

OFMAA Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2004

Albany Fire Station 13

Call to Order: President Giard called the meeting was called to order at 1:05pm

Introductions: Those present included:

Keith Hoehn	South Lane County F&R	Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District
Denise Giard	Albany Fire Dept.	Gregg Lander	Chemeketa
Tina Greiner	OVFA / Jefferson Fire Dist.	Todd Brumfield	Dallas Fire/EMS
Russ Walls	Fire-Med Northwest	Fred Lundgren	Springfield F&LS
Dave Lapof	OVFA/Braun Northwest		

Approval of Minutes: The March 10, 2004 minutes could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum, but were otherwise noted as being complete.

Treasurer's Report: The CD balance is \$3,277.13 and the checking balance is \$14,399.64. DHS/EMS has finally reimbursed us for the textbooks.

President's Report

- Providence/Kaiser Overpayment Update: 11 public agencies (9 from Oregon) have joined in the Page/Wolfberg suit that they hope to have filed in the next week or so. Springfield F&LS has negotiated a 20% discount and agreed to pay. Providence filed suit papers against McMinnville and Corvallis, but the law firm they used also had represented Corvallis in another matter, so that is on hold until Providence obtains another firm.
- OSAA: They agreed to support the OFMAA proposed administrative rule changes for OMAP patients refusing to sign ambulance service agreements.
- Communications: Received a letter from DHS/EMS requesting OFMAA rep on State EMS awards committee.

Health Division Report:

- OAR Update: Received a letter stating the review of our proposed OAR changes was on hold.
- Director Status: Gregg Lander provided an update.

Old Business:

- BME: Next meeting is June 11th in Portland.

New Business:

- EMS awards review committee: Anyone interested should call Denise and DHS/EMS.
- Executive Board Nominations: Currently the 3-year Director, President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer positions are open. Chris Benson has expressed interest in the 3-year Director position. Keith Hoehn and Randy Jackson have agreed to remain in their respective positions, however the president and vice-president positions remain open. Denise has agreed to be an active past-president, but will not serve another year in that position. Elections are scheduled for the June 9th meeting so be thinking about your role in the leadership of OFMAA for the upcoming year.

Committee Reports:

- **Organizational Review:** This group is looking at revising the by-laws as well as an open discussion to restructure the format of our meetings. It was suggested that we consider moving to a monthly E-Board meeting or as necessary and then a quarterly general membership meeting. We discussed having the general membership meetings in February, June, September, and December with each of these to have some type of educational topic or presentation 2-3 hours in the morning then lunch followed by the regular meeting. An example of topics might include electronic charting, EMS politics 101, new technology in EMS, etc. The concept is to bring something of more importance to the reason for traveling to the meeting. Denise, Randy and Keith are very interested in the memberships input on this idea, so please let them know what you think. No other committee reports were given.

Vendor Report:

- Carl Nicosia with Air Gas / Puritan Medical in Portland showed a new .25-25 liter O2 bottle mounted regulator now available to EMS on a rental basis. They are willing to work with agencies to meet their individual needs. His phone is 503-978-3492

Round Table:

- Dallas: Came in 3rd in Seattle extrication competition with a local event this July.
- Fire-Med: Fire/Rescue Equipment Expo coming up in Eugene May 14 & 15.
- Springfield: AED symposium May 20th, looking at electronic charting (now using Pinpoint for billing). The idea of moving to a Fire District was shot down by their boundary review commission. December OSHA inspection went relatively well.
- CCC: Last cycle of AHEC funding remaining, working on 5-year National Registry recertification process, conducting EMT graduate and agency survey, EMT-I class on hold until curriculum clarified, and still down one instructor.
- OVFA: Preparing for June conference and training/equipment grants.
- Braun: Several good meetings with congress reps in D.C. mostly involving either fee schedule or fire act grants.
- South Lane: Changes with ambulance staffing and Eugene area EMS meeting last month went very well. Dick Straw had a big retirement party... (Or so we heard)
- Keizer: Upcoming EMS Week open house, attended IAFC EMS conference in Las Vegas (very good), interviewing for two new FF/EMT-P's and shift Captains, upcoming EMS funding and operations meeting in Salem on May 20th.
- Albany: Will be hiring for 3 FF/EMT-P positions in the near future.
- Salem: via phone to Denise, medic unit accident injured two medics (responding to a call) the CCC student was uninjured and did a great job.

Next Meeting: June 9, 2004 will be a BBQ at Timber Linn Park starting at 12:00 noon. More to follow (flyer) on this.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Randy Jackson

Recording Secretary