

MEETING MINUTES

OREGON PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DETAILS

The meeting was held on Zoom on November 19, 2021. The meeting started at: 10:04AM and finished at 12:00PM.

ATTENDEES

People present at the meeting:

<i>Zoom</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Not Present</i>
Alicia Lee		Clair Raujol
Angel Harris		Yesenia Castro
Chandra Char		
Danielle Droppers		
Fatima Paola Herrera-Zarate		
Jackie Leung		
Juan Franco		
Julie Plagenhoef		
Karen Chase		
Marie Harvey		
Mary Ann Wren		
Nora Frank-Buckner		
Oralia Mendez		
Phyusin Myint		
Rebeckah Berry		
Renee' Menkens		
Rob Hutson		
Tabitha A. Jensen		
Tamara Falls (left at 11am)		
Therese Hooft		
Tom Engle		
Jessica Nischik-Long (Staff)		

KEY FINDINGS AND DECISIONS

The following key findings and decisions were made:

- Board elected JoAnn Miller to fill a vacant director-at-large term which ends in 2022.
- Organization is doing very well financially with higher than budgeted membership and conference sponsorship income to date.
- Table endorsement request constitutional amendment re: healthcare to January 2022 board meeting.

DETAILS AND BACKGROUND

10:00 Call to Order – Tabitha Jensen

- Introductions/Roll call
- Welcome new members

October Board Meeting Minutes – Tamara Falls – Information and Adoption (vote)

- Motion to adopt October minutes as presented. Danielle Droppers made the motion; Physisin Myint 2nd. 4 abstentions. Adopted.

President’s Report – Tabitha Jensen – Information, Discussion, & Vote

- Voting format procedure discussed and shared with new members
- Conflict of interest forms must be signed each year. Please review, sign and return to Jessica as soon as possible.

Vote on Secretary and Director at Large position

- Motion to elect Tamara Falls as Board Secretary: Mary Ann; Karen 2nd. Unanimous. No abstentions. Adopted.
- Motion to elect Joanne Miller as Director at Large for vacant position: Danielle; Angel 2nd. Unanimous. No abstentions. Adopted.

Treasurer’s Report - Robb Hutson – Information and Discussion

- October Financials review
 - Slightly over on payroll expenses for October
 - Total conference net income is 129% of budget at the end of October, which is \$12,500 more than expected.
 - Total direct public support was \$42,225 which is 174% of what was budgeted.
 - Conference net income was \$54,748, the highest net income for the conference so far. Last two years of virtual conferences have been highest net income. This may change if in person conferences resume
- Question regarding how much it costs to endorse ballot measures
 - This is not in the budget and would have to be further researched and considered.
- Budget Preparation and Process
 - At the Board retreat in December, there will be an opportunity to take an in depth look at the budget

Committee Reports:

Program Committee – Marie Harvey & Jessica Nischik-Long – Information and Discussion

- Final number: 395 people in attendance at the virtual 2021 OPHA conference
- Presentations and awards now on website
 - Request for keynote videos to be made available to everyone (including those who didn’t attend conference)
 - The videos are embedded in the conference platform, so they are not able to be shared. Jessica can ask if it’s possible to make them available off the conference platform site. If so, it will be necessary to check with the speakers to see if they are willing to have speeches shared.

- This question was tabled given the amount of work it takes and there have been no requests for the presentations outside of registrants.

Development Committee – Clair Raujol – Information and Discussion

- Clair was not able to attend due to a work commitment. Jessica gave the update on her behalf.
- We budgeted \$26,450 for conference sponsorships and exhibit booths but brought in \$45,225 to date. Two sponsors are still outstanding on their payments. Jessica is working with them to receive the checks before the end of the year. Fantastic work by the development committee, board and staff for this accomplishment.
- Jessica asked board members to connect with the sponsors they secured this year to remind them to budget for an OPHA conference sponsorship in 2022. Reach out to Clair if you need a reminder of who you secured and/or asked.
- A new co-chair is needed for this committee. Jessica reminded the board that the committee organizes the fundraising work and provides support to other board members. It is also a good place to learn more about fundraising, an important skill regardless of the type of public health work you do.

Policy Committee – Nathaniel Boehme

- Nathaniel brought an endorsement request from Healthcare for All Oregon to amend the state constitution through a ballot measure in the fall. The amendment would more or less make healthcare a right. Endorsement request materials were not received in advance and board members requested more time for discussion.
 - Motion made to table this endorsement request to the January 2022 board meeting. Angel Harris motion, Mary Ann Wren 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
- HB 2337, Racism is a public health crisis, will return in the 2022 legislative session with Representative Andrea Salinas again as the chief sponsor. Legislators are allowed to submit two bills during short sessions and this will be one of hers. This is a significant accomplishment. Jessica will share the LC 2022 text with the board. It is not yet in OLIS.

Capacity Building Grant Discussion & Retreat Planning Update – Oralía Mendez

- Oralía reviewed the agenda outline for the December 10 annual retreat and noted the time, 9:00-2:00. The board meeting will be short and part of the retreat as will a budget discussion.
- Board discussed how to determine priorities and move forward with finding and securing capacity building grant(s). Retreat planning group has discussed and is recommending that this year we focus on the work we currently have started and must continue (conference, 2022 version of HB 2337, DEI work already planned, finding and securing capacity building grant(s)).

New Business, Coalition & Section Updates – Tabitha Jensen – Information & Discussion

Discussion of the importance of leading our work with an anti-racism lens and that in doing so, we will get to the more specific issues (examples: tobacco, prenatal care) because whatever the health issue, it is disproportionately high for communities of color.

A moment of contemplation was held because the Rittenhouse verdict came out during the meeting.

12:00 - Adjourn

Upcoming Board Schedule:

Board Retreat, December 10, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
December Board meeting takes place during the retreat
Board meets the third Friday of every month from 10:00 – 12:00 except October and December
Board Meeting, Friday, January 21, 10:00 – 12:00

Committee Meetings:

DEI December 16, 9:00 am
Program, Friday, January 8, 2021, 9:00 am