

OFMAA Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2007

Keizer Fire District

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

Member Introductions: Those present included:

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| Randy Jackson | Keizer Fire District | Denise Giard | Albany Fire Dept. |
| Will Bauscher | Corvallis Fire Dept. | Chris Benson | Lane Co. Fire Dist. #1 |
| Holly Love | REACH | Monte Keade | Klamath Co. Fire Dist |
| Mark Stevens | TVF&R | Scott Shepherd | Jefferson Fire District |

Guests Included:

None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the December 5, 2006 meeting at CCC-RTC in Brooks (motion by Giard / second by Shepherd) were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kamppi was not able to attend.

President's Report

- OFCA: President Benson reported they are tracking several pieces of legislation and working with DPSST on stratification project.
- OSAA: Also tracking several EMS related pieces of legislation and proposed a bill to exempt private ambulances from State fuel tax.
- Communications: None.
- Fire Service Day at the Capital: Discussed and felt OFMAA should be represented along with the other Fire Service Organizations. The date is May 22nd. Please call President Benson to assist in staffing the booth or offer materials to display.

Health Division Report:

- EMS Office: No representative from State EMS was in attendance.
- State EMS Medical Director Position: President Benson reported he participated in the selection process for this new position. No announcement on who was selected. *NOTE: On 4/23/07 it was announced that Ritu Sahni was selected for the half-time position.*
- State EMS Program Director Position: Final candidate interviews will be scheduled in the near future. *NOTE: Board members Denise Giard and Randy Jackson participated in the final candidate selection process on 4/23/07 (no selection announced at this time).*
- EMT-I Recertification Letter: Discussed disappointment in letter received today from DHS-EMS requiring skills verification in addition to bridge class (not mentioned before).

BME Report:

- BME Update: Their next meeting date is 5/11/07 at 9:00am in Portland.

DPSST Telecommunicator Policy Committee:

- Committee Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- OAR Revisions: The revisions to OAR 250 and 255 have been posted and are final. Additional changes to OAR 265 (other than eliminating the required written exam) are on hold due to the work being done on SB 162.
- Legislative Issues: A summary of the bills discussed, includes:
 - SB 162: Several OFMAA & OSAA members have been working with DHS-EMS on amendments to make the bill work to include testifying at the first hearing on 3/15/07. NOTE: On 4/20/07 Acting EMS Director Dr. Grant Higginson sent an email stating the bill was being pulled from consideration.
 - HB 2221: Would affect Fire Med programs for agencies that contract with outside firms to market their programs (re-sellers).
 - HB 3490: Sponsored by the OSAA would require prompt payment on ambulance claims against PIP coverage. R. Jackson provided testimony on behalf of OFMAA at a hearing on 4/16/07.
 - SB 251: Impacting privacy of Q/I findings appears to be dead.

New Business:

- Joint EMS Management / Medical Directors Forum: Discussed a proposal by Dr. Paul Rostykus regarding the concept of having a joint meeting between EMS Coordinators/Managers and EMS Medical Directors at the upcoming State EMS Conference at Sun River. Consensus was that this was a good idea, but maybe not the right place due to competing for recertification hours and maybe a better time would be during the Oregon College of Emergency Physicians conference in January. R. Jackson will relay the group's thoughts. Will Bauscher is interested in being the point person.
- BME-EMT Advisory Committee: Discussed a request from Dave Lapof that OFMAA submit a letter to the BME in support of his reappointment to the BME-EMT Advisory Committee. Those present felt Dave has done a good job and really like having equal representation (B, I & P) on the Committee. Secretary Jackson was asked to draft and send the letter.
- Vacant Vice-President Position: Scott Shepherd volunteered to fill the remaining term created by the retirement of Darrell Patterson and President Benson appointed Will Bauscher to fill the remainder of Scott Shepherd's Director position.
- Upcoming OFMAA Board Elections: OFMAA Board elections are scheduled for the "annual" meeting in June. Anyone interested in holding an office on the Board is encouraged to contact President Benson. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during that meeting. The newly elected Board will take office on July 1, 2007. A candidate for President must have previously served as a Board member. All prospective officers must present a written statement from their Fire Chief authorizing and supporting them to hold an office in the Association.

Vendor Report: None

Round Table:

- REACH: Finalized joint Fire Med membership agreement with Eugene & Springfield Fire. Attempting to develop an agreement with Life Flight but they are not willing. 1 year in Oregon and 20 years in business anniversary May 22nd. Now in new permanent quarters. Holding Open House and BBQ in May – look for flyers in the mail. Working on Statewide aero-medical group with other providers. LZ training scheduled for State EMS conference.

- Klamath Falls: Growing... New fire station construction is underway. General fund subsidy of \$800k (mostly for overtime). Looking at establishing a County Ambulance District for County-wide coverage.
- Albany: Four new FTE and three new medic units in February. Dealing with typical recertification issues. Three EMT-I's have completed bridge course.
- Corvallis: EMT-I Upgrade letters sent via email to all students that went through his bridge course. They will still need agency skills verification. Fire Chief position closes 4/20/07 with BC exam to follow. Hiring three FF/EMT-P's. Reviewed billing procedures (charging for lift assist).
- TVF&R: Washington County's new EMS Coordinator (program supervisor) is Jonathan Chin (started 4/9/07). Portland/metro area moving to King LT airway. Discussed equipment purchases with cost savings from Clackamas Co. plan where FD's stop or extend ambulance service response time clock.
- Jefferson: Switching EMS Medical Directors.
- Keizer: Hired two new FF/EMT-P's with a potential for 2 more in June if proposed budget is approved. Call volume is up 17% since the first of the year. Busy with annual Iris Festival activities in mid-May. Dealing with several ASA issues.
- Lane Co: Too many things to list...

Next Meeting: Lane County Fire District #1 (Veneta) June 12, 2007
BBQ lunch at 12:00pm with annual meeting at 1:00pm

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:55pm

Submitted: Randy Jackson - OFMAA Secretary