

OCEAN Board Meeting Teleconference Minutes

Thursday, November, 14 2013



Attendance

Board Members Present:

Jeremy Baker-President	Teresa Matteson
Shilah Olson-Vice President	Walt Barton
Janet Greenup-Treasurer	Malyssa Page
Lisa Mahon-Secretary	Jason Faucera

Guests Present:

Kari Hollander
Nathan Herr

Jeremy called the meeting to order at 2:35PM.

Meeting Minutes

Approval of the minutes was postponed until the December meeting.

Financial Report

No financial report was given.

Connect 2014

Jeremy recapped the meeting with Jerry Nicolescu during the OCEAN work session at the OACD convention. Jerry and members of his board support the CONNECT event and would like to see it continue. They would be willing to financially support it as well with the request that we include the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils and OACD both as partners and a part of the target audience for the training. OCEAN members involved in that meeting expressed that there was interest in working toward that partnership, pending OCEAN board approval, but that CONNECT 2014 was too far along for a full scale inclusion of OACD and the Network. There was consensus between Jerry and the group that OCEAN would do what it could to include at least a small contingent of the Network in 2014, and then to begin meeting to discuss integrating more completely in future years.

Logistics of how including the Network would look this year was briefly discussed. Some board members expressed reluctance to having board members from either OACD or the Network attend CONNECT because it could make it less conducive to district employees freely sharing their issues. Shilah suggested we make explicit invitations to councils that would be invited and limit the number that could attend.

2:53PM Lisa joined the call.

Jason asked whether the CONNECT committee was delegated the authority of the board to sign an agreement committing OCEAN funds for the event venue. Lisa said that in years past the board has

given the committee permission to sign agreements necessary for CONNECT. It was unclear as to whether the authority was ever officially granted to the committee.

Jason also asked about the deposit required if OCEAN defaulted or cancelled on the contract, and whether OCEAN had the funds to cover that outcome if it did happen. Lisa didn't have the specific numbers with her, but said that she would send them to the board after the meeting.

Shilah motioned to allow the CONNECT committee to move forward and sign a contract with The Resort at Welches. The motion was seconded. The vote was 7 board members for and Jason voting against unless the condition was in place to ensure OCEAN had funds to cover a cancellation from its current budget. The motion passed with a majority vote.

Business Plan

A group, consisting of OCEAN Board Members and other SWCD employees worked on the Business Plan at the OACD conference. Jeremy said they are working on a draft including what was discussed there and will send it to the board for review in December.

Nonprofit Training

The Oregon Nonprofit Corporation will be hosting a training December 5th in Portland on *Nonprofit Financial Fundamentals*. The board discussed the importance of some of the directors attending on behalf of OCEAN. *Walt motioned to approve sending no more than three OCEAN Board Members for a cost not to exceed \$800 including travel and registration. Janet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Board Member Enlistment

Jason pointed out that OCEAN will have re-elections again this spring for half of the Board Members and wants to know if there is anyone that will not be rerunning for their position. Walt, Malysa, and Lisa expressed they are interested in re-running. Someone will talk to Liz and Marty to see if they plan on re-running. Officers will also be up for re-election, so the board will need to start thinking about who will be nominated to fill these positions.

Membership Policy

The board discussed needing a membership policy. [After the meeting Lisa reviewed past minutes and presented the board with the membership policy that they approved in September.]

Committee Updates

Communications Committee

Jason is working with Tammie to sign a release for a logo. There are issues since part of the logo includes other logos. The Board agreed that Jason and Tammie should move forward and try to obtain permission to keep those features in our logo.

Jason is working on the marketing plan and would like everyone to take a look at the time line. He would like to move forward on completing more goals than just Connect this year. Jeremy said he would like to get the business plan moving forward as well so that it has goals 2-3 years out, not just short term. Jason asked when OCEAN will move forward to hosting partnership training, and Jeremy said all partners are currently working on that. There was a commitment by OACD to help financially support Connect this year with the conditions that we begin incorporating OACD and NOWC in our training. The board is discussing inviting watershed council members to Connect this year. Lisa will work on obtaining information about the logistics of how this would work and will send that information to the board soon.

The communications committee will begin working on a membership packet. An idea was to put a page in the CONNECT Program about OCEAN membership.

Jeremy passed along Jerry's apologies about missing the meeting and offered to chat with anyone on the board that has questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58PM.

The next meeting will be December 12th at 2:30PM.