



OCEAN Annual Meeting AGENDA

May 2, 2017 @ 4:45PM

Pendleton Convention Center, Pendleton, Oregon

Attendance

Benton SWCD

Teresa Matteson

Illinois Valley SWCD

Tracey Brandt

Tryon Creek WC & West

Multnomah SWCD

Terri Preeg Riggsby

Clackamas SWCD

Jason Faucera

Clair Klock

Lisa Kilders

Cathy McQueeney

Eann Rains

Monument SWCD

Bryan Vogt

Tualatin SWCD

Judy Marsh

Morrow SWCD

Janet Greenup

Wallowa SWCD

Lisa Mahon

Clatsop SWCD

Misty Ogier

NOWC/OrCP

Shannon Schmidt

Shawn Morford

Wasco SWCD

Shilah Olson

Ken Bailey

East Multnomah SWCD

Jeremy Baker

Wheeler SWCD

Herb Winters

Meeting Called to Order

The President, Jason Faucera, called the meeting to order at 4:55PM. The meeting started with a brief welcome.

OCEAN 2016-2017 Overview

- Jason introduced the board members in attendance: President-Jason Faucera, Secretary-Lisa Mahon, Treasurer-Janet Greenup, Bryan Vogt, Herb Winters, and Jeremy Baker
- OCEAN gained financial independence this year handling the funds for CONNECT 2017.
- Shannon Schmidt, NOWC, was introduced and is now OCEAN's bookkeeper.
- As part of the Partnership OCEAN will be receiving funds to host two years of CONNECT in the form of \$15,000 each year for a hired conference planner.
- NRCS Funding for up to three future CONNECT conferences is being secured at this time.
- COLT will be added to the conference next year and actively involved in the planning.

Financials

Jason reviewed the finances and budget. OCEAN is working toward their goal to have a year's worth of funding in the bank. This will allow the organization to carry out their tasks even if an unforeseen event causes a loss of funding. The OCEAN board is looking at what to do with the extra funding we have available. An option is to potentially have grants to help other organizations host employee trainings. The potential grant opportunity will be discussed further by the board at the strategic planning meeting Thursday afternoon.

Membership Input

Jason asked the members in attendance for any questions or suggestions they may have. He encouraged people to think about more training opportunities at a basin scale.

Shawn shared that NOWC has an Outreach and Education committee that discussed what they would like to see in future CONNECTs. Their consensus is every year convening, with even years being all comers and odd years would be only technical staff. They would like to see more sessions for watershed council employees during the all comers' years. An advantage to alternating years is that one year is broad and the other offers more technical trainings to staff. West Multnomah SWCD/WC said there is value of everyone meeting every year. OCEAN and NOWC will continue this discussion with the Partnership and encourage any input that staff have.

Board Expectations-Jason explained that we have some vacant positions on the board. The commitment for the board is to attend conference calls every other month. Anything above that is appreciated but calls are the main duty of being on the board.

Board Elections

The members in attendance agreed to re-elect as a group: Janet Greenup-Eastern At-Large, Lisa Mahon-Eastern Oregon, Bryan Vogt-Eastern At-Large, and Jason Faucera-Western At-Large. Eann Rains, Clackamas SWCD, motioned to re-elect the above mentioned board members. Judy Marsh, Tualatin SWCD, seconded the motion and with no further discussion it passed unanimously.

Jason stated that Rhonda Black was currently on the board but asked that if someone else is interested and could be more active at this time she would like to resign. *Lisa Mahon, Wallowa SWCD, motioned to accept Rhonda's resignation. Bryan Vogt, Monument SWCD, seconded the motion and with no further discussion it passed unanimously.*

Lisa Kilders, Clackamas SWCD, motioned to elect Shilah Olson, Wasco SWCD to Eastern At-Large. Teresa Matteson, Benton SWCD, seconded the motion and with no further discussion it passed unanimously.

There are three positions that remain open: Northwest Oregon (2 year term), Western At-Large A & C (1 year term). If anyone is interested but would like to talk to a current board member or ask questions before volunteering, please let us know after the meeting.

Other Items

OCEAN had Fred Pryor Memberships available for free. If there is anyone interested please let Lisa Mahon know after the meeting. If we have more than 6 interested we will put the names in a hat and draw them.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Lisa Mahon