

**OFMAA Meeting Minutes**  
September 10, 2003  
Albany Fire Station 13

Call to Order: President Giard called the meeting was called to order at 1:00pm

Introductions: Those present included:

Jessica Darling	Lane Rural Fire/Rescue
Dave Staab	Jefferson Fire District
Chris Benson	Lane County Fire District
Keith Hoehn	South Lane County Fire & Rescue
Ross Rutschman	McMinnville Fire Department
Bill Laird	Canby Fire District
Susan Chase	Salem Fire Department
Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District
Denise Giard	Albany Fire Department
Ron Bemrose	Turner Fire District

Approval of Minutes: The June 11, 2003 minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: CD of \$3,259.92 @ 1.2% was renewed on 7/26/03 and a current checking account balance of \$5,591.02 – report was approved. An audit committee of Dave Staab and Jessica Darling with the assistance of Treasurer Keith Hoehn will conduct an audit of our financial records and provide a report at our next meeting.

President's Report

- OAR Review: Have had very limited input, but now is the time if you have a concern. Denise would like them by 9/29/03 for the group to review prior to presenting to OR-EMS and OFCA. Be prepared to see EMT testing and recertification fees and service and vehicle licensing fees go up in the upcoming biennium due to the State budget problems. OR-EMS is also looking at changes to the EMT recertification cycle process. Your input is important!
- H.B.2005/ORS 293.231: This new law allows public agencies to recover the full balance on past due accounts plus any collection agency fees. This went into effect July 1, 2003 and applies to not just ambulance bills.
- PIP Bill: This increased the PIP for auto insurance coverage from \$10,000 to \$15,000, which had not been increased for many years.
- BME Update: They met 9/5/03 and now have two new members including John Herbold from Klamath Falls Fire District #1. The two retiring members were recognized with awards for their previous service to EMS. The EMT-I scope of practice continues to be discussed with OR-EMS to develop another survey focused on medications. The use of Morphine by EMT-I's will have its final reading by the "Full-Board" in October. EMT-B's use of the combi-tube and LMA was further discussed. There next meeting will be December 5, 2003.

Health Division Report: They are continuing an ongoing review of the 1993 NHTSA report (an evaluation of the Oregon EMS system 10 years ago). Denise can provide you with an electronic copy of requested. Statewide radio system interoperability and the impacts of the States budget wows on OR-EMS were discussed. Again, look for fees to increase. The next round of Rural Access to AED grants are available on the OHD website and are due by 9/30/03. The free OR-EMS electronic pre-care reporting software EPSIS JR will be out soon. A statewide PCR data point meeting is planned for 10/2/03 in Portland. RSVP to Will Worrall at (503) 731-4437 x685. There next meeting is 12/12/03.

Old Business:

- Executive Board: the new OFMAA Board members for 03/04 are: President Denise Giard, Vice-President Scott Cooper, Secretary Randy Jackson, Treasurer Keith Hoehn, Director Jessica Darling, Director Scott Shepard, and Director John Herbold.

New Business:

- OR-EMS Conference: Discussed a recent request for sponsorship of statewide EMS awards program due to a lack of funding. After much discussion, *Ross Rutschman moved that OFMAA offer to sponsor the EMS Administrator of the Year award if necessary. Seconded by Dave Staab. During discussion, it was suggested that the State EMS conference committee approach various associations and vendors about sponsoring a specific award rather than just donating money. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Conference Scholarships: Discussed shifting funding from the State EMS conference scholarships to OFMAA leadership conference. After much discussion, *Jessica Darling moved that \$1,500 be shifted in our budget from State EMS conference scholarships to support OFMAA leadership conference attendees via scholarships and to establish a scholarship committee to develop the necessary application and evaluation process. Seconded by Bill Laird. The motion passed unanimously.* Members present that volunteered to serve on the OFMAA scholarship committee included Bill Laird, Dave Staab and Ross Rutschman. The committee chair will be Frank Douglas (who was not present).
- DPSST Telecommunications Policy Committee: This group needs a new OFMAA representative to replace Ted Farr and serve a 3-year term. Randy Jackson agreed to serve.
- OFMAA Leadership Conference: The conference will be February 12 & 13 at the Hood River Inn. They have given us a room rate of \$69.00 with options to extend your stay and provide \$25.00 lift tickets. Speakers are being finalized and will provide excellent leadership education with several track offerings to include billing and a much expanded vendor display. This will be a very valuable and worthwhile event. Mark your calendars now.
- Goal Setting Session: The E-Board will meet at 9am on 10/8/03 prior to our next meeting to discuss upcoming association goals. We welcome any and all ideas.

Round Table:

- Keizer: Recent OR-OSHA inspection, new medic unit, and new FF/Paramedic list.
- Salem: Welcome to Susan Chase who attended for the vacationing Greg Hadley.
- Canby: 4 new hires, now 2-24/7 medic units plus 1-day car, and OR-OSHA (watch for unsecured items in your apparatus cabs).
- McMinnville: Still working on implementing new 400 MHz radio system, adding single role paramedics to system and hiring 1 or 2.
- Cottage Grove: Working through merger, new Fire Chief, contract and land purchase issues and lots of financial issues. Picking up pennies in parking lots ☺
- Lane Co: New Board members, evaluating expenses of adding ambulance service. If you received his survey, please complete and return.
- Jefferson: EMS Expo 9/13/03, 3 new Pierce engine and new medic unit almost completed, designing new training facility. Money to spend everywhere...
- Lane Rural: Thank you for committee reports and those involved in first OFMAA conference, received award of excellence, nasal Narcan approved for EMT-I's after 28 case study proved same effect as IV administration.
- Turner: Everyday is different, no more part-time medics; now 1-24/7 ALS unit, 3 Board members and Fire Chief resigned, and got a visit from OR-OSHA.
- Albany: 7 new hires completing academy next week (mix of EMT-B's and P's).

Good of the Order: Look for OFMAA membership renewals to be out soon along with conference information.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2003 at 1:00pm – Albany

Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm

Respectfully Submitted:  
Randy Jackson