

Minutes of the PLSO Meeting

January 13, 2010

Salem Conference Center

ATTENDING:

Tim Fassbender, Chair

John Matthews, Chair-Elect

Central (1) Scott Freshwaters, President; Parneli Perkins, President-Elect

MidWest (2) Renee Clough, President; Jeremy Sherer, President-Elect; Lloyd Tolbert, NSPS Gov.

Pioneer (3) Joe Ferguson, President; Lee Spurgeon, President-Elect; Greg Crites, WFPS; Gary Anderson, EGAC Chair

Rogue River(4) Stephan Barott, President-Elect; Craig Claassen, President

South Central (5) Evelyn Kalb, Proxy for Mason Marker, President

Southwest (6) Walter White, President

Umpqua (7) Randy Smith, President; Ron Quimby, President-Elect

Willamette (8) Jack Burrell, President; Lee MacDonald, President-Elect; Gary Johnston, Past Chair; Dan Linscheid, OSBEELS Liason; John Nemecek; Tyler Parsons, webmaster;

Blue Mountain (9) Michael Posada, President-Elect Bob Butler, President; Steve Haddock

Pioneer: Tim Kent, Conference Committee

Staff: Mary Louise VanNatta

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by President Tim Fassbender

Introduction of Dignitaries: Dan Linscheid and Greg Crites were introduced. John Mathews of ODOT was introduced as the Chair-Elect.

Approval of the minutes of the November 14, 2009 Board Meeting: Minutes were presented.

Correction: Kent Baker was listed as a proxy, should be listed as a president in the regular meeting.

Motion: Approved minutes as corrected. Claassen Approved, Spurgeon seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary-Treasurer Report: VanNatta reported that the PLSO financials stand at: \$183,948.00.

Membership by class:	1/10
Corporate*	392
Associate*	48
Special*	21
Student	41
Life	17
*Dues paying members	461
Totals	519

Email notices to people who have not renewed have gone out. Chapters should receive a list of people who are delinquent after the conference so they can contact them. A new member's only website code will be in place in February and members come off the list in the first week of March. Staff is assisting the committee with various

tasks as directed, including budgeting/coding, on-line registration, etc. Conference collateral is being collected at the office. Items for the silent auction and for the conference are being collected at the office. The office updated the strategic plan from a variety of notes, comments and documents. The office worked with the legislative committee on the Semi-independent board issue. Fred VanNatta has been in contact with OSBEELS and other organizations regarding the discussions for the February special session (if any) and will report at the conference. The budgeting process was completed, and chapter financial summaries have been distributed and all chapters should continue to receive updates two weeks before each board meeting. A short training session for secretary-treasurers will take place at the conference to keep financial controls in place. The office continues with the regular bookkeeping duties. Materials are being gathered for taxes. A reminder that anyone who needs 1099's (speakers, etc.) needs to get them in to the office. A good deal of time has been spent on collecting silent auction items. Special scholarship donations for Bill Guile have been coming in. The office worked on articles for the Oregon Surveyor. Twitter and Facebook updates happen as Mary Louise becomes inspired to put them up. Bill Lulay was featured in the Statesman Journal as commenting on the state of the economy. This was coordinated by the office. Working on the sales of the BLM Manual.

Chair Report/2010 Outlook: Fassbender said they expect to have a challenging year. We will work to get the non-members notices out to encourage delinquent members to renew. He wants to consider moving the magazine to quarterly. Discussion about saving the costs and how it might affect advertisers was discussed. Budgeting was done when the group was not totally sure how the conference was going to run. Proposed calendar dates for upcoming meetings were discussed. Tentative proposed dates are: 3/6, 4/24, 6/12, 7/24, 9/11, 10/23, 11/12. The meetings won't move around too much to save money. Crites said June 12 will be the same day as Westfed and the meetings will be at David Evans in Portland, he wants to see as many people as possible there. Mary Louise will prepare a poll for those dates. He reminded the group to put the information on the PLSO calendar. She noted the Bylaws said there should be an annual meeting in January, but there are no requirements to have a specific number of meetings. Fassbender reminded the group that the Chapters will have meetings and they need to report issues, especially legislative issues to the committee. Crites noted there will be some changes of the coordinate system and we should be on top of that.

Chair-Elect Report: Mathews said he has been with PLSO a long time and served in his chapter. He has a strong personal sense that service work is important.

Budget: Johnston provided a budget for review and approval. It was not a balanced budget and money would be taken out of reserves if revenues from the conference do not materialize. Changes would include possibly moving to quarterly newsletters and removing the \$3,700 ad in Building Futures Magazine. Spurgeon noted that membership numbers are likely based on the economy and there is no guarantee that it will turn around. Concerns about spending the reserves were mentioned. VanNatta reminded the group that the organization was in good shape with ample reserves, but did not have a reserve policy. Fassbender said Chapters can have profitable workshops. Fassbender said that one of the most important things we will learn in this economy will be to how to come out of this successfully. Kalb said that in the slow times, maybe we should be reaching out to more people.

Motion:

Clough moved that we approve the budget as presented, motion seconded by Claassen.

Discussion: Crites reminded the group that the budget is just a target.

Motion passed. No: Butler, Perkins, Quimby.

Johnston agreed to create a reserve policy for board review. Ferguson said that it is a good message that we are being fiscally responsible and looking at the reserves.

Kent thanked the group for the board support. He announced that the Salem Conference Center will book the conference again here at the same costs if we choose to return.

Board of Directors Orientation: VanNatta gave a review of everything in the board manual and gave new board members some guidelines to board service.

Committee Report:

EGAC: Anderson reported that he provided acronyms for the new board members, he also gave them CD's and DVD's on Choose Your Path, Make Your Mark. He gathered information for the listserv.

OSBEELS: Linscheid reported that we need a couple of PE's on the Board. Rep. District 4 is open and maybe someone with geotechnical engineering background. The other big issue is the possibility of looking at the standards and practices acts. He will bring some of these issues to the Chapter meetings.

Webmaster: Parsons reported he will be subscribing and unsubscribing people to listservs. Password changes will be made in early February.

Legislation: Freshwaters encouraged everyone to meet with their legislators. He did that in SunRiver to discuss the OSBEELS potential change. Fred VanNatta will speak at the Thursday luncheon. If there are changes that need to be made to the law then the legislative committee needs to know. He needs to know the name of the Chapter representative who will be on the legislative committee.

Old Business: There will be a Secretary Treasurer training tomorrow at 7:00 a.m.

New Business: None was presented.

Good of the Order: The auction will be tonight, be generous. There are 50% more items this year.

MOTION: Quimby moved the meeting be adjourned, motion seconded. Motion passed.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.