

Oregon Fire Marshals Association

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Executive Board Meeting Minutes March 11, 2010, 1030 hours

DPSST, Salem

- 1) Present: Doug Friant, Mark Wilson, Debbie McDermott, Troy Buzalsky, John Rinier, Kate Stoller,
- 2) Absent: Michelle Stevens and Michael Silva
- 3) Roll Call (Pledge of Allegiance)
 - a) *The mission of the Oregon Fire Marshals Association is to provide support and coordination for education, engineering, and enforcement related to fire prevention and safety for the State of Oregon.*
 - b) *The vision of the Oregon Fire Marshals Association is to make our state the safest state in the nation by leading, serving, and supporting fire and life safety efforts in Oregon.*
- 4) Review of February 2010 minutes. Motion and second to approve.
- 5) Guests: Randy Simpson, DPSST, and Chuck Chaffin
- 6) Financial Report: Kate Stoller reported on the financials for the month prior. There was discussion on how to best track the items sold (other than a receipt book); spreadsheet concept was agreed upon by group. Discussion on being able to accept Visa, Debit, Master Charge - Paypal information (more information to be routed via email after Kate makes contact with representative) Motion was made and seconded to approve financials.
- 7) Correspondence: None
- 8) OSFM Report:
 - a) Work group has been reviewing and cleaning up State Statutes 479. These were written before fire codes were in Oregon and need a great deal of reviewing. Many thanks to those who have been serving on the committee. Fireworks laws have also been under review. There is a goal to create more authority for local groups.
 - b) A re-write of the smoke alarm rules is underway due to the carbon monoxide legislation.
 - c) The State is working with partners on Elderly Falls and a best practices guide for Child Care Division (School Age Care Program)
 - d) The State and NFPA are working to bridge gaps between the two groups. A work session has been set for later this month will take place at the OSFM.
- 9) Upcoming Events
 - a) 2010 Annual Business Meeting – Deschutes County Fairgrounds
- 10) Old Business
 - a) DPSST continued the discussion started by Jim Essam at the last board meeting on certification of fire alarm companies who perform monitoring of residential properties. Currently any certification is voluntary. Private security has established standards for themselves that are now mandatory for those who keep a watchful eye over homes and businesses. For fire alarms, there are currently no UL standards. Discussion reverted back to last month on whether the Fire Chiefs Association was on board, all agreed it needed to be a partnership and Randy stated that the chiefs agreed that standards would be good. Discussion then took place on whether it was the right thing to do. Do we have legislative authority? If we have authority, do we have established training and how do we implement the program? (Industry pays for the program). Once established it can be folded into the existing burglar alarm standard. In the current DPSST program there is no discrimination of the type of alarm, it is solely the person monitoring the central station (blind legislation). This discussion then branched off into the thoughts towards sprinkler standards – for installers.
 - b) Yellow-Book Follow-up: Discussion on the electronic version idea was run past Mike Thrapp. Part of the contract with ICC is that it is sold at the same price. \$44 is the cost (we bought them

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in bulk). It was agreed that we need to offer the yellow book at our conferences... (The ABM being our goal – but only if Mike is able to update it to the new codes in time.)

11) New Business

- a) Chuck Chaffin was presented with a one of a kind “Board Member” ring, thanking him for his service to the Association. Presentation was by Board President Doug Friant who had Chuck’s ring inscribed with [Proverbs 16:20](#) on the inside. Chuck is a life-time member and was grateful for the recognition by the group. Joining us at this time was Rolanda Ayers, Ed Bonollo, Sandra Johnson, and Doug Perry (who skipped out of the Fire Plan Reviewer class for the presentation portion of the meeting).

12) Committee Reports

- a) Education - None
- b) Scholarship - None
- c) By-Laws – None
- d) Membership – Website has been updated as well as the membership roster. The e-mail list has also been cleaned up. John re-sent past-due reminders to groups, individuals, and departments who have not paid to date. There was a noted need for minutes to be re-linked, some links are broken and the attached files are not available. If anyone has the minutes from April and May of 2007 and July 2009 please send them to John Rinier.
- e) Member Promotions – Discussion on what give-aways we want to use for the ABM. Debbie McDermott will select the final items and work with Kate Stoller on the requisition process.
- f) Audit – Not performed to date
- g) Recognition Advisory - None
- h) Oregon Fire Sprinkler Coalition - None

13) Liaison Reports

- a) ICC - None
- b) Oregon Life Safety - The smoke alarm “Invasion” program is working on a new theme
- c) OFCC & OBOA- None
- d) DPSST – See old business above
- e) IAAI - None
- f) OFCA -will be sending out a flyer to all of their members. (They had a proposal from some chaplains regarding the Woodburn bomb incident where they had unsolicited clergy show up and create some havoc.) The Chaplin group is interested in developing some standards/certification to improve the understanding of the ICS system, reporting structure, etc...
- g) GFSPC
- h) Legislative

14) Good of the Order

- a) ABM Discussion – Doug shared his vision of having all Board Members present and available to members at the meeting. He shared the calendar and asked people to sign up for when they would be hosting and presenting instructors, when they would be at the front desk, and when they would be at the display of items for sale.
 - i) Kate Stoller will create a clipboard sign in sheet to route at the beginning of each class.
 - ii) Brenda – Contracts for presenters
 - iii) We had a discussion as to DPSST grant dollars being available to assist in supporting the costs of the program. Kate will submit a letter to them requesting assistance.
 - iv) Troy is working on vendor support
 - v) Note – The Comfort Inn and Suites is booked solid for a BLM meeting/conference... Best Western has 20+/- rooms available and the Super 8 is 40% booked to date.

15) Adjournment at 1:40 p.m.

(Respectfully submitted by K. Stoller)