

OALPRP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
ODNR/DRLP Conference Room F-3
MINUTES
January 22, 2004

Present: Patty Bratton, Ashley DeFrancisco, Julie Grunder, Kim Hildreth, Marti Kolb-Connor, Don Krieger, Sue Magness, Judi Mannion, Linda Morckel, Joanne Mudra, Paulie Shaffer, Linda Wuethrich, Sondra Yates.

Excused: Courtney Comstock

Secretary's Report: No report was given. Linda Morckel distributed minutes from the December 12, 2003 board meeting. **Marti Kolb-Conner moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Joanne Mudra seconded. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Don Krieger reported that the balance in the checking account was \$3,289.22. There is one outstanding bill totaling \$75.00. **Sondra Yates moved to accept the treasurer's report. Linda Wuethrich seconded. Motion carried.**

*Since Judi Mannion and Sondra Yates needed to leave early, President Kim altered the order of the agenda.

Liaison Report

Sondra Yates updated the Board on the activities of the Division, sharing four items:

1. The Partners Conference will be the week of October 18, 2004.
2. The "Plant Pride Not Litter" tool kit will be mailed. More litter law brochures are being printed.
3. A press conference will take place at the State House on March 31 to kick off the renewal of the "Adopt-a-Highway" program.
4. Approximately 20 rooms are available at the Hyatt for Legislative Day – March 16-17.

Partners Conference: President Kim asked the board how it felt about partnering with AOR on the October conference. Don Krieger said it was important to partner yet still keep our identity. After discussion, the board agreed that AOR conferences tend to be more technical in nature while OALPRP sessions lean toward education and awareness. Concerns were voiced regarding the large budget for the October conference. It was suggested that the conference committee look at setting parameters for any partnering that our groups may do in the future. **Joanne Mudra moved to donate \$250.00 toward the Partners Conference and have two board members sit on its planning committee. Don Krieger seconded and the motion carried.** Ashley DeFrancisco offered to pursue more information on the awards banquet.

*President Kim updated the board on Della Ewalt's health. **Patty Bratton moved to send flowers to Della. Sue Magness seconded. Motion carried.**

*At this point, the order of the meeting returned to the agenda as distributed.

Finance Committee: Chair Linda Wuethrich told the group she completed an audit of the 2003 books and found everything to be in order. **Sue Magness moved to accept the audit report. Paulie Shaffer seconded. Motion carried.** As past chair of the Scholarship Committee, she stated that \$1,240.00 had been raised through silent auctions. This will allow \$240.00 for travel expenses for the scholarship winner.

Conference Committee: Chair Marti Kolb-Connor named the members of the most recent committee. Everyone wishes to remain a member except for Jen Boos, who has not yet decided. Ashley DeFrancisco and Mike Whitaker have both expressed interest in serving on the committee and were added as members. The committee will meet on March 16 after the board meeting.

Scholarship Committee: Chair Paulie Shaffer asked if anyone were interested in serving on her committee. Ashley DeFrancisco, Joanne Mudra, Linda Wuethrich and Linda Morckel volunteered to serve. Paulie will contact Eric Steeves, OALPRP webmaster, to update the scholarship form on the website. She also said that she will be updating the brochure and wants to have them mailed by February 29. A discussion ensued on whether to form a separate committee for fund-raising. **Joanne Mudra moved to form a separate committee for fund-raising. Don Krieger seconded and motion carried.** Linda Wuethrich said she would be happy to continue running the silent auction.

Membership Committee: Vice-president Julie gave a brief report since Chair Judi Mannion had to leave the meeting early. She said that Judi will be updating the membership brochure and asked for any information that should be added.

Nominating Committee: Chair Joanne Mudra asked the board to be alert for anyone with an interest in being more active with the group.

Old Business

Website: Paulie Shaffer informed the board that the website costs \$50.00/month to monitor. Changes cost \$25.00/hour. The webmaster includes access statements with each invoice. Taps into the site rose from eight (8) in November to 3,346 in December. There were 229 requests to download the winter conference form, 14 for membership forms and 12 for the scholarship form. The website is listed on all search engines. Vice-president Julie will be the new liaison with the webmaster.

Winter Conference: Marti Kolb-Connor turned in a list of registrants with copies of all invoices and evaluations. There are still four (4) unpaid registrations. Cherry Valley offered a free night stay to Marti. She declined the offer and will offer it as a prize at a future conference. Since everyone has said how much they enjoy Cherry Valley, **Don Krieger moved to extend our contract with them for future winter meetings. Linda Wuethrich seconded. Motion carried.**

New Business

Legislative Day Financial Support: There was discussion on how much to donate for Legislative Day. The board agreed that this day is important for program funding. **Linda Wuethrich moved to give \$500.00 toward Legislative Day. Patty Bratton seconded. Motion carried.**

2004 Budget: Treasurer Don presented a proposed budget. \$200.00 was moved from the *Promotional* line item to the *Conference* line item. **Patty Bratton moved to accept the budget as revised. Marti Kolb-Connor seconded. Motion carried.**

Don Krieger moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda Wuethrich seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Secretary Linda Morckel