

OALPRP BOARD MEETING
ODNR/DRLP Building F-2
MINUTES
March 17, 2005

Present: Patty Bratton, Courtney Comstock, Ashley DeFrancisco, Kim Hildreth, Julie Hykes, Marti Kolb-Connor (arrived at 11:23), Don Krieger, Sue Magness, Judi Mannion, Linda Morckel (arrived at 10:25), Joanne Mudra, Jim Oswald, Paulie Shaffer, Linda Wuethrich, Sondra Yates.

Call to Order: President Kim Hildreth called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

(The Secretary's Report was delayed due to late arrival of Linda Morckel.)

Treasurer's Report: Upon review, **Jim Oswald moved to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Courtney Comstock seconded. Motion carried.**

Finance Committee: Chair Linda Wuethrich noted that the Silent Auction will take place on the morning of Thursday, June 23 at the Marysville conference. President Kim will send a notice to the membership asking for donations.

Conference Committee: Co-chair Joanne Mudra gave an update on the Marysville conference. DRLP will offer a "Lucky Institute." Joanne and Marti are doing a session for new program managers and education specialists to cover Windows on Waste, reporting and recordkeeping. President Kim will send out letters seeking more sponsors. The Division wants to sponsor but the funds will not be available until after July 1. **Don Krieger moved to consider DRLP a sponsor. Sue Magness seconded. Motion carried.**

Secretary's Report: Morckel reported that approximately 60 agencies had mailed their 2005 membership dues. **Sondra Yates moved to accept the minutes of the January board meeting. Don Krieger seconded. Motion carried with Sue Magness abstaining.**

Scholarship Committee: **Chair Paulie Shaffer moved that OALPRP invite the widow of Dick Meyers to the scholarship ceremony in Marysville and pay for her meal. Joanne Mudra seconded. Motion carried.**

Membership Committee: Chair Judi Mannion will send letters to vendors inviting them to join OALPRP.

Nominating Committee: No report

Website: Vice-president Julie Hykes reported that a "cleaned up" version of the OALPRP logo was on the website.

Division Report: Sondra Yates reported on the following items:

- The budget bill has been introduced. There is a strong chance that DRLP and Ohio EPA will be funded by increased tipping fees.
- Five or six states, including Texas and Missouri, have Lucky the Ladybug as a mascot.
- There are 51 new "Adopt-a-Roadway" programs in Ohio. There are approximately 60 free signs left. The usual cost for a sign is \$80.00.
- Legislative Day is May 3-4. The cut off for overnight reservations is Friday, March 18. Vice-president Julie Hykes is speaking at the breakfast as a representative of Ohio's rural communities.
- Sondra will retire the end of June. She will be replaced on the board by Terrie TerMeer. Sue Grant will cover for Terrie as necessary.

New Business

Legislative Day: President Kim noted that Legislative Day should be very timely as far as the vote on the budget bill. The theme is "Faces and Places." Program managers are encouraged to hand write invitations to their representatives and senators regarding the event. The invitations will be delivered to them with recycled sun catchers the morning of the reception.

Old Business

Cooperative Purchasing: President Kim organized the purchase of 50,000 litter bags with an overrun of 5,000-10,000 bags. She is willing to take on this project since it is her last term as president. Sue Magness noted that access to cooperative purchasing is a good selling point for membership. **Judi Mannion moved that OALPRP offer cooperative purchasing for its members. Marti Kolb-Connor seconded. Motion carried.**

Partner's Conference: President Kim reported on the results of the Partner's Conference survey. There were 28 votes to hold the conference yearly and 23 votes to hold it every other year. Sue Magness noted that with the constant turnover in our field, it may be helpful to hold the conference every year. Kim said she would pass the results along to Diane Shew.

Other Business

OALPRP Shirts: Judi Mannion brought up the idea of having either t-shirts printed or denim shirts embroidered with the OALPRP logo to sell as fundraisers for the scholarship fund.

Secretary Stipend: Past president Jim Oswald reminded the board of a standing order to reimburse the secretary's employer \$1,000 annually. He noted that this had not been done in 2004. **Marti Kolb-Connor moved to pay Morckel's employer \$2,000 to cover 2004 and 2005, and added that the stipend may be waived. Courtney Comstock seconded. Motion carried.**

By-laws: Following lunch, Jim Oswald presented potential changes to the by-laws as prepared by the executive committee. After lengthy discussion, it was decided to send the by-laws back to committee for continued work.

Courtney Comstock moved to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Marti Kolb-Connor seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Morckel

Secretary Linda Morckel