

OALPRP BOARD MEETING
Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Building F-2
MINUTES
November 17, 2005

Present: Patty Bratton, Courtney Comstock, Ashley DeFrancisco, Kim Hildreth, Julie Hykes, Marti Kolb-Connor, Don Krieger, Sue Magness, Judi Mannion (arrived at 10:25 a.m.), Linda Morckel, Joanne Mudra, Jim Oswald, Paulie Shaffer (arrived at 10:45 a.m.), Terrie TerMeer, Linda Wuethrich.

Call to Order: President Kim Hildreth called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Secretary's Report: **Upon review of the June minutes, a motion was made by Courtney Comstock to accept them. The motion was seconded by Marti Kolb-Connor. Motion carried. Upon reviewing the September minutes, Linda Wuethrich moved to accept them. The motion was seconded by Julie Hykes. Motion carried.** Linda Morckel reported that Darke County is a new member and Lake County is interested in joining the association. A discussion ensued regarding whether Lake County's dues could apply to 2006. **Don Krieger moved that the deadline for joining the group remain April 15 of each year. Ashley DeFrancisco seconded. Joanne Mudra amended the motion to state that membership renewals are due by April 15 of each year, but that new members may join at any time. Courtney Comstock seconded. After discussion, the amended motion passed with one "nay" vote from Patty Bratton.** President Kim sent the issue to the Membership Committee for further discussion. Based on discussion, membership dues for 2006 may be sent to the secretary before the first of the year.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Don Krieger submitted his report dated from 9/16/2005 to 11/17/2005. He made a correction to the scholarship line item, saying that the previous balance should read \$1,500.00 and the current should read \$0. **Patty Bratton moved to accept the treasurer's report as corrected. Judi Mannion seconded. Motion carried.**

Finance Committee: Chair Linda Wuethrich reported that credit card applications are being reviewed from National City Bank and Farmers' and Merchants' (F & M) Bank. Discussion revealed that since the checking account will need to be moved for access by the incoming treasurer, Courtney Comstock, we should wait to decide the issue. **Don Krieger moved to table the issue, seconded by Joanne Mudra. Motion carried.**

Conference Committee: Committee co-chair Joanne Mudra reported that attendance for this year's winter meeting is down from 77 attendees in 2004 to 51 at this point in time. Due to the application not being on the website in a timely manner, the late fee for registration has been waived. The session on ethics may be cancelled due to lack of interest. The 2006 summer conference will be held in June or July depending on the availability of a central location. The committee needs suggestions for session topics.

Scholarship Committee: Chair Paulie Shaffer reported that she wrote summaries of the 2005 scholarship recipients for the website. Her committee will discuss the new Della Ewalt Enrichment Scholarship and make a recommendation to the board at a future meeting. The number and amount(s) of the 2006 scholarships will be determined by funds raised at the auction on December 1 at Cherry Valley Lodge.

Membership Committee: Chair Judi Mannion reported that she continues to seek comments on a possible "associate membership" in the future. Discussion on this topic is on hold until after the first of the year. She added that her committee is looking into the addition of a message board on the website.

Nominating Committee: Chair Joanne Mudra reported that the deadline for completed ballots to be returned to the secretary is today. After she notifies the winners of the election, the membership will be notified by the secretary.

Website: Vice-president Julie Hykes reported that the brochure for the winter meeting and the scholarship update had been posted on the website the previous evening. She also said that the new by-laws had been posted. Because additions and changes to the website have repeatedly not been done in a timely manner, she recommends that the board seek a new webmaster and have a signed contract with that person. After discussion, it was decided to announce at the winter meeting that the board is accepting proposals for a new webmaster.

Division Liaison: Terrie TerMeer informed the board that DRLP will be moving to building C-2 after the first of the year. The Division has been working on Community Grant and Market Development Grant Applications. They would like to have \$3.75 million to offer in competitive grants, but are concerned about the funds they have received from the C&D tipping fees thus far. If the Division must choose one grant over the other, they will lean toward the Market Development Grant since legislators are concerned about a duplication of efforts with the Solid Waste Districts. She is disappointed that legislators do not understand why recycling programs are being cut in the state - they believe that the Division is at fault. Terrie reported that she would like to remain on the board as the Division liaison for OALPRP. Lastly, the Division will not partner in next year's Partner's Conference.

Old Business

Speaker's Bureau: President Kim reported that the Speaker's Bureau is not a high priority at this time but it will not be forgotten. Discussion will resume after the first of the year.

Partner's Conference: President Kim announced that OALPRP will not partner with this conference in 2006.

Cooperative Purchasing: OALPRP will serve as an organizer for cooperative purchasing in 2006. Interest in plastic bottle containers, cardboard event boxes and litter bags has been expressed. If anyone has any other ideas, they are asked to pass them on to Kim.

President Kim took this opportunity to thank the board members for their work during her tenure.

New Business

No new business was brought to the board.

Courtney Comstock moved to adjourn at 12:28 p.m. Don Krieger seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Morckel
Secretary Linda Morckel