

OFMAA Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2005
Lane County Fire District #1

Call to Order: President Giard thanked Lane County Fire District #1 for hosting the morning training session and called the meeting to order at 1:30pm

Introductions: Those present included:

Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District	Denise Giard	Albany Fire Dept.
Chief Keith Hoehn	Lowell RFPD	Tom Wright	Bend Fire Dept.
Jessica Darling	Lane Rural Fire/Rescue	Joe Raade	South Lane Co. F/R
John Herbold	Klamath Co. FD #1	Mark Stevens	TVF&R
Chief Darrell Patterson	Polk Co. FD#1	Todd Brumfield	Dallas Ambulance
Ross Rutschman	McMinnville Fire Dept.	Jon Cloutier	Zoll Medical
Dave Lapof	OVFA & Braun NW	Scott Cooper	Marion County FD #1
Chris Benson	Lane County FD #1		

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 9, 2005 meeting (motion by Patterson / second by Stevens) were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Revenue was \$427.00 with bills paid of \$895.13. Checking account balance is now \$13,975.10, CD balance \$3,292.22 (at a rate of 1.59% due on 10/26/05). Motion by Herbold / second by Wright was approved as presented.

President's Report

- OFCA: May 20th Fire Expo and Fire Service Award had more than 400 attend. President Giard receiving the Award of Excellence for her work representing Fire Service EMS. Dave Lapof was also recognized for his work with OVFA. The Daily Dispatch is getting over 1,000 hits per day. New OFCA Officer's will take over positions July 1st.
- OSAA: At their recent meeting approved two new Fire Service members (Bend & Turner). They do not anticipate any new Medicare issues in Washington D.C. No new money will be added for Medicaid and they are looking to cut covered services, but so far ambulance is still listed. Various OSAA and AAA funding strategies were discussed. President Giard and Dave Lapof attended the Fire Service Day at the Capital in Salem on May 24th and visited with several legislators.
- Communications: President Giard noted various thank you notes had been sent out and the letter supporting Terry Grimes as a candidate for the BME EMT Advisory Committee approved at the March meeting. President Giard has the opportunity to introduce the new State EMS Director at the OFCA spring conference and to OSAA. She was unfortunately unable to attend our meeting.

Health Division Report:

- OAR Status: Nothing new but the new Director is looking to form a stakeholders group to review our previous work on this issue.
- EMT Recertification Issue: It was reported that DHS realized there were 7-8 individuals from around the state that had been practicing for the last two years without holding current EMT certifications. After lengthy discussion, it was recommended that agencies require each EMT to provide a copy of their new EMT certification card before being allowed to work after July 1st.

- Strategic Plan Status: This work continues to be an ongoing process. DOT has offered to fund a revised NHTSA EMS review in the future.
- NREMT Testing: Chris Benson represented OFMAA at a National Registry of EMT's meeting in early May. The meeting outlined all new EMT written examination procedures (computer adaptive based testing) effective January 2007. All practical examinations will still be through the community colleges and DHS. Lengthy discussion followed.

BME Report:

- BME Update: John Herbold and Dave Lapof reported that the new EMT-Intermediate bridge course should be available in fall 2005 with new curriculum EMT-I courses starting January 2006. New Paramedic Committee member selections were interviewed with the top three selections going to the full BME Board in July for appointment. SB 698 was dropped in committee, airway device terminology received final approval, and special event stand-by was discussed. The State requires that if a special event or other EMT stand-by is not agency sponsored, that the following four criteria are met: Notification to DHS and provider # assigned, Current EMT certification, Supervising physician, and Signed standing orders. Additional discussion followed. The next BME EMT Advisory meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2005 at 9:00am in Portland.

Old Business:

- By-Law Revisions: President Giard called for any comments on the proposed OFMAA by-law revisions, there being none, Hoehn moved a motion that the proposed by-laws be approved with a second by Herbold. With no further discussion all those present voted in favor.
- Board Elections: President Giard opened the floor for nominations reminding members that candidates are required to provide a letter from their agency in support of their participation as an Association Board member. After limited discussion, a ballot of proposed candidates slated for each position was provided to each member present. After a count of the secrete ballots, the new OFMAA Board Members are as follows, effective July 1, 2005.

President	Chris Benson	Vice-president	Darrel Patterson
Treasurer	JoAnna Kamppi	Secretary	Randy Jackson
1-Year Director	John Herbold	2-Year Director	Scott Shepherd
3-Year Director	Gregg Lander		

Denise Giard will remain on the E-Board as an ex-officio member and promised to stay active and involved. All those present thanked her for her service to the Association.

- 2005-06 OFMAA Goals: President Giard requested that the membership adopt the presented 2005-06 goals. Patterson moved and Rutschman seconded a motion to approve the Association goals as presented at the March 9th meeting. The motion carried with all those present voting in favor.
- OFMAA Membership: All current memberships expire June 30, 2005. Revised membership applications were passed out so that those so choosing could get their renewals taken care of this fiscal year. The application available on the OFMAA web site will be updated with future applications sent to the OFCA Office in Salem. Effective July 1, 2005 only current Association members will receive meeting minutes so get your renewals in soon so you're not left out...

New Business:

- OFMAA Committee Assignments: President Giard passed around a list containing four committees and asked members to sign up and help out with. Help with these activities should not be limited to Board members and will take an effort on everyone's part to make the Association successful. 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!
- Suggested Future Educational Topics: President Giard called for suggestions from the group of suggested topics to be considered and of interest for future educational offerings sponsored by OFMAA either as a pre-meeting session or stand alone conference setting. Some suggestions discussed included: finance/billing, Fire Med, legislative action and process, EMT – Intermediate scope of practice changes, mock trial with focus on legal issues and documentation, injury prevention (tips and tricks), victims assistance programs, performance measurement, records management systems for EMS, web-based compliance programs, etc. Anyone with additional topics and/or ideas are encouraged to contact any Association board member.

Committee Reports:

- No reports given.

Vendor Report:

- Local Zoll Medical Rep now covering Las Vegas area (that explains the tan).

Round Table:

- South Lane: Working with interim Fire Chief and moving forward.
- Lane Rural: C-Pap on-line, taking delivery of new heavy rescue (very functional).
- McMinnville: After 18 years now working with new supervising physician. Moving from Healthware to Sweet for ambulance billing / charting.
- K Falls: Buying 2 new medic units. Questioned the group about background checks on EMT students, as most have not been through this process. Most recommended OSP (at \$10.00 each) and fingerprint card through FBI (\$25.00 each) paid by student but check with your local college to see what they do.
- Marion Co: Started working 48/96 shifts 1/2005, Rural Metro starts in Salem 7/1/05 and they hired several Metro West employees and new EMT's, they are looking to reduce one of their medic units from 24/7 to a 12-hour day car and working to improve their volunteer responses. They will start charging for MVA's (unknown of out of district or all) but using conflagration unit rates. Marion County ASA purchasing ventilators for each licensed ambulance in County plus CCC, discussed changes to EMS, staffing BLS ambulance with volunteers and that he (Scott) was nominated to the AHA Committee. He recommended agencies consider the EP (Experienced Provider) ACLS course.
- TVF&R: Nothing
- Lane Co: Nothing (thanks for lunch)
- Lowell: Too much, too little time.
- Keizer: Working with and watching as Rural Metro starts transporting in Salem area.
- Bend: Hired new training officer, looking at 4 new hires starting in July 2005, purchasing land for new fire station (#6), and BLS ambulance issues.

- Dallas: Questions about and discussed Fire Med coordination.
- Albany: Denise offered a sincere thank you for past support and involvement. She will not drop off the face of the earth...

Next Meeting: Discussion about having the next meeting in conjunction with the State EMS Conference in Portland and changing that date to September 13, 2005 at 1:30pm.
A confirmation will follow.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm

Submitted:

Randy Jackson

OFMAA Secretary