



# OCEAN Annual Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2015 @ 4:00PM  
The Resort, Welches, Oregon

## **Attendance**

### ***Benton SWCD***

Teresa Matteson  
Heath Keirstead

### ***Clackamas SWCD***

Jason Faucera  
Clair Klock  
Lisa Kilders  
Jeremy Baker  
Jenne Reische  
Cathy McQueeney  
Doug Fenwick

### ***Harney SWCD***

Marty Suter-Goold  
Christina Santana  
Bill Anderson

### ***E. Multnomah***

Julie DiLeone

### ***NOWC***

Ryan Gordon

### ***Wheeler SWCD***

Debra Bunch  
Joan Field

### ***Johnson Crk WC***

Daniel Newberry

### ***Columbia SWCD***

Kari Hollander  
Malysa Page  
Nathan Herr  
Tyler Joki

### ***Marion SWCD***

Brenda Sanchez  
Ron Crouse

### ***Monument SWCD***

Steve Ussery  
Bryan Vogt

### ***Tualatin SWCD***

Nicole Ahr  
Brita Orwick  
Jill Bonanno  
Lacey Townsend

### ***Mollala River Watch***

Asako Yamamuro

### ***Morrow SWCD***

Janet Greenup

### ***Polk SWCD***

Liz Graham

### ***Umpqua SWCD***

Rhonda Black

### ***Coos SWCD***

Modena Thomas

### ***Wallowa SWCD***

Cynthia Warnock

### ***Wasco SWCD***

Shilah Olson  
Karen Lamson

### ***Malheur SWCD***

Linda Rowe

### ***Gilliam SWCD***

Christina Kirwan

## **Meeting Called to Order**

The President, Jason Faucera, called the meeting to order at 4:17PM. The meeting started with a brief welcome.

## **2014 YEAR IN REVIEW**

**Accomplishments**-Jason presented OCEAN's accomplishments 2014.

- Approved Business Plan and Marketing Plan
- Successfully planned and hosted Connect 2014
- Obtained 501(c) 3 nonprofit status
- Website Improvements-blog/newsletter
- District Directory up and running with districts updating their own information
- Adopted financial policies and budgets to comply with 501(c) 3 rules
- Continued to develop meaningful partnerships

**Finances**-OCEAN plans to take over financial responsibility of CONNECT in the near future.

**District Resources**-Fred Pryor annual training subscriptions are available at a reduced price to SWCD and NOWC employees, which included unlimited online and limited in-person productivity software, leadership, project management, and other relevant skills trainings. Cascade Employers has provided OCEAN members a discount code to receive a cost reduction for their human resources trainings.

## **GOALS FOR 2015**

### **Partnership**

- Improve partnerships with OACD, NOWC, and COLT to increase the efficiency of the individual groups in information and services sharing

### **CONNECT**

- Keep CONNECT a priority, keep costs affordable, increase sponsorship participation, recruit new members and sponsors

### **Strategic Planning Session Outcomes**

- Realignment proposal from 8 Areas to 5 Regions
- Worked on strategies to engage employees more
- Brainstorm for 2016-2018
- OCEAN provides the vehicle for conservation employees to facilitate their own growth

## **BUSINESS**

**Bylaws**-The board recommended updating the statewide structure for better representation and suggested moving from 8 statewide areas and 3 at-large positions to 5 regions with 6 at-large positions. The at-large positions would be split with 3 west-side and 3 east-side positions. If at-large positions are not filled by 3 people on both east and west side then the empty positions can be filled by anyone in the state. A map showing proposed changes was presented. Members were reminded that they elect the board members and the board members then elect the officers. There was some discussion about the proposed options. *Tyler Joki moved to accept the proposed structure of board positions and Malysa Page seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Board Elections**

Approval of the new bylaws created a new representative structure, resulting in a need to elect all new board members. Six board members were elected for a 1 year term in order to stagger elections so that approximately half the board is up for election each year.

The following positions were elected for a one year term:

**Portland/Salem Metro** – *Lisa Kilders nominated Brenda Sanchez.* Brenda accepted the nomination. *Jeremy Baker seconded the nomination and the membership voted yes unanimously.*

**West Side At-Large A** – *Lisa Kilders nominated Jeremy Baker.* Jeremy accepted the nomination. *Brenda Sanchez seconded the nomination and the membership voted yes unanimously.*

**West Side At-Large C** – *Malyssa Page nominated Tyler Joki.* Tyler accepted the nomination. *Nathan Herr seconded the nomination. Liz Graham nominated Heath Keirstead.* Heath accepted the nomination. *Lisa Kilders seconded the nomination. Tyler was elected with 21 votes.*

**Columbia Plateau** – *Malyssa Page nominated Shilah Olson.* Shilah accepted the nomination. *Tyler Joki seconded the nomination and the membership voted yes unanimously.*

**Southern Oregon** – *Teresa Matteson nominated Walt Barton. Cynthia Warnock seconded the nomination and the membership voted yes unanimously.* It was discussed that Walt had consented to be nominated to the Southern Oregon position prior to the election.

No nominations were offered for the one year Eastern At-Large B position. The position was left vacant until nominations for the remaining slate of officers were opened.

The following positions were elected for a two year term:

**West Side At-Large B** – *Liz Graham nominated Jason Faucera.* Jason accepted the nomination. *Malyssa Page seconded the nomination and the membership voted yes unanimously.*

**Northwest Oregon** – *Tyler Joki nominated Liz Graham.* Liz accepted the nomination. *Malyssa Page seconded the nomination and the membership voted yes unanimously.*

**Eastern Oregon** – *Cynthia Warnock nominated Lisa Mahon. Linda Rowe seconded the nomination and the membership voted yes unanimously.* Lisa was not present for medical reasons but had stated prior to the meeting an interest in continuing her position.

**East Side At-Large A** – *Cynthia Warnock nominated Janet Greenup.* Janet accepted the nomination. *Lisa Kilders seconded the nomination and the membership voted yes unanimously.*

**East Side At-Large C** – *Marty Goold nominated Steve Ussery.* Steve declined the nomination. *Marty Goold nominated Bryan Vogt.* Bryan accepted the nomination. *Jeremy Baker seconded the nomination and the membership voted yes unanimously.*

Once other positions were filled successfully, the one year Eastern At-Large B position was reopened for nominations.

**East Side At-Large B** – *Lisa Kilders nominated Rhonda Black.* Rhonda accepted the nomination. *Jeremy Baker seconded the nomination and the membership voted yes unanimously.*

### **Officer Elections**

*Bryan Vogt motioned to keep the current officers: President – Jason Faucera, Vice President – Shilah Olson, Secretary – Lisa Mahon, and Treasurer – Janet Greenup. Jeremy Baker seconded the motion. The current officers accepted the motion and the board voted yes unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Janet Greenup