

**OALPRP Executive Board Meeting**  
**Thursday May 19, 2005**  
**Hardin County R&LP – Kenton Ohio**

Present: Courtney Comstock, Sue Magness, Kim Hildreth, Julie Hykes, Marti Kolb-Connor, Patty Bratton, Don Krieger, Terrie TerMeer, Joanne Mudra, Paulie Shaffer, and Linda Wuethrich, Jim Oswald.

Excused: Ashley DeFrancisco, Judi Mannion, and Linda Morckel.

Call To Order: President Kim Hildreth called the meeting to order at 10:25 am

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the March 17th executive board meeting were e-mailed to board members.

**Marti Kolb-Connor moved to accept the minutes of the executive board meeting. Joanne Mudra seconded. Motion carried.** Linda Morckel was excused so President Kim Hildreth gave the secretary's report. She reported that the membership currently consists of 74 agencies/174 members. This number is down slightly as there are 4 agencies that have not responded.

Treasurer's Report: Don Krieger reported that OALPRP operating expenses have exceeded the original budget.

This is due to additional expenditures not originally allocated. **Don Krieger motioned to reallocate \$1,500 of funds from Promotional Expenses to Operating Expenses. Jim Oswald second. Motion carried.** Don also reported that the insurance has been fully funded. Currently the balance in the account was \$9,240.39. There are two CD's valued at \$5,000.00 each that are worth \$13,686.76 with interest, for a total net worth of \$22,927.15. **Patty Bratton moved to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Linda Wuethrich seconded. Motion carried.**

Finance Committee: Chair Linda Wuethrich noted that she needs items for the upcoming Summer Conference for the Silent Auction. Please contact her with your items.

Conference Committee: Chair Marti Kolb-Connor reported that the conference Committee would be meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> in Marysville. Mentioned how an on-site meeting would be beneficial for all involved. Possible sites for future summer conferences include 2006 at Marietta in Washington County and 2007 at Mohoning County. Marti also reported that work is still being done on the Conference Manual and forms. Restating that this planning book will be beneficial for measurement and planning of future conferences.

Scholarship Committee: Chair Paulie Shaffer reported that publicity for the 2005 Scholarship was positive and that 48 award applications were received properly postmarked by April 15, 2005. (Note: 3 applications did have to be disqualified due to their county not being a current OALPRP member.) Reported that there were two outstanding award applicants for the scholarship. Judging was done by 8 different judges. The judge did not evaluate their own county applicants and the percentage score determined from applicable scoring done by total judge panel. **Paulie Shaffer motioned to award two (2) scholarships for the 2005 year- one for \$1,000 & one for \$500 totally \$1,500 plus expenses. Joanne Mudra seconded. Floor opened for discussion: noting that the budget would need to be increased and possibly carrying into discretionary fund. Motion carried.** Chelsea Korfel will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and Christopher Riddle will receive a \$500 scholarship. Paulie will contact the awarding counties about notification and news releases. With the awarding of two scholarships in 2005 there was discussion OALPRP Budget and clarification of funding based on revenues from the memberships and the Scholarship funded by the proceeds from the Silent Auction. **Linda Wuethrich moved to increase the Scholarship budget by \$1000. Patty Bratton seconded. Motion carries.** This issue is will be sent to the Finance committee to review- silent auction proceeds and allocation for scholarships and re-appropriate line items as needed. Marti Kolb-Connor raised concern that the scholarships are being awarded to the individuals and not to the attended school. After discussion **Julie Hykes moved that the scholarship award checks be issued directly to the schools instead of the student recipient. Patty Bratton seconded. Motion carries.**

Membership Committee: Chair Judi Mannion was excused. Linda Wuethrich presented the report. Committee is interested in looking into offering discounts to businesses as additional incentive to become OALPRP member. Executive Board would like to hear a proposal from the membership committee regarding this issue. Sue Magness stated that she would notify the Membership Committee to make them aware of the request.

Nominating Committee: Chair Joanne Mudra has been talking to members and is developing a list that the committee is looking to approach about being on the board. Ultimately waiting on revised OALPRP by-laws to determine how to proceed.

Website: Vice-president Julie Hykes reported that continuous updates are being made on the website. The 2005 Summer Conference brochure has been added and will be updating the meeting minutes

Liaison Report: Terrie TerMeer updated the Board on the activities of the Division: Budget is still a major concern for DRLP but they still remain optimistic. Legislative Day was successful- 46 Districts were represented during the event. Budget should be out of the Senate in into Committee by Memorial Day. Reminded that once State Budget is approved the fiscal monies are at least 90 days from actually being available. Reported 4 DRLP staff member were retiring by the end of May and their positions would not be replaced- large amounts of resifting internally. DRLP looking at creating 'state-wide' programs and continuing partnership with OALPRP for ideas and cooperative purchasing.

Old Business:

*Community Partnership/Speaker's Bureau*-President Kim said that a meeting was held in March and at which 3 sub-committees were developed: Create Materials – Training – Organizational. Commented how positive the response was from OALPRP members and that these members compose several of these sub-committees. Next meeting scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>

*Legislative Day*- update provided by Terrie TerMeer during DRLP Liaison report

*Strategic Planning*- the location is still to be determined for the July 13&14 planning retreat. Please contact Marti Kolb-Connor for room arrangements.

*Liability Insurance*- Past-President Jim Oswald stated that the Liability Insurance is in place. Cost ended up being lower than originally quoted. \$795 per year for the next 3-years.

*Bylaws*- Past-President Jim Oswald presented the changes to the OALPRP bylaws. Changes were e-mailed out to Board members for review. Joanne Mudra noted that the Supervisor signature needs to be on the approval form and reflected in the standing rules. Clarification on the term limits and discussion was held.

**Don Krieger moved to accept the By-laws as presented. Julie Hykes seconded. One board member voted against the approval. Motion carried.**

New Business:

*Sue Magness* stated that Jack Golden had committed to be in Cincinnati on July 8<sup>th</sup> and wanted to see if anyone had an interest in hosting him in his or her communities as well. The fees may be reduced considering he will already be in the state of Ohio.

*Sue Magness* stated that Hamilton County was purchasing the recycling bottle containers. This is in cooperation with Preston Reed from the National Soft Drink Association and ODNR-DRLP for the "We've Got Plans For Your Bottles And Cans" promotion. This is an excellent opportunity for additional communities to purchase these containers; shipping cost would be minimal due to the shipment size. Courtney Comstock noted that containers can be purchased directly from Akron (if closer) and eliminate shipping cost by picking up the materials directly. This can be arranged by contacting [www.recycleitnow.net](http://www.recycleitnow.net) for more information.

**Marti Kolb-Connor moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Terrie TreMeer. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Courtney Comstock

Courtney Comstock, Area Representative