

OALPRP Membership Meeting/Board Organization Meeting
Kent State University – Kent, Ohio
January 28-29, 2026 12:13 pm

Brandi N. Schnell called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

Members Attendance:

Name:	Organization/Company:	Present	Absent
Brandi N. Schnell	Lorain County SWMD	X	
Krista Fourman-Unger	Darke County SWMD	X	
Rachel Sizer	City of Bowling Green	X	
Louise Holliday	JB Green Team	X	
Keri Murphy	Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action		X
Sam Perin	Clark County SWMD	X	
Alexa Schwaderer	Auglaize County SWMD	X	
Amanda Gamby	City of Bowling Green	X	
Chris Hoffman	Montgomery County Environmental Services	X	
Ernie Stall	Ohio EPA	X	
Julie Riley	Lucas County SWMD	X	
Matt Baugher	Knox County	X	
Zach Nemec	Wood County Solid Waste Management District	X	
Dorene Unterzuber	JB Green Team	X	

Amanda installed the following appointments for the Board:

Brandi N. Schnell – President of the Board of Directors with a term year 2026-2027

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Rachel Sizer – Vice-President of the Board of Directors with a term year 2026-2027

Chris Hoffman – Treasurer of the Board of Directors with a term year 2026-2027

Alexa Schwaderer – Secretary of the Board of Directors with a term year 2026-2027

Zach Nemec – Member of the Board of Directors with a term year 2026-2027

Dorene Unterzuber – Member of the Board of Directors with a term year 2026-2027

Krista Fourman-Unger – Member of the Board of Directors with a term year 2026-2027

Matt Baugher – Member of the Board of Directors with a term year 2026-2027

Motion to suspend meeting made by Krista, with a 2nd by Alex Nelson.

The meeting was suspended at 12:24 p.m.



On Thursday, January 29, 2026, the Board Meeting reconvened at 9:38 a.m.

Motion was made by Amanda Gamby to mark Keri Murphy's attendance as excused from this meeting. Seconded by Sam Perin.

Secretary's Report – Alexa Schwaderer presented the minutes from the November 20, 2025 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes with amendments to attendance made by Sam Perin and seconded by Krista Unger. Motion Carried. The 2025 Membership Dues were discussed. Krista moved to keep the membership dues the same and seconded by Alexa. Motion carried with stipulation that fees can be charged for workshops or event as needed.

Treasurer's Report – Chris Hoffman sent the Treasurer's report before the meeting. The current balance in the checking account is \$21,869.26 and the balance in all funds is \$37,032.78. Alex Nelson moved to approve the treasurer's report and 2026 proposed budget and Julie Riley seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Chair Appointments were made as follows:

Committee	Chair	Co-Chair	Support
Website/Social Media	Keri	Zach	Alexa
Fundraising	Alexa	Alex	
Nominating	Louise	Dorene	Alexa
Scholarship	Julie		Ernie, Krista, Chris, Zach, Alex, Matt, Dorene, Louise, Rachel
Conference	Brandi		Everyone
Finance	Sam		
Membership	Rachel	Alex	

Conference Committee – The 2027 DIVERT Ohio conference has planning has begun. Brandi (OALPRP), Erin (AOR), Mike Mennett, Executive Director of Keep Ohio Beautiful (KOB), and SWANA-Buckeye have expressed interest in moving forward with planning the 2027 DIVERT Ohio Conference. Ideas for a location are being explored. One idea that has been floated so far has been Dayton, Ohio. There have been no other communities to come forward to offer to host.

Nomination Committee – Louise and Dorene reported the next board members up for reappointment are Julie Riley (Board Member), Louise Holliday (Board Member), Sam Perin (Board Member), Alex Nelson (Board Member), and Keri Murphy (Board Member). Applications for renewal are due by October 31, 2026 to Louise Holliday. Updated forms will be available on the website.

Membership Committee –The updated membership forms will be updated on the website and available on the Google Drive. The membership committee co-chair, Alex Nelson, will be exploring possibilities for our full membership meeting in September which will include lunch and a tour or similar. This will be in addition to the summer workshop.

Finance Committee – The financial audit will be completed prior to the March 1, 2026 deadline.

Scholarship Committee – Julie reported that information has been sent out regarding the C.R. Myers scholarship. The post mark deadline is April 15, 2026.

Website/Social Media Committee –Alex, Zach, Keri, Brandi, Alexa will be reviewing the website and will communicate any changes that are required.

Fundraiser/Silent Auction – Alexa and Alex will be setting up a meeting to discuss fundraising ideas further.

EPA Report –Liaison Ernie Stall reported that Recycle Ohio Grant applications were due in December. OEPA received 246 applications asking for \$14.6M in funding. They can award amount of \$5.1M available with \$1M dedicated to scrap tire.

OSWDO –The next meeting is February 5th. It will be virtual,.

SWANA – R-Con in Columbus, OH had attendance numbers of 1700+. They have had their strategic meeting completed. The next board meeting is March 11th.

MMAC – The next meeting is February 18, 2026 virtually or in-person.

AOR – Membership renewal email went out on 1/22/26.

KOB – Monthly webinars. Contact Mike Mennett to be put on the list.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The meeting schedule for 2026 is listed below.

With no further business to be discussed, Amanda Gamby moved and Krista Unger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 A.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Alexa Schwaderer
Secretary

Reminder – The next meeting will be March 31st held virtually from 10:00A-12:00P

Conference Committee Chairs and Support:

Social Media and Website

- Chair - Keri Murphy
- Co-Chair – Zach Nemec
- Support – Alexa Schwaderer

Nomination

- Chair – Louise Holliday
- Co-Chair – Dorene Unterzuber
- Support – Alexa Schwaderer

Membership

- Chair – Rachel Sizer
- Support –Alex Nelson

Silent Auction/Fundraiser

- Chair –Alexa Schwaderer
- Support –Alex Nelson

Finance

- Chair – Sam Perin

Conference

- Chair – Brandi Schnell
- Support – Julie Riley, Matt Baugher, Ernie Stall, Alex Nelson and Everyone else as needed

Scholarship

- Chair – Julie Riley
- Support – Ernie Stall, Krista Fourman-Unger, Chris Hoffman, Zach Nemec, Alex Nelson, Dorene Unterzuber, Matt Baugher, Louise Holliday, Rachel Sizer

Scheduled Meetings for 2026:

Tuesday, March 31st – Virtual – Teams

Wednesday, May 27th – Karl Road Branch, 5590 Karl Rd., Columbus, OH 43229

Unknown, July TBD – Stone Lab

Unknown, September TBD – Full Membership Meeting

Thursday, November 5th – Virtual – Teams

Liaison Reporting:

Buckeye SWANA – Julie Riley

AOR – Chris Hoffman

OSWDO – Krista Fourman-Unger

OEPA – Ernie Stall

KOB – Chris Hoffman

MMAC – Ernie Stall