
OALPRP Membership Meeting/Board Retreat
Cherry Valley Hotel – Newark, Ohio
January 30-31, 2024 10:00 am

Amanda Gamby called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

Those members present were: Amanda Gamby, Brandi N. Schnell, Wanda Schaad, Alexa Schwaderer, Chris Hoffman, Bonnie Martens, Julie Riley, Louise Holliday, Ernie Stall, Keri Murphy, Jim Jerek, and Matt Baugher.

Absent: Angela Carbetta and Krista Fourman

Amanda installed the following appointments for the Board:

Matt Baugher – Member of the Board of Directors *application not received before ballot release

Motion made by Bonnie Martens to appoint Matt to the Board and seconded by Louise Holliday.

Brandi N. Schnell was sworn in by Amanda as the President of the Board. Amanda will take on the role of past-president.

Brandi installed the following appointments for the Board:

Chris Hoffman – Treasurer with a term year of 2024-2025

Alexa Schwaderer – Secretary with a term year of 2024-2025

Matt Baugher – Member of the Board of Directors with a term year 2024-2025

Jim Jerek – Member of the Board of Directors with a term year 2024-2025

There is currently one open vacancy as a Member of the Board of Directors.

Motion to suspend meeting made by Jim Jerek, with a 2nd by Julie Riley.
The meeting was suspended.

On Wednesday, January 31, 2024, the Board Meeting reconvened at 8:49 a.m.

No change in attendance.

Secretary's Report – Alexa Schwaderer presented the minutes from the November 28, 2023 meeting. Corrections were reported through electronic mail correspondence. Motion to approve the minutes with changes made by Wanda Schaad and seconded by Keri Murphy. Motion Carried. The 2024 Membership Dues were discussed. Brandi stated that the dues had been set at \$100 for several years. Jim Jerek moved to keep the membership dues the same and seconded by Bonnie Martens. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Chris Hoffman sent the Treasurer's report before the meeting. The current balance in the checking account is \$18,705.52 and the balance in all funds is \$31,322.28. The payment from the last



Partner's Conference has not been received yet, but the amount should be \$3,405.83. Jim moved to approve the treasurer's report and Brandi seconded. Motion carried. Chris presented the 2024 budget. This budget is available on the Google Drive file. Motion to approve the 2024 proposed budget as presented was made by Bonnie and seconded by Jim.

Committee Chair Appointments were made as follows:

Conference Committee – Brandi N. Schnell
Nomination Committee – Wanda Schaad
Membership Committee – Alexa Schwaderer
Scholarship Committee – Jim Jerek
Finance Committee – Bonnie Martens
Social Media/Website Committee – Keri Murphy
Silent Auction/Fundraising Committee – Angela Carbetta and Wanda Schaad

Conference Committee – Brandi lead a long discussion as to how to proceed with full membership/conference schedule due to the 2025 SOAR Conference, Columbus Convention Center on March 30 – April 3, 2025. Typically 2024 would be an OALPRP Conference and then Partners Conference during 2025. Due to the SOAR Conference, SWANA would be unable to participate. The Conference Committee will meet to discuss next steps on a full membership, one day conference, two day conference, or alternative and present those ideas the next meeting. We could also find out if someone has a location they would want to show off in their area in an upcoming newsletter.

Nomination Committee – Wanda reported the following renewals for 2024. Terms for Julie Riley, Angela Carbetta, Keri Murphy, Louise Holliday, and Bonnie Martens will be up for renewal. The new form will be uploaded to the Google Drive. These applications will be due October 31, 2024. We still have one vacancy on the Board. If anyone has someone that would be willing to serve, please feel free to reach out to them or provide them with additional information.

Membership Committee – There will be updates coming regarding membership tracking/form. The updated membership forms will be updated on the website and available on the Google Drive.

Finance Committee – No new updates. There will be a March review for 2023.

Scholarship Committee – Jim Jerek reported that we have already received applications. The post mark deadline is April 15, 2024.

Website/Social Media Committee – Keri discussed the possibility to revamp our website. It has been the current way since 2003. WordPress has done an update and it is not the easiest platform to utilize. Keri will look at couple of options and present them to the Board to see how we would like to proceed. Currently, several people have access to the Facebook page for OALPRP and are encouraged to post during events and share other Ohio organizations as long as it aligns with our organization and mission. Keri would like professional photos sent to her to display on the website/social media. Please watch for additional information.

Fundraiser/Silent Auction – Angela and Wanda will be serving as Co-Chairs and will discuss future options.

EPA – The grant timeline for the past round opened October 2, 2023 and closed December 1, 2023. Award announcements should be during March, with funds available April 1, 2024. There has been a new restructure within the OEPA. There will be a western and eastern region with managers assigned. There will no longer be in five district sections. There is a business outreach by Cuyahoga County. OEPA is looking at KOB training with affiliates. There will be a Virtual OSWDO Workgroup on March 7, 2024. There is a HHW survey being conducted by OSWDO. The next OSWDO is February 1, 2024. OEPA has started an outreach to Ohio colleges

and universities for data. The state plan is being reviewed. There is a subcommittee to develop a proposal for recycling goals. The next MACC meeting is March 20, 2024. The Recycle Ohio grant is looking at funding 7 million dollars in projects. The Environmental Excellence Award is available for schools and communities. There is review for composting rules as well.

OSWDO – The next meeting is February 1, 2024 and will be held virtually. Brad Petry is now the president and there is a different platform being utilized for the meetings. There is ongoing discussions about SB 119. There is a HHW survey that has been put out for completion as well.

SWANA – Most of the discussions have been about the 2025 SOAR Conference. There is an organizational meeting coming up to discuss the conference. The organization offers a lot of trainings and has a large safety initiative.

AOR – There are discussions on how to proceed with the conference schedule due to SOAR. This is an on-going discussion.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The meeting schedule for 2024 will be as follows, if there are any deviations they will be communicated by email:

January – Completed 01/30-01/31, 2024

March – 3/26 Virtual 10:00A-12:00P

May – 5/21 10:00A-12:00P *In Person at GT Environmental, Inc. 2400 Corporate Exchange Dr #150, Columbus, OH 43231

July – 7/23 Virtual 10:00A-12:00P

September – 9/24 10:00A-12:00P *In Person at GT Environmental, Inc. 2400 Corporate Exchange Dr #150, Columbus, OH 43231

November – 11/19 Virtual 10:00A-12:00P

January 2025 – Retreat TBD

*Alternative meeting locations available at this time: Mount Vernon (Matt)

With no further business to be discussed, Chris Hoffman moved and Keri Murphy seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 A.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Alexa Schwaderer
Secretary

Reminder – The next meeting will be March 26th held virtually from 10:00A-12:00P

Conference Committee Chairs and Support:

Social Media and Website

- Chair - Keri Murphy
- Support - Alexa Schwaderer

Nomination

- Chair – Wanda Schaad

Membership

- Chair – Alexa Schwaderer
- Support – Matt Baugher, Keri Murphy, Louise Holliday

Silent Auction/Fundraiser

- Co-Chairs – Angela Carbetta and Wanda Schaad
- Support – Brandi N. Schnell and Alexa Schwaderer

Finance

- Chair – Bonnie Martens
- Support – Chris Hoffman

Conference

- Chair – Brandi Schnell
- Support – Julie Riley, Keri Murphy, Bonnie Martens, Matt Baugher, Ernie Stall

Scholarship

- Chair – Jim Jerek
- Support – Julie Riley, Bonnie Martens, Ernie Stall, Wanda Schaad, Louise Holliday, Chris Hoffman, Brandi N. Schnell, and Alexa Schwaderer