

**OALPRP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ODNR BUILDING F-2 CONFERENCE ROOM
September 21, 2006
10:00 AM**

Present: Don Krieger, Nexida Feliciano, Shawn Sech, Courtney Comstock, Patty Bratton, Susan Helterbran, Joanne Mudra, Marti Kolb, Ashley DeFrancisco
Kim Shoup

Excused: Linda Morckel, Paulie Shaffer, Kim Hildreth, Becky Suvar

Meeting was called to order by President, Don Krieger at 10:09 am

Secretary Report: Secretary, Ashley DeFrancisco, reported that there are 55 agencies and 120 members. **Marti Kolb moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Shawn Sech seconded. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Courtney Comstock, reported that the cash balance was \$8,273.24 and a net worth of \$22,089.75. **Shawn Sech moved to accept the treasurer's report. Joanne Mudra seconded. Motion carried.**

Committee Reports

At this time President, Don Krieger gave a President's Report,

You may have noticed, as you looked over the agenda that I added an item to today's agenda – the President's Report. This is not going to be an item on future agendas; this is a one time report.

As your leader, I feel it is my responsibility to bring some things to light. I am not expecting any comments or discussion. I want you to think about what I have to say and we will then move on with the agenda of the day. If you want to speak to me personally after the meeting that's fine. But now I want to clear the air on several subjects.

Folks, you all understand the tremendous changes that we have had to face in the past couple of years with regard to our jobs and local structures. This past year has been what I would term a 'down' year. I believe that some of those changes are spilling over into our organization and we are having a problem dealing with them. I see clear divisions developing within the board and in some cases clearly cemented in place. It is these things that I want you to consider and see where you fit into the division and conflict. These are interfering with the mission of the board and hindering future strength and cohesiveness. I do not want to place blame but to see what part each of us has played in the conflict.

We have traditionally been a closely knit, loosely bound organization. In other words, we have had a good organization with excellent programs and informational conferences that met the needs of the membership. That was our goal. To put it simply, we were the 'feel good' people.

With the changes in the structures across the state, with taking away a lot of the educational aspects of our programs in favor of the more stringent rule orientated environment, there has come an air of professionalism that is being reflected in the organization and in the Board of Directors. We seem to be scrutinizing everything and everyone. To be truthful, I think that some of it has gone from professional attitude to personal conflict.

I want to remind you that there has been conflict within the board before, but despite our personality conflicts, we have always been able to work together professionally. The actions of one of us can set the tone for the entire board. Let's make it our goal to put the personal conflicts aside and work together for the betterment of the whole.

Conference/Quality Training: Co-Chair Marti Kolb reported that evaluation from the summer conference were outstanding. Marti gave Treasurer Courtney Comstock with back up receipts. The amount of \$89.89 will be donated by the City of Newark and at that time the conference broke even (thanks to donation/sponsorship/registration). As for the Winter 2006 conference, on Thursday, November 30, "How to do Grant Review for Ohio EPA" and a WOW workshop. On Friday morning an Ethics Commission with a brunch including entertainment, Newark High School Swing Choir. Courtney mentioned that we send out a reminder to make a reservation at \$99.00 for Cherry Valley.

Summer 2007, conference at Sauder Village (www.saudervillage.com) the dates will be June 20-22, 2007. The rates for the rooms will be \$74.00 for the new rooms and \$87.00 for old rooms.

Summer 2008 will be held in Youngstown at the Holiday in. The hotel is requesting a \$500 deposit to hold the dates. **Shawn Sech moved to give \$500 for the deposit at the Youngstown Holiday Inn. Patty Bratton seconded. Motion carried.**

Finance Committee: No report was given. Committee will meet at the Partners Conference.

Scholarship Committee: No news to report. A sub committee for the Della Scholarship will be meeting. Committee: Joanne Mudra, Kim Hildreth, Marti Kolb, & Patty Bratton.

Membership Committee: Susan Helterbran reported that the committee is working on breaking down the membership, for example, associate members.

Nomination Committee: Kim Shoup reported that nomination forms were sent out to the membership in August. There are three (2) year positions open for the board. Please help with recruiting.

Website Committee: No report was given.

Cooperative Purchasing: No report was given.

Fundraising Committee: Shawn Sech reported that the scholarship fundraising will be moving forward with a sealed auction at the Winter Meeting. The auction will take place

during lunch. Items being auctioned will be donated by board members, as per the board discussion at the previous meeting. Letters have been distributed to all board members regarding this request. For the Della Ewalt Enrichment Scholarship the committee will be holding a 50/50 raffle at the Winter Meeting. Tickets will be sold for one dollar a piece or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets will be sold throughout the meeting starting on Thursday. The winner will be drawn during lunch. You need not be present to win. Some difficulties, we have still yet to determine how much money is received by the dues into the scholarship fund, making it difficult for us to determine our fund raising goal. As of right now, we will continue with our goal of raising \$1,500 for the scholarship and \$500 for Della Ewalt unless otherwise stated by the board. Currently, \$926 and \$291.37 have been raised year to date for these funds.

Division Liaison: Nexida Feliciano reported that more people are leaving the division due to retirements. DRLP are working on tire grants, and community development grants that will be due February 2, 2007. Meeting will be held in November at ODNR to discuss grants. Cuyahoga County asked to put WOW on their website and credit will be given. A grant is available for colleges and universities (up to \$150,000 given out) for composting, organics, food waste, and C&D waste.

Old Business

No old business was brought to the table.

New Business

Strategic Planning: Do we wish to have one in 2007? The board agreed that yes we need to meet. The board stated that we would like to meet in our committees and come back and bounce ideas off full board. **Courtney Comstock made a motion to allow Marti Kolb to start looking for a location. Joanne Mudra seconded. Motion carried.**

Ashley DeFrancisco moved to adjourn. Courtney Comstock seconded. Motion carried. The board adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ashley DeFrancisco

Secretary Ashley DeFrancisco