

# OFMAA Annual Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2006

Jefferson Fire District

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

Member Introductions: Those present included:

Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District	Chief Darrell Patterson	Polk Co. FD#1
Chris Benson	Lane County FD #1	Denise Giard	Albany Fire Dept.
Scott Shepherd	Jefferson Fire District	Joe Raade	South Lane Rural
JoAnna Kamppi	Eugene Fire Department	Will Bauscher	Corvallis Fire Dept.
Mark Stevens	TVF&R	Jon Cloutier	Zoll Medical Corp.

Guests Included:

Scott Sullivan            TVF&R

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 8, 2006 meeting at Albany Fire Department (motion by Giard / second by Patterson) were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kamppi provided the following Treasurer's report: Checking account balance \$15,505.77 and CD balance was \$3,332.62 for total assets of \$18,838.39. There were no outstanding bills. No action is planned regarding long-term investing of surplus funds until after the conference in October 2006. Patterson moved / Giard second to approve report – Passed unanimously. Look for OFMAA membership renewals in July.

President's Report

- OFCA: President Benson reported the OFCA had submitted Paul LeSage from TVF&R to OR-EMS to be "Fire Service Representative" on State EMS Committee. Several members' present expressed concern that this circumvented our purpose and they should have asked that we provide such a representative through our organization. Specific concerns revolved around the lack of having a single voice and the need whoever the representative is to attend our meetings regularly. Patterson moved and Raade seconded that President Benson draft a letter on behalf of the OFMAA E-Board outlining these concerns and requesting that an OFCA representative attend our next meeting to explain and discuss how the OFCA envisions the sharing of information to occur in the future and our ongoing lack of resources and support. Why does OFMAA exist, where do future EMS concerns go (OFCA or OFMAA), etc.?  
President Benson also noted the OFCA had established the following goals relating to EMS:
  - Work with OR-EMS to improve / streamline Oregon Paramedic degree reciprocity process.
  - Improve exchange of information / representation with BME Committee.
  - Monitor and provide input regarding NHTSA report and future recommendations.
- OSAA: Patterson attended their April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and provided a summary of that agenda stating this group has a strong focus on reimbursement issues and while agency membership is expensive, highly recommended that transport agencies consider joining

(PCFD #1 is in July and will only be the third fire agency member). Their next meeting in July 21<sup>st</sup> in Newport.

- Communications: None

#### Health Division Report:

- EMS Office: No one from DHS present and it was noted that both Jeanne Arana and Tim Hennigan from OR-EMS had submitted letters of resignation effective July 7, 2006. The group discussed how this would likely add further delays to several projects.

#### BME Report:

- BME Update: Jackson attended the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and reviewed agenda items covered that included: approval of EMT-B & I scope of practice clarifications, discussion of EMT's administering immunizations under various scenarios (epidemic, agency staff, public), OAR workgroup update, First Responder Program update, allowing EMT-P's to perform surgical cricothyrotomies, and set meeting dates for the next year (9/8/06, 12/8/06, 3/9/07, and 6/8/07).

#### First Responder Report:

- Work Group Update: Tom O'Connor was absent but provided a written report outlining the progress and status of this project. Highlights include: the need for improved instructor / agency and DHS coordination and accountability along with the lack of consistency, training, testing and background history checks. It appears that DHS will be requiring State testing and certification in the future that will also result charging fees to certify card holders. A full copy of his report will be included as an attachment with these minutes (Thank you Tom!).

#### Old Business:

- OAR Revisions: Giard reported this group met on May 26<sup>th</sup> to review the ground ambulance sections and will meet again on June 30<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>. Draft changes to Division 255 and 250 were submitted to committee members for final review and input prior to being submitted to EMS Director who will then review and forwarding to AG. Schedule of public hearings should be out soon with work on Division 265 continuing.
- 2006 OFMAA Conference: The conference will be on October 25 & 26 at Valley River Inn in Eugene. Speakers and topics include: IAFC-EMS Section Chair Chief John Sinclair on Excellence in EMS, Oregon Research Institute with a FF/EMT Ergonomics program overview, DHS-EMS update and review of NHTSA report status, Six Sigma Quality Improvement Program, BME-EMT Advisory Committee update, HRSA update and grant opportunities, and Fire Med Program round table. Look for printed conference information and registration materials in mid-July, but save the dates now!
- Future Legislative Issues: Benson and Shepherd are still working with West Valley Fire District, OFCA and OSP regarding concerns about the current limitations of police officer holds (mentally ill patients) and potentially seeing that expanded.
- EMT Intermediate Upgrade: Benson sent letter explaining current process to OFCA who has distributed to their membership.

New Business:

- OFMAA Board Elections: The Board of Directors presented the following slate of nominations for office:  
President – Chris Benson                      Vice-President – Darrell Patterson  
Treasurer – JoAnna Kamppi                      Secretary – Randy Jackson  
1-Year Director – Scott Shepherd              2-Year Director – Gregg Lander  
3 – Year Director – Joe Raade  
Nominations were open to the floor, there being none, Giard moved and Shepherd seconded that a unanimous ballot be cast with all those present voting in favor.

Vendor Report:

- Jon Cloutier with Zoll Medical mentioned that he could help members spend any remaining fiscal year funds you might have. He noted now was an excellent time to consider implementing a PAD Program with AED pricing at \$1,021 through 12/31/06.

Round Table:

- South Lane Co: Nothing to report.
- PCFD #1: Nothing to report.
- Keizer: Noted that Salem EMS Coordinator and OFMAA member Greg Hadley is returning to the line and will be replaced by Mike Heffner. Working on new supervising physician contract and their area is raising Fire Med fees to \$50.00.
- Jefferson: Attending NFA Safety Officer Class later this month.
- Turner: Sent their supervising physician to Florida for EMS training and that progress working to implement changes at Salem hospital is slow going.
- Eugene: Writing specifications for 5 new ambulances, also writing RFP for MD, telcom funding the purchase of new monitor/defibs, cath alert program has cut intervention times in half and going well.
- Albany: After one-year they can now by-pass Albany Hospital for Good Sam with MI patients and she thanked Eugene for supplying good new hires.
- TVF&R: Approved new EMS Captain position to assist Mark, working with Portland area in developing ST/TF model MCI plan with HRSA grant with 1<sup>st</sup> stage slated for completion by 9/1/06.
- Corvallis: Now on the job for 4 months and still there. Working on lots of issues with the new REACH helicopter now in their area. Updating protocols for all EMT levels.
- Lane Co: Nothing to report.

Good of the Order: Mark Stevens noted that the new PHTLS 6<sup>th</sup> Edition would be rolled out at the State EMS Conference in September and to look for class listings in the near future.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at 1:00pm – Eugene Fire

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm

Submitted:

Randy Jackson  
OFMAA Secretary