

OFMAA Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2005

Eugene Fire & EMS

Call to Order: President Giard thanked the Eugene Fire Department for hosting the morning training session and called the meeting to order at 1:45pm

Introductions: Those present included:

Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District	Denise Giard	Albany Fire Dept.
Gregg Lander	Chemeketa CC	Chief Keith Hoehn	Lowell RFPD
Jessica Darling	Lane Rural Fire/Rescue	JoAnna Kamppi	Eugene Fire & EMS
Joe Raade	South Lane Co. F/R	Aric Higdon	Goshen RFPD
Chief Tom Tallon	Eugene Fire & EMS	Scott Shepherd	Jefferson Fire Dist.
John Herbold	Klamath Co. FD #1	Greg Hadley	Salem Fire Dept.
Mark Stevens	TVF&R	Chief Darrell Patterson	Polk Co. FD#1
Ross Rutschman	McMinnville Fire Dept.	Frank Douglas	Newberg Fire Dept.
Jennifer Stanislaw	West Valley Fire District	JoAnna Kamppi	Eugene Fire & EMS

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the December 8, 2004 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance \$14,632.18, CD balance \$3,277.13

President's Report

- OFCA: May 20th award nominations are due by March 18th, reviewed categories and encouraged participation. Discussed inadvertent comments made at the OFCA/OFDDA conference regarding EMS and corrective action taken that followed that encouraged Chiefs to have an agency representative participate in OFMAA meetings and activities. The OFMAA E-Board reviewed the Chiefs letter and appreciated the comments. The OFCA also requested that State EMS Committee Chair Dr. John Jui initiate a strategic plan that is now in progress, although not much is likely to happen until a new State EMS Director is on-board.
- OSAA: Reviewed the value of OFMAA participation in this association and joint issue resolution / input. This group expends a great deal of time and money to build relationships with members of congress. A copy of their Ambulance Funding Summit report was distributed. A comparison between this group and AAA were discussed with AAA still viewing the fire service as a threat and not as open to working on joint issues. A variety of funding and budget options were discussed with Chief Patterson and Chief Tallon suggesting that this needs to be a topic of additional discussions at the upcoming OFCA conference April 6-9 at Eagle Crest.
- Communications: President Giard noted various thank you notes had been sent out.

Legislative Review:

- President Giard reviewed various proposed legislation that have the potential to impact EMS and/or the fire service (handout attached). It is important to keep an eye on what is happening in Salem and be ready to take action when called upon.

Health Division Report:

- Director Status: EMS Director position interviews were scheduled for Wednesday, March 9th with Chris Benson representing OFMAA and on Friday, March 11th, Denise Giard served on the final interview panel.

- OAR Update: Once a new EMS Director is on-board that project will move forward.
- Pre-hospital System Manager: Tim Hennigan was selected.
- Program Review: A strategic planning session was held by the SEMSC on March 4th with comparisons and updates to the 1992 EMS NHTSA report the primary focus. More information to follow.

BME Report:

- BME Update: Next meeting is March 11th with a variety of topics on the agenda to include ongoing discussion and the approval process for revising the EMT-I scope of practice. President Giard informed the group of two letters requesting OFMAA's support for an upcoming vacant paramedic position on the EMT Advisory Committee and noted that our next meeting would not be until after the submission deadline. After reviewing both requests and merits of each, a motion was made by Scott Shepherd and seconded by Mark Stevens to send a letter of support for Toni Grimes, OSAA's candidate (a paramedic and Operations Manager with Woodburn Ambulance). Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- OFMAA E-Board: President Giard reminded members that elections are scheduled for our June meeting. Interested E-Board nominees will be asked to provide a letter from their Chief in support of their participation in a Board position. Until the June elections, President Giard will be appointing interested persons to fill the current vacancies.
- Executive Board position openings: President (must have served on the board previously, Vice President, Treasurer, and two (2) Director positions.

New Business:

- OFMAA 2005-06 Goals: President Giard discussed a recent E-Board meeting in which Association goals for the upcoming year were planned and discussed (copy attached). She would like members to review this document and offer to help in areas of interest and let her know what those will be. The Association can't rely on a few individuals to do everything. We need everyone's participation to make the organization a success!
- OFMAA Membership Drive: Membership statements were inadvertently not sent out, so memberships renewed now will be good through June 2006. The concept of allowing an Agency Membership that would include 1 Active (voting) member and 2 Associate (non-voting) members for \$100.00 per year was discussed. Upon conclusion of the discussion Chief Tallon made a motion that was seconded (by someone to my right) to allow this option. Motion carried unanimously and will be included in the proposed by-law changes. Updates to the application are being made and should be sent out in the near future.
- OFMAA By-Law Revisions: At the same goal setting / planning session the Association by-laws were reviewed and proposed changes were circulated at the meeting (copy attached). A vote to approve the proposed changes will be scheduled for the June meeting.
- Vantage Memorial Scholarship Fund: President Giard provided a brief overview of this educational scholarship available to children and spouses of public employees who have died in the line of duty. Find out more at: www.vantagescholar.org.

Committee Reports:

- No reports given.

Vendor Report:

- No reports given.

Round Table:

- Due to it being late afternoon those present provided a brief roundtable discussion and sharing of information.

Next Meeting: June 8, 2005 – location TBA

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm

Submitted:

Randy Jackson

Recording Secretary