



**OCEAN Board Meeting**  
**Teleconference**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday October 8, 2015 - 2:30PM**

**Attendance**

Jason Faucera-President  
Lisa Mahon  
Bryan Vogt

Liz Graham  
Jeremy Baker

Janet Greenup  
Brenda Sanchez  
Walt Barton

Jason called the meeting to order at 2:38PM.

**Recurring items**

*Minutes –Janet moved to accept the August 13, 2015 meeting minutes and Walt seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.*

*Financial report – There have been very few transactions since our last meeting. We received \$4,888.84 from Connect making our current balance \$11,559.34. There is a long outstanding check for Tyler. Brenda moved to accept the financial report and Jeremy seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.*

[Tyler joined the meeting]

Jason asked Tyler about cashing the check. He has it and will be depositing it soon.

*Organizational Calendar – Jason asked if there were any additional items needed to add to the calendar. No one had any additions.*

**Committee update**

Jason explained that he would no longer appoint committee chairs but would instead ask for it to be a board decision from here forward.

*Communications-Brenda offered to step up as Communications Chair. Lisa moved to appoint Brenda as the new Communications Chair and Tyler seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.*

*Fundraising- Tyler moved to appoint Jason as the new Fundraising Chair and Liz seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.*

*Education – No discussion on the Education Committee*

*Finance – Jason will step down and the Finance committee will be without a chair at this time.*

*Regional Updates* – There were no regional updates. The board agreed to send Kari Hollander a get well soon card.

Jason asked how to build capacity. Brenda agreed that we need to put it in our strategic plan to build capacity in order to keep getting stronger. Tyler agreed that we are all limited. Bryan asked if it's been put out to the membership what people want OCEAN to be. Jason agreed that with us all so busy we are lacking at the regional rep level to get that communication structure between the board and members. Jeremy said in communicating with his basin the feedback from members is what you might expect; everyone needs something different so that is the difficulty of trying to find where we can help and what the commonalities with everyone are. There was some discussion on examples of where we could change the model of what we deliver such as the conference or a computer network. This topic will continue to be discussed.

*Regional Rep Job Descriptions* –Janet moved to accept the job description as presented and Jeremy seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

### **Continuing Items**

*Partnership Reports* – OACD and The NETWORK are looking at moving the Gathering to an every other year model after next year. The years that they have the conference they will not be able to be strongly involved in Connect. It was mentioned putting The Gathering and Connect in tangent with each other. Jason pointed out the reason that we started Connect to those organizations. Various ideas were put forward by board members:

- Jeremy suggested Connect on the alternate years but also trying once to have with OACD.
- Another idea is Connect and OACD alternate years but have the 4 technical tracks every year.
- Tyler said we need to talk to the membership and wait before we need to do anything drastic.
- Lisa wants to put it out in the evaluations to pull the membership at Connect 2016 for options

*The Gathering*-There will be more technical tracks this year.

*Partnership Meetings with heads of agencies*-Contribution agreements are changing amongst NRCS so this will become one working agreement with every district to cover shared office space. This discussion will be at OACD as well.

*2016 Business/Marketing Plans* – Took last years and changed the dates for 2016. Jason recommends we accept the proposed drafts. Brenda moved to accept the 2016 Business/Marketing Plans as presented and Lisa seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously. Jason will update the final budget to be put in as soon as it is available.

*Bonding for Treasurer and Vice President* – The board agreed to look at \$20,000 coverage for bonding. Tyler moved to give Lisa and Janet approval to find a policy for 3 years of coverage for a max of \$600 total and Walt seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

There was a consensus at this time to not get director and officer coverage. Lisa will look into event coverage for Connect this year.

*Membership List* – Jason has the most updated list of OCEAN members. Walt, Tyler, Shilah, Liz are listed as not being members. He asked that you talk to Janet if that is incorrect.

*Fred Pryor Update* – Jason will check in with Shilah.

*[Bryan left the meeting]*

*CONNECT 2016- Tyler moved to approve going to Salishan April 19-21 and Jeremy seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously. Walt moved to approve Wallowa SWCD being the fiscal agent and sign the contract with the facility and Janet seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.*

*2016 Budget* – The budget originally showed Connect but we took it out this year. Jason asked if anyone had issues with the budget. It will be presented for approving it in December for 2016.

*Silent Auction* – Janet sent a draft announcement to Jason. It's going to be Walt and Jason in charge at the conference.

### **New Items**

*Web Hosting Renewals*-Jason needs \$73 to renew domain name. Janet approved and Tyler seconded.

*Meeting at Fall Gathering*-Jason and Walt are the only board members. So we will not have an OCEAN board meeting.

*COLT at Connect*-Janet says we need to include people that have like interests. The board members in general were supportive of the idea. Jason will approach them.

*Secretary of State Renewal*-We have renewal due in January.

### **Additions/Closing Comments**

*Next Board Meeting*-Thursday, December 10th, 2015 at 2:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Mahon*