

**Oregon Joint Use Association
Board of Directors
City of Lake Oswego – Santiam Room
4101 Kruse Way, Lake Oswego
Thursday, September 17, 2009**

Chair Mark Beaudry called the meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. A quorum was present:

Board Members Present

President Mark Beaudry, Beaver Creek Telephone
Stuart Sloan, Consumer’s Power, Secretary
Richard Gray, City of Portland, Treasurer
Craig Andrus, Emerald PUD
Jeff Kent, PacifiCorp
Doug Morten, City of St. Helens
Kevin O’Connor, Time Warner
Diana Winchester, Qwest
Gary Lee, Charter, Vice President

Board Members Absent/Excused

Dave Wildman, Monmouth Power
Dave Ramsey, Comcast
John Sullivan, PGE

Guests

Lisa Logie, ORECA
Brett Anderson, Bend Broadband
Tamara Johnson, Springfield Utility

Staff

Sharon Black, OJUA
Mary Tucker, OJUA

Chairman’s Comments President Beaudry welcomed members and guests and asked attendees to and Board members to introduce themselves.

Minutes The minutes of the September 17, 2009 meeting were approved as amended. It was noted that the policy regarding investments should be amended to reflect that CDs are considered liquid assets, as per the association’s accounting firm.

Treasurer’s Report Treasurer Gray provided the financial report, drawing attention to the end of year checking account, it will be down to \$4,900. It is normal for finances to peak in March and decrease after that. Questions were raised about the profit from the Annual Meeting and if there should be a change in the dues structure. Staff will look into a budget for Annual Meeting. Staff will run an analysis on raising registration fees and dues. Promotional items were also discussed.

Committee Updates *Publicity and Education* Committee Chair Stuart Sloan displayed the new OJUA mug. In the interest of generating more income, Chair Sloan suggested that additional OJUA items be placed on eBay.

Chair Sloan also gave an update on the Annual Meeting, noting that there were currently 26 registrants and 7 sponsors. Chair Sloan a Board challenge for sponsorship. There will be an open forum during the meeting to air grievances.

Board members discussed OJUA's core purpose and whether the association should be pro-active or re-active. Staff will look into designating a specific page for OJUA position statements.

Craig Andrus added some comments about having participants in the Spring Workshop bring in pictures of pole problems, and perhaps distributing zip drives so people could save photos. The pictures could simply be emailed to OJUA as a collective repository. One option would be to offer giveaways for pictures submitted.

Chair Sloan is working on a pool of instructors for rotation in the Spring Workshop. The strategic plan also proposes two trainings a year, but that isn't feasible yet financially.

Craig Andrus also brought up having the PUC hold a conference. Chair Sloan prefers keeping a clear definition between the PUC and OJUA.

Tamara Johnson suggested looking into Community Colleges as sites for conventions/workshops.

Chair Sloan reported on a poster competition for the Spring Workshop, and/or a t-shirt competition.

The next meeting of the P&E Committee is scheduled for September.

Conflict Resolution Committee Chair John Sullivan was not present, Mark Beaudry gave the report. Committee will need a new chair due to John Sullivan's new job. Director Jeff Kent was appointed. The committee has not met for some time and will need to be resurrected and policies and operating procedures revisited.

Standards Committee Chair Johnson reported the status of the issue of loose wires. She also explained the more focused way she wishes to run the meetings, keeping the agenda limited to one or two projects at a time. Hopefully this will increase the consistency of attendance at meetings. Other suggestions to increase committee attendance were discussed.

Chair Johnson also wanted to discuss the clarity and mission of the Standards Committee. The Spring Workshop should be a forum for the presentation of projects completed by the Committee. President Beaudry asked for a synopsis of standards issues which include the following: grandfathering, climbing space, quick reference card, mapping project, standardizing attachment permit application. The Committee will take a more active role in investigating the climbing space interpretation. The Committee may also look into standardizing what 'reasonable' mapping information needs to be provided.

Jeff Kent asked about Exhibit B in last board meeting's minutes. A softer language was discussed. One more bullet point needs to be added by Chair

Johnson and then it can be posted on website. Stuart Sloan asked about bullet point 4. Exceptions were discussed.

Executive Committee President Beaudry reported on activities of the Executive Committee, giving a synopsis of the BBQ, which went well for a first attempt. Stuart Sloan offered to have the P&E committee take it over.

President Beaudry also reported that the Executive Committee will now consolidate meetings with the Board meetings. Discussion was also raised about not having meetings during the holidays.

Legislative Committee Committee Chair Richard Gray reported that the Committee has not met since the legislature is not in session. The legislature will reconvene in February, but Chair Gray is not aware of any bills affecting OJUA.

**Old
Business**

There was no old business to come before the Board.

**New
Business**

President Beaudry brought up board elections at the Annual Meeting. President Beaudry is up for election and has committed for another term. Brett Anderson has expressed interest and submitted his background. John Sullivan is off the board and PGE needs to nominate someone else. Dave Wildman expressed interest in serving another term.

Tamara Johnson and Lisa Logie reported on the issue of encroachment, i.e. building too close to power lines. There are currently no regulations/or legislation covering this issue. Discussion proceeded about OJUA taking a lead on this issue.

**Industry
Updates**

No industry updates.

**Next
Meeting**

The next meeting of the OJUA Board of Directors is scheduled for Friday, October 16 during the Annual Meeting for the purpose of electing officers.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.