



Oregon Public
Health Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 15, 2024
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

10:00 Call to Order – JoAnn Miller

- The meeting was called to order by JoAnn Miller, who welcomed everyone.
- Roll call was conducted to confirm attendance.
- New board members and section representatives were warmly welcomed to the meeting.

10:05 A Space to Share – JoAnn Miller

- Participants introduced themselves, sharing their names, pronouns, and positions within the organization.
- Each participant expressed values that are important to them during challenging times, aiming for a brief sharing of approximately one minute each to foster connection and understanding.

10:50 Meeting Minutes – JoAnn Miller

- The minutes from the meetings held in August, September, and October were presented for adoption.
- JoAnn extended a special thank you to Amber Henderson and Kim Valdez for their significant contributions in preparing the minutes.
- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Brianna Arnold and seconded by Armando. The minutes were approved unanimously by the board.

11:00 Treasurer's Report – Robb Hutson

- Robb Hutson provided the annual financial report, highlighting key figures and discussing the October financials in detail.
- He proposed the formation of a budget committee to assist in budget planning for the upcoming year, emphasizing the importance of collaborative input.

11:10 President's Report – JoAnn Miller

- JoAnn reported on several open board positions that need to be filled:
 - Region 1 – Multnomah County
 - Region 2 – Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, and Lane Counties
 - Region 5 – Benton, Clackamas, Hood River, Linn, Marion, and Polk Counties
 - At Large Position
- JoAnn discussed the need for a Development Committee and called for volunteers to recruit for a Chair position and additional members.

11:20 Executive Director Report – Elisabeth Hartner

- Elisabeth provided updates on the recent APHA conference, sharing insights and experiences from the event.
- She discussed the partnership with Rede Group and the ongoing statewide assessment aimed at informing the organization's strategic goals and initiatives.

11:25 ARGC Report – Briana Arnold

- Briana Arnold shared updates from her role as the Affiliate Representative to the Governing Council (ARGC), highlighting key discussions and decisions made during the meetings.

11:35 Board Retreat – JoAnn Miller

- JoAnn discussed potential destination ideas for the upcoming board retreat scheduled for March 2025, encouraging input from board members on locations that would facilitate community engagement.

11:45 Committee Updates

- **Policy Committee – Julie Reeder**

The policy committee is newly established with a fresh set of members. They will review endorsement requests, including one for the "Food for All Oregonians" bill, which aims to provide nutrition assistance to residents who qualify for SNAP but face barriers due to immigration status. The committee will also explore OPHA's role in policy and advocacy throughout the year. Additionally, there are plans to host American Public Health Association for an orientation on advocacy and public health priorities, and all board members are invited to participate.

11:50 Section Updates

- **Nursing Section – Julie Plagenhoef**
 - The nursing section has welcomed new members to its leadership team, including a communications position and two at-large positions. They plan to continue hosting three to four lunch-and-learn sessions each year, with the next session being a collaboration with the environmental health section.

- **Food and Nutrition Section – Dustin Daniel**
 - Section heard a presentation from representatives of the Oregon Food Bank about the "Food for All Oregonians" bill. This campaign aims to provide nutrition assistance to residents who qualify for SNAP but face barriers due to immigration status. The section supports this campaign and has requested OPHA's endorsement.

12:00 Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned