

# Oregon Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

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Oregon VOAD Meeting – May 19, 2015

## **Attendance:**

*Dean Alby (Oregon Food Bank), Steve Bullock (Multnomah County Emergency Management), Alice Busch (DCHS, Multnomah County Emergency Management), Brent Carlson (Church of the Brethren), Wendy Colvin (Mennonite Disaster Service), Steve Courtney (Former President ORVOAD, Episcopal Diocese of Oregon), Laurie Holien (Deputy Director OEM), Mike Johnson (LDS Charities), Charlene Larson (Lutheran Disaster), Les Miller (Visitor), Dan Moseler (OR-ID Conference of United Methodist Church), Joseph Murray (Oregon Office of Emergency Management), Kim Pettina (The Salvation Army), Richard (Dick) Raub (Oregon Episcopal Diocese), Steve Sirkin, (Jewish Federation of Portland), Bob Stai (Cascades for the Presbytery), Mark Wilson (MARS/ARES)*

On Phone: Terri Giles (FEMA), Denise Everhart (Red Cross), Stan Thomas (Oregon Department of Human Resources DHS/OHA), DeWayne Hatcher (Public Health Department)

During lunch, prior to the meeting Warren Brown of Eid Passport (<http://eidpassport.com>) shared his presentation at the National ORVOAD meeting. He shared information from a Volunteer Match Survey and directed us to the video “New Tools and Strategies for Risk Management at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Flj-Egxna5M>.”

## **1. Call to Order**

Wendy Colvin called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

## **2. Reflection**

Alice Busch shared a poem: “To Be of Use”

## **3. Meeting Minutes and Treasurer’s Report**

### **A. January Meeting Minutes - Charlene Larsen**

Charlene (Secretary) requested approval of January 20, 2015 Minutes

Dick Raub made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as unchanged, Dean Alby seconded. Minutes were approved by voice vote.

### **B. Treasurer’s Report – Kim Pettina**

Kim Pettina (Vice President), provided the Treasurer’s report for Sam who was out of town.

Bank Balance: \$8,569.50

Expenditures: \$ 475 for one NVOAD registration

No dues received during the last two months.

## **4. Introductions**

Those in attendance, in person or over the phone, introduced themselves.

5. **ORVOAD Election of Officers for 2015/2016** – Brent Carlson  
Brent (acting for Tom Hogan) read the slate of nominations for ORVOAD officers for 2015/2016

Ballots were distributed. **The slate was moved Dan Moseler, Seconded Dick Raub**

President	Dean Alby	Oregon Food Bank
Vice-President Urban	Kim Pettina	Salvation Army
Vice-President Rural	Charlene Larson	Lutheran Disaster Response
Secretary	Steve Sirkin	Jewish Federation
Treasurer	Wendy Colvin	Mennonite Disaster Service

**Ballots were collected and the nominated slate of officers were elected by a vote of the attending membership.**

6. **Old Business**

Mike Johnson shared there are a number of projects Adventist Services has been involved in. He indicated there is a project in The Dalles one that did not gel in Salem and one in Linn County that is ongoing. The property is now for sale and will likely close this week. Mike described the work that was done on the property that was completed just before she had the stroke that has caused her to sell the house. Steve Courtney described The Dalles situation. The individual has unfortunately gotten sick since the process started.

7. **Committee Reports:**

**Conference Committee** - Brent Carlson for Tom Hogan

Brent shared the individuals who participated in the committee. They are planning an awards luncheon for July 21<sup>st</sup>. They have requested a \$300 budget mostly for a catered lunch. Their first choice is Peace Church of the Brethren (127<sup>th</sup> and SE Market in Portland). Salvation Army will provide rewards certificates for three categories. They are also looking at national VOAD awards that might be appropriate. June 12 to July 8<sup>th</sup> nominations for awards will be open. Catering will be \$8 to \$10 per person. Looking for a keynote speaker. Asking Andrew Phillips the new Director of the Oregon Office of Emergency Management. They are looking into putting together an ORVOAD video. There may be an ORVOAD day conference in 2016. Also they perhaps will be making a presentation at an event this year.

We need to vote on ORVOAD funds for the next meeting for feeding. The motion was made **“to spend up to \$300 for support of the Awards Meeting.”** Dan Moseler moved, Dean Alby seconded. **The motion passed.** Alice reminded us of the need to have a vegetarian option for the Adventist participants.

**LTRC Reports** – Brent and Steve

Brent described the Carleton Complex Fire in Washington and the long-term recovery. The Brethren, Mennonites, and Amish are working together to rebuild homes. Also Presbyterians and United Methodists were assisting. There is a need for volunteers to provide lodging.

Charlene noted the OSO Slide, now known as the Highway 530 Slide that the Lutheran Disaster Response is assisting with the long term recovery.

**Marketing and Public Relations - Alice Busch/Angie DeRouchie**

Alice noted that we have 1,073 Twitter followers and 226 Facebook likes. She suggested the LTR reports that have been made would be great stories to be shared. She suggested the possibility of having a quarterly newsletter. She requested that Twitter items be formatted in an appropriate manner. Scott offered to produce a “pre-Google” form that could be used for individuals submitting. It was asked if any media outlets had “liked” the ORVOAD website(s).

**Bylaws - Steve Courtney**

No report.

**Strategic Planning - Steve Courtney**

No Report.

**8. New Business**

Steve Courtney - noted he had stepped down as President in January to focus on family. In doing his taxes this year he noted that he had traveled over 10,000 miles and attended 200 meetings in 2014 on ORVOAD business. It has been a pleasure being an envoy for this organization.

**9. State VAL Report - Joseph Murray**

Joseph indicated that Jeff Greiner left OEM to return to ODOT. Jeff was the alternate VAL for the State of Oregon for OEM (Public/Private Liaison Position). The Long Term Recovery Committee complimented Joseph for some suggestions.

**10. Announcements - Attendees**

- Dean reports that Clackamas COAD will have a Sheltering Exercise in Molalla October. Clackamas EMs, elected officials and the COAD Chair attended a four-day session at the EMI at Emmitsburg, MD. All that information will snowball into the October event.
- Charlene noted Clatsop County in September is having, in partnership with NW Gas, a Disaster Preparedness Day in Warrenton.
- Scott shared there is a “Race the Wave” and information to be announced in the coming weeks.
- Alice asked if there was an ORVOAD booth that is stored someplace. Steve and Brent remember that there are some flyers and an ORVOAD sign. Alice also states the Disaster Relief Trials will be October 17<sup>th</sup> this year and she is working with others to plan this local event. Brent suggested a box for including resources for those events.
- Charlene reports District 360 Lions are having a convention in Seaside, through Lions Alert. In Douglas, Hood and Marion Counties they are supporting COADs and will have a table at the event.

- Steve suggested continuing getting “best practices” for COADs and making sure there is a COAD in each county.
- Les asked if there are any specific goals for the 2015-2016 year. He would like to see a lead COAD in each county. Dean’s connection with the Food Bank could be invaluable in accomplishing this. Lead VOAD should be in planning process.

## 11. Reports:

### **Mountain West VOAD - Wendy Colvin**

Wendy noted it was well worth the effort and time to attend. It is the regional VOAD for our area (Rockies west). Eight VOAD’s and one from British Columbia were represented. They went over the problems, all but one is renewing its bylaws and running into similar problems to those we faced. Contention and competition are two of the “c’s” that create difficulty.

### **Annual NVOAD Conference – Scott, Wendy, Kim and Dean**

Scott, Dean, Kim, and Wendy attended. Scott noted it was a great conference. He gave a talk on advance social media monitoring. Dean attended Mass Care Committee meeting along with a number of workshops. He complimented the networking at the event. Scott noted that at National VOAD attended technology workshops. There were younger people sharing open data concepts. They came out of the “Occupy” movement.

### **Asset Mapping – Dick and Alice**

Dick Raub indicated Wendy from the Episcopal Church spoke on Asset Mapping to provide information on a database. Dick will provide additional information at a later time. Alice stated that she needs description of organizations and what they do. Alice reminded us of “Asset Based Community Institute” (ABCInstitute.org).

Joseph Murray, noted OEM collected information three years ago about COADs and ORVOADS and could provide this to ORVOAD for the Asset Mapping. The information may be a little out of date but still valuable. Steve Courtney added that part of our email list has the staff of EMO throughout the state and this could be updated easily.

**Next Meeting Date: July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015, TBA – Please SAVE THE DATE, This will be an Awards Luncheon, we are still working out the logistics and updates will announced as soon as we have more information.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.**

Submitted by Steve Sirkin