with the NOWC board but they have otherwise been unresponsive to meeting requests to discuss options. Jeremy contacted OWEB, OACD and NOWC (by email) to let them know that CONNECT planning is already underway and that we need to secure a location by August. Jeremy is working with Lisa on a budget for next year.

OACD Annual Meeting

Jeremy has visited with Jerry Nicolescu about the possibility of OCEAN helping arrange some sessions at the OACD annual conference. Jerry had a couple of specific requests including a tax base session or panel. The board agreed that it would be nice to help OACD but several members expressed concern over the time commitment. A written agreement is necessary to outline expectations and help reduce the potential for surprises. Jeremy said he would find out more details and update the board at the next meeting.

Janet has been approached by OACD to help organize the door prizes again this year. The board discussed the pros and cons of doing the silent auction to raise money for OCEAN. The auction usually brings in about \$400 but is a big time commitment. OCEAN helped with OACD conference registration in the past and might consider it again as OACD used to give 10% of the profits in return. Janet said that helping with registration would probably require 5-10 people. Lisa reminded the board that it can be burdensome for a district to receive money on behalf of another organization such as OACD.

501c3 Update

Approved 8/9/2012

Lisa reported that the OCEAN name is available for registration with the state of Oregon. She is currently reviewing the applicable laws and editing the bylaws and articles of incorporation. She hopes to have this process complete by sometime in July. The board should be able to vote on the changes in August.

Committee Reports

Jason said that the communications committee hasn't met since CONNECT. They will likely meet sometime in July.

Basin Reports

None presented.

Updates

Jeremy recently participated in a NASCA conference call on various technical and administrative certification and training programs. Representatives from eleven different states presented information on statewide training programs tailored to district employees. Some programs result in certification that is recognized by various partner agencies. Jeremy was particularly impressed by the programs offered in Washington, Missouri, and North Carolina. He suggested that OCEAN might consider developing such a model to outline training needs of individual districts, help organize CONNECT and outline potential regional or online trainings.

Additions/Other

Jeremy identified a potential appointee for the vacant Upper Willamette Area Representative position. Teresa Matteson works for Benton SWCD and is involved in the Soil Quality Network, Soil & Water Conservation Society, and Oregon Society of Soil Scientists. Jeremy said that he had discussed the opportunity with Teresa, as had Shilah, and that she is willing to serve. The board agreed that Teresa would be a good fit. *Jeremy Baker resolved that Teresa Matteson be and is hereby appointed as the OCEAN Upper Willamette Area Representative pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(d) of the OCEAN bylaws.*