

OALPRP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Home of Joanne Mudra, Lucas, Ohio
MINUTES
May 20, 2004

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, Mike Whitaker, Linda Wuethrich, Sondra Yates.

Excused: Don Krieger

Call to Order: President Kim Hildreth called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March 16 meeting had been e-mailed to the board by Julie Hykes. **Linda Wuethrich moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Patty Bratton seconded. Motion carried.** Linda Morckel reported that the membership currently consists of 74 agencies/215 people.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was distributed. **Sondra Yates moved to accept the treasurer's report. Courtney Comstock seconded. Motion carried.**

Finance Committee: Chair Linda Wuethrich said that items are needed for the silent auction at the summer conference. She reminded the board that funds for the scholarship come from the auction. Linda noted that the treasurer has no authority to transfer funds according to the by-laws, and that this policy should be reviewed. She also reported that the finance committee recommends that the CD's be rolled over. Past president Jim Oswald gave his thoughts that more money should be invested.

Conference Committee: Chair Marti Kolb reported that OALPRP needs to decide where it fits in with the Partners Conference. Shawn Sech and Judi Mannion made a survey to distribute to members regarding OALPRP's place in the conference. To date, seven surveys have been returned. It was noted that area reps should make phone calls encouraging members to complete the survey. Results will be discussed at the conference committee meeting in Canton on June 24. If a 2005 summer conference is held, Shawn Sech will host the event in Union County. A suggestion was made that registration forms should ask if someone is willing to share a room to help members with budgets that have been cut. Patty Bratton reported that Krasco donated some football baskets for the Canton conference and that her office will purchase more. Sondra Yates said that she is not able to get arena football tickets for a prize. Linda Wuethrich is going to get a football for the silent auction since all NFL footballs are made in Hardin County.

Scholarship Committee: Chair Paulie Shaffer announced the scholarship winner to be John David Strong. **Linda Wuethrich moved to award Strong the scholarship. Julie Hykes seconded. Motion carried.** Linda Morckel will make the hotel reservation for the Strong family and have it added to OALPRP's master bill. Paulie is going to notify the winner. He will be allotted \$75.00 for mileage and \$25.00 for food. He will attend Thursday's breakfast and lunch at the Canton conference.

Membership Committee: Chair Judi Mannion distributed the format for the new membership brochure. Linda M. is going to double check the taxpayer identification number. The new membership packet will be available on the website. Carol Hehr is in charge of the "register to win" at the summer conference. There continues to be an increase in membership.

Nominating Committee: Chair Joanne Mudra did not have a report for the board.

Liaison Report

Sondra Yates updated the Board on the activities of the Division, sharing four items:

1. Budget cuts continue at DRLP. There are 283 ODNR employees eligible for buy-outs. It is estimated that they may be back to normal fiscally in 2007.
2. She suggested that agencies get together to print "Lucky" books and save costs. Lucky artwork is on disks that were distributed to agencies.
3. A press conference with ODOT will be held on July 1 at 11:30 a.m. to release the results of the litter surveys. White "Plant Pride Not Litter" signs will replace the green "Adopt a Road" signs in all 88 counties. Some signs may be available at no cost, but most must be purchased. A discussion ensued on how several counties already have litter collection programs and should not have to change to the new signs. PPNL is endorsed by the CCAO.
4. District meetings will be held over the next few weeks to discuss changes in the 2005 grant.

Old Business

Summer Conference: Linda Morckel reported that she has received 61 registrations to date. Seven registrations are from non-member counties. She will notify board members of anything they can do to help prepare for the conference.

Website: Julie Hykes is now in charge of changes to the website. She plans on adding information about the silent auction, the strategic plan and the summer conference.

Partners Conference: President Kim reported that progress is being made regarding plans for the Partners Conference.

New Business

By-Laws: Jim Oswald suggested that the by-laws be revisited after the results of the conference survey are reviewed. He also said that he would contact Dave Jacobs regarding liability insurance. President Kim said that any comments on the by-laws should be forwarded to her or Jim for discussion. The Leadership Committee needs to meet to work on policies.

Della Ewalt Memorial/Award: This topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Patty Bratton moved to adjourn the meeting. Sondra Yates seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Secretary Linda Morckel