

Oregon VOAD

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2016



Opening:

The regular meeting of the Oregon VOAD was called to order at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2015 at Oregon Food Bank by Dean Alby, President.

Present:

Dean Alby, Charlene Larsen, Scott Reutter, Wendy and John Colvin, Mike Johnson, Dan Moseler, Tom Hogan, Laura Pascoe, Christian Burgess, Robert Worlock, Kimberly Ligon, Curtis Peetze, Chris Cochran, Susan Romanski, Dick Raub, Karen Parmelee, and Joseph Murray.

Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report:

Dan Mossler moved acceptance of the meeting minutes of March 15, 2016 as updated (with Joseph's suggested edits) and the Treasurer's report; Brent seconded; unanimous. Dean will send the corrected meeting minutes out.

Partner Spot Light – Oregon Food Bank

Dean provided a brief slideshow, followed by lots of good questions. This is the only foodbank of its kind in the USA with 21 regional foodbanks, including Clark County, WA. Dean offered to provide a tour to anyone interested after the meeting.

Nominations Committee:

Tom gave a concise report regarding the nominations for officers of Oregon VOAD and noted that the nominees for the vote today are:

Dean Alby – President (*two year term*)

Charlene Larsen – Vice President, Rural (*two year term*)

Wendy Colvin – Treasurer (*one year term*)

Dallas Brannon – Member at Large (*two year term*)

Tom moved the nominees above be approved as leadership. Dan provided the second. A voice vote of the membership was unanimous to accept the roster of nominees as leadership.

There are other positions that will be voted on at the July meeting. This delay is due to the 30 day notice requirement under the Oregon VOAD Bylaws.

Strategic Plan:

A team of members worked on an Oregon VOAD Strategic Plan at the direction of Steve Courtney (then President of Oregon VOAD) and Dewayne Hatcher (Committee Chair). The plan has recently been completed by Dean Alby and the Leadership Team and was submitted to the membership at the March membership meeting for review. During the 30 review period no updates or corrections were suggested so today the Strategic Plan is submitted for approval by the membership. Dick Raub moved acceptance of the Strategic Plan as drafted. Brent Carlson seconded this motion and a unanimous vote in favor followed.

Committee Report:

- **Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, Strategic Plan** - Dean said that this had just been covered and there was no further information to share.
- **Long Term Recovery Groups, COAD and VOAD Development** - Charlene mentioned Columbia County, Marion-Polk, Tillamook County, and Grant County all have activities, and groups up and running. No further information was available for John Day.
- **Membership Committee** - Brent talked briefly; he noted that the ORVOAD membership in recent years has been stable.
- **Nominating Committee** – Tom Hogan reports that there was no additional report here.
- **Ad-Hoc Committees**
 - **Communications Committee** – Robert Worlock provided a brief report which resulted in a discussion about the Oregon VAOD website and the need to update and possibly find a new website provider so that images can be added with more ease.
 - **Strategic Plan Committee** – No additional information to report.

Cascadia Rising:

Karen Parmelee took the lead with this. She gave a brief overview of the exercise and noted that there has not been much effort to include ORVOAD because the work that ORVOAD does would not occur much during the first four days of a CSZ earthquake/tsunami response. She noted there is going to be a follow-up tabletop exercise in the autumn to better determine the recovery work that would be done, including by ORVOAD. Dean said it will be played-out at the State ECC and local EOCs. It will involve many state and federal agencies. Karen noted that FEMA plans to deploy a 150-person IMT to the Oregon ECC.

Dean said that one emphasis for him is how the ORVOAD members are going to communicate. By a show of hands, it was shown that several ORVOAD members/partners have amateur radio licenses, including Dean and Karen, and several others are working on obtaining them. John noted that when all else fails, text-messaging often gets through. Scott noted that if text is working, Twitter is working, so set-up your Twitter account.

Brent asked about ORVOAD having a state in the State ECC? Dean said not this time. Curtis said that ARC has a seat and ORVOAD could have one too for the exercise if it wishes. Karen indicated that OEM is still working on the staffing pattern, but our building is not large enough to hold a staff member for each Oregon ESF that needs to be there.

Charlene talked about activities her COAD has worked-out with Clatsop County EM.

There was a question about how we are going to communicate lessons learned from Cascadia Rising, and more generally is there going to be media watching the exercise. Karen indicated that the answer to the second question is “yes,” and that our PIOs are already engaged with the media on this. She said that there are going to be a lot of lessons learned sessions with different audiences at different levels. Each of these may have different protocols on what gets released. Scott said that the Oregon VOST will be activated for the event. Scott said that they will be practicing the media piece in the JIC.

Karen noted that OEM does quarterly exercises, but that big exercises like this one are infrequent due to their costs.

Upcoming Workshops and other Announcements:

- OEM Annual Workshop in April 5-7
- Dean talked about the recent OEM annual workshop.
- **MWVAOD Conference in April 24-26** - Dean, Wendy, and Jay participated in the regional conference and report back that they feel the conference was beneficial to Oregon VOAD and on a par with the National Conference.
- **NVOAD Conference in May 22nd through the 25th** – Dean, Wendy, Dallas and Jay De Boer will be attending this conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- **OEMA Annual Conference** – this conference is scheduled for October 4th, 5th and 6th at Salishan. Dean will be presenting workshop at the conference on the importance of the inclusion of the faith based and NGOs in disaster response and long term recovery.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. by Dean Alby, President. The next general meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on July 17, 2016, in Red Cross in Portland.

Minutes submitted by: Joseph Murray

Approved by: