

**OFMAA Meeting Minutes**  
December 9, 2010 at 1:00pm  
Slocum Center - Eugene

Call to Order: President Stevens called the meeting to order at 1:07pm. We had a great presentation (and 1.5 hours of EMT-CE for those present) covering concussions and youth sports injuries by Michael Koester M.D. prior to the meeting.

Member Introductions: Those present included:

Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District	Will Bauscher	Corvallis Fire Dept.
Mark Stevens	TVF&R	Tom Wright	Bend Fire Dept.
Tim Frost	Lebanon Fire District	Scott Shepherd	Jefferson Fire Dist.
Joe Raade	South Lane F/R	Chris Heppel	Lane Rural F/R
Holly Love	Life Flight	JoAnna Kamppi	Eugene Fire & EMS
Doug Kelly	Redmond F &R (via phone)	Todd Brumfield	City of Dallas, EMS
Monte Keady	Klamath Co. FD#1	Laurie Monico	Springfield Fire Dept
Erik Franks	Hughes Fire Equipment	Mark Boren	Lane Co. FD#1
Mike Mayfield	Polk Co. Fire Dist. #1	Darrell Knott	Portland Fire Rescue
Mark Bambach	Albany Fire Dept.	Dick Straw	Braun Northwest Inc.
Steve Brown	Salem Fire Dept.	Dave Lapof	Siletz Fire Dist.
Gregg Lander	Chemeketa CC	Brian Price	Zoll Medical Corp.

Guests Included:

Director Bob Leopold            OR-EMS & Trauma

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Frost to approve the October 7, 2010 meeting minutes in Salem, seconded by Wright, which passed unanimously by all those present.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Wright provided a written Treasurer's report which detailed account activity. Our accounts have the following ending balances: US Bank checking \$2,761.78, 9 month CD @ US Bank \$3,706.05 and the Home Federal Bank Money Market \$20,007.54. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Raade and seconded by Bauscher, which passed unanimously by all those present.

### **DHS / EMS Reports**

- EMS Office: Director Leopold clarified that the recent request for 2009 agency data was only if an agency had that data available in an electronic format, they are behind schedule in preparing a project report to the legislature on EMS data (due March 2011), but are working with OHSU. Albany FD reports having software interface problems in submitting data. OR-EMS suggests contacting OHSU for support and possible help. Questions were asked about when OR-EMS might be making electronic EMS reporting mandatory, but no specific timeframe can be stated now, only to expect it in 3-5 years. OR-EMSC recently sent out a pediatric survey to all EMS agencies (including first responders) that could make grant funded pediatric equipment available to those participating. Proposed legislation is linked to implementing EMS to the Future recommendations. All EMT certifications expire on 6/30/11 but recertification hours must be completed before the May 1, 2011 deadline, which will be on-line only. EMS agency and vehicle licensing will also be done via an on-line process in 2012. EMT testing will move to only the new levels beginning Jan. 2012 (except OR-EMT-I). It should be noted that Oregon DHS was officially renamed the Oregon Health Authority.

## **Committee/Activity Reports**

- OFCA: Stevens reported that he and others provided updates on the proposed EMS legislation at the OFCA/OFDDA conference. He also mentioned that Chief Aldrich had thanked OFMAA for their efforts to help keep OFCA members aware of this info. The OFCA is mainly focused on other pending legislation and changes to PERS. They were supportive of our name change and like the concept of other groups following.
- OSAA: Wright reported reimbursement on Oregon health Plan patients still a big deal and working with Congress to get the retro-active CMS payments addressed.
- ECEMS: Wright reported that Chempack training was the topic at their last meeting.
- Northwest Air Ambulance Medical Responders (NWAAMR) Network: Love reported the groups next meeting will be in January 2011.
- Legislative Updates: Stevens reported on the OFCA handouts provided. He asked that if you are asked about questions we have not already addressed to please let him know so they can be listed and reviewed (we don't want to miss anything). He reminded the group that there are two (2) primary pieces of EMS legislation coming this next session 1) OR-EMS (LC-683) and 2) proposals from the Health Care Task Force being sponsored by ACEP. Copies of both documents can be found at [www.ofmaa.org](http://www.ofmaa.org)

## **State Committee Reports**

- OMB/EMT Advisory Committee: Kelly reported that Tony Grimes will be terming out in June 2011 and the group would like to replace her with an EMT-B so one of each level was represented. The group is currently looking at MCI issues and developing a scope of practice to match the new EMT levels.
- State EMS Committee: Stevens reported the meeting scheduled for 12/3 was cancelled. Director Leopold reported they are looking at having 3 meetings per year.
- EMSC/Office of Rural Health: The last meeting was cancelled. Please complete the on-line pediatric equipment survey.
- STAB: Raade reported the last meeting was held during the State EMS Conference. It was noted the on-line OR-EMS E-4 form is not up to date.
- DPSST Telecommunications Policy Committee: Raade reported that the group continues to look at revocations of Telecommunicator certifications and some are now being based on social networking issues. Several members present discussed both social media issues and differences in the way OR-EMS treated violations compared to DPSST. It was suggested to have a representative from DPSST attend a future meeting and discuss this.
- OR-EMS Conference: Lapof noted that next year's State EMS Conference will again be at the Salem Convention Center on Sept. 22-24, 2011. This past year had approx. 325 attendees (a good turnout). After that it will be in Bend for two years. Lapof noted a presenter next year will be addressing social media issues. Wright made a motion which was seconded by Frost to spend up to \$1,000 towards sponsoring this or a similar presentation made in conjunction to the conference for our Association. The motion passed unanimously by all those present.
- Emergency Health Care Task Force: Bauscher only clarified that the HCTF legislation was being presented / sponsored by ACEP and the Bill language should be out very soon.

## **OFMAA Subcommittee Reports**

- EMS Leadership & Education: Bauscher had nothing new to report other than still working with DPSST on a possible grant funded EMS Leadership course.
- Safety & Operational Best Practices: No report.
- Protocol Development & Quality Improvement: Wright had nothing new to report.
- Position Development & Policy Review: Keady & Slaughter have been working on Association by law changes and updates.

## Old Business

- Association Name Change: Stevens reported that the OFCA approved changing our name from OFMAA to EMS Section of OFCA at their last meeting. Now we can move forward with selecting a new logo and by law changes.

## New Business

- Association By Law Changes & Updates: Keade reviewed information and answered questions pertaining to the proposed by law changes that had been emailed with the current meeting notice. Input from the group was noted and additional updates will be made. A final draft of proposed changes will be emailed to members at least 30-days prior to the March meeting so they can hopefully be approved. The group thanked Keade for his hard work on updating the by laws. President Stevens also asked for input on a new Association logo and showed several draft samples for consideration. This will also be on the agenda for approval at the March 2011 meeting.
- Review of Proposed NFPA 1917: Brumfield stated that he and Slaughter, Raade & Keade had reviewed the proposed rules and stated their two biggest questions were 1) will these rules replace the old KKK Federal standard and what will the State be looking for and 2) the impact of language referencing a required 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspection? See an attachment from Brumfield with these minutes to the group with concerns.
- Future Pre-Meeting Educational Offerings: This topic was not discussed due to the time.
- 2011 Association Meeting Schedule: A proposed 2011 meeting schedule is as follows
  - March 10, 2011 @ DPSST Salem
  - June 9, 2011 @ Redmond Fire (annual meeting and elections)
  - September 22, 2011 @ Salem Convention Center (w/State EMS Conference)
  - December 8, 2011 @ Lane Co. FD#1

## Vendor Reports

- Zoll Medical Corp – New member Brian Price wanted the group to note that their products were AHA compliant and a new data representative would be starting soon.
- Hughes Fire Equipment – Erik Franks reported they are now delivering new chassis and dealing with those issues.
- Braun Northwest Inc. – Dick Straw reported that they now have several new rigs out with gasoline motors and then we could have told stories about “back in the day” for hours ☺

## Round Table

- Due to the late hour, pending darkness and heavy rain, only limited round table was discussed...
- Chemeketa Community College – Gregg Lander mentioned that their new EMT-P level testing (NR) included critical thinking and problem solving and not specifically practical station skills testing like in the past, noting that those skills were tested during the course labs.
- Salem Fire Dept. – Steve Brown mentioned scene photos, social media and pending policy development for Salem Fire. All present commented on this becoming a big deal. It used to be ambulances had Polaroid cameras and now they are either digital or personnel are taking pictures with their smart phones, but how are they transferred to the ED and what happens to them after the call when on a personal phone/camera? Members noted it is still important to obtain scene photos for training, etc. but how to blend privacy with all of the other issues we now face will be a challenge in the future. Discussions lead to the possibility of the Association developing a “Best Practices” document of resource similar to EMS Protocols on our web site.

**Good of the Order** None

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

**Next Meeting Date and Location:**

March 10, 2011 – DPSST in Salem

Submitted: Randy Jackson - OFMAA Secretary