

OALPRP BOARD MEETING
Union County Health Department
MINUTES
June 23, 2005

Present: Patty Bratton, Courtney Comstock, Ashley DeFrancisco, Kim Hildreth, Julie Hykes, Marti Kolb-Connor, Sue Magness, Judi Mannion, Linda Morckel, Joanne Mudra, Jim Oswald, Paulie Shaffer, Linda Wuethrich, and 37 members (attendance list attached).

Excused: Don Krieger

Call to Order: President Kim Hildreth called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Secretary's Report: **Upon review of the May minutes, a motion was made by Patty Bratton to accept them. The motion was seconded by Marti Kolb-Connor. Motion carried.** Linda Morckel reported that OALPRP has 76 agencies, 177 members for the year 2005. New members include Greene County and Recovered Resources in Cincinnati.

Treasurer's Report: Due to the absence of Treasurer Don Krieger, Finance Committee Chair Linda Wuethrich reported on year-to-date income and expenses of the association. **Gail Higgins moved to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Courtney Comstock seconded. Motion carried.**

Conference Committee: Committee co-chair Marti Kolb-Connor thanked Shawn Sech and Merry Smith for a great conference. She reported that the committee is working on a "conference planning guide" that will contain policies and procedural guidelines. She asked that anyone interested in hosting a future conference contact her or co-chair Joanne Mudra. Dawn Wittbert and the group from southeastern Ohio will host the summer conference in 2006. Marti reminded everyone to complete their conference surveys and thanked her committee members.

Scholarship Committee: Chair Paulie Shaffer reported that 48 scholarship applications were received. Due to sufficient monies in the scholarship line item, the board approved awarding two scholarships in 2005, one for \$1,000 and one for \$500. The \$1000 award went to Chelsea Korfel from Delaware County, with the \$500 scholarship going to Christopher Riddle from Wood County.

Membership Committee: Chair Judi Mannion welcomed the new OALPRP members. She reported that the committee had developed a new membership brochure and had been discussing a possible sharing day with area reps and a sharing page on the website.

Nominating Committee: Chair Joanne Mudra reported that she was waiting on the results of the by-laws vote before developing a slate for the ballot this fall. She stressed the importance of volunteering and encouraged members to get more involved with OALPRP.

Website: Vice-president Julie Hykes reported some frustration with website updates. She asked members to forward photos for the website.

Old Business

Speaker's Bureau: President Kim explained that one purpose of the bureau is to produce toolkits to help OALPRP members spread a consistent message throughout the state. She described the committees working to develop the bureau and encouraged those interested to attend the session at the Partner's Conference in October.

Cooperative Purchasing: President Kim organized the purchase of 50,000 litter bags for OALPRP members. Even though it was done on short notice, it was successful. Cooperative purchasing may be organized by OALPRP in the future.

Strategic Planning: President Kim reported that the board has been working on the goals of its original strategic planning session. She asked for anyone with ideas for improving the organization to contact a board member.

By-Laws: Jim Oswald noted that the old by-laws are on the website and that everyone should have received an e-mailed copy of the proposed new by-laws. He went over the primary changes being considered for the by-laws. **A written vote was taken – the revised by-laws were adopted by all of the voting members present with the exception of one “nay” vote.**

New Business

Cindy DePillo: Eric Matthews gave the members an update on Cindy DePillo from Columbiana County. A collection was taken to help defray her medical expenses.

Pending State Legislation: Mike Whitaker expressed the need for information regarding legislation and the state budget. Arley Owens from ODNR/DRLP took this opportunity to update the group. He explained that due to a 90 day grace period, the Division will most likely not receive any C&D tipping fees until November. He added that people should continue to contact their legislators since the bill can still be amended. President Kim added that OALPRP will do its best to be a voice and keep the membership informed of future developments.

Courtney Comstock moved to adjourn at 2:35 p.m. Peg Flynn seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Morckel
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