

Oregon VOAD Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2016



Opening:

The regular meeting of the Oregon VOAD was called to order at 1:08 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2015 at the American Red Cross, Cascades Region Headquarters by Dean Alby, President

Present:

Dean Alby, Oregon Food Bank and Chair; Dallas Brannon, Team Rubicon; Steve Bullock, Multnomah County Emergency Management; Christian Burgess, Link2Health Solutions; Brent Carlson, Church of the Brethren; Chris Cochran, PGE; John Colvin, Mennonite Disaster Services; Wendy Colvin, Mennonite Disaster Services and Treasurer; Eric Cummings, Faith Leadership Conference; Jeremy Frazier, Team Rubicon; Cathe Guptill, American Red Cross; Tom Hogan, Clackamas County COAD; Mike Johnson, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Charlene Larsen, Lutheran Disaster Response and Vice President - Rural; Kim Ligon, Oregon Volunteers and Oregon Episcopal Diocese; Russ Andrew, Team Rubicon; Dan Moseler, UMCOR; Karen Parmelee, Oregon Office of Emergency Management; Curtis Peetz, American Red Cross; Becky Platt, UMVIM Coordinator.

Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report:

Dan Mossler moved acceptance of the meeting minutes of May 18, 2016 as updated and the Treasurer's report; Steve seconded; unanimous.

Treasurer's Report:

Wendy noted that 4 organizations had paid dues and were noted in the Treasurer's Report notes that she provided to the group. A 5th had paid July 19th, and as such was not included in the paper copy she provided. Dean requested a copy of the list of organizations who had paid. Dean moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Curtis. Unanimous.

Partner Spot Light:

American Red Cross, Curtis provided a brief slideshow, followed by lots of good questions. Curtis provided an overview of the Red Cross lines of service: Disaster Cycle Services, Blood Services, Professional Health and Safety Services, International Services and the Services to the Armed Forces. He covered the results of the regions efforts around a national preparedness initiative, the Home Fire Campaign. He then provided an overview of Disaster Cycle Services service delivery in the Northwest Region for FY 2016. Highlights included the numerous

responses on a daily basis by Disaster Action Teams, as well as, the larger responses to floods and wildfires in 2016. He also provided the strategic goals for the region for FY 2017 which included: Growing shelter capacity, Increasing county level resource guides, Increasing memorandums of understanding, New supplemental DAT workshops for skills development, Continued fire department outreach- increased response, Training Weekends

Emergency Preparedness Leadership Forum:

Eric Cummings introduced himself, providing a bit of information about his background. He then invited attendees of the meeting to attend the Emergency Preparedness Leadership Forum scheduled in Portland, OR for November 1st and 2nd and to participate in the Northwest Faith Leadership Conference scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2016. He provided bio information on two speakers for the conference and some general information around fees for participation in the two day leadership forum.

Nominations Committee:

Committee chair requested a secretary nomination. Advised that June 30 is Dick Raub's last day on nominations committee. Noted that Dick agreed to participate in calls surveying for new secretary candidates. Chair also sought updates on the Vice Presidential nomination. A motion was made to approve slate presented in the May meeting. Slate from minutes reviewed. An explanation surround term variance based on phase in of new bylaws was provided. It was noted that new bylaws converted terms of officers to 2 years. Terms of the board structure are staggered to ensure continuity of institutional knowledge. The current slate reflects treasurer's nomination for a one year term. Dick Raub was selected as a vice president candidate. Dick Robb is being considered as VP urban Based on 60 day reflection period, a motion to confirm was solicited. The question was asked, is that a one year or two year term? It was noted for this initial election it is a one year term to preserve the staggered changing of boards. Next election cycle the position will revert to a two year cycle and will remain so. Tom Hogan motioned for Dick Raub's election. Brent Carlson seconded. Unanimous agreement. Dean Alby noted the motion passed.

Cascadia Rising:

A wide ranging discussion around the conduct of the Cascadia Rising 2016 Exercise was conducted. Participants were polled for participation in Cascadia Rising- about half of the group identified that they had participated. Karen Parmelee provided overview of the exercise. She noted it was a 4 day exercise of 9.0 Cascadia Subduction full rupture along the entire fault. She noted the exercise was played as 4 days in real time following a catastrophic earthquake and tsunami event. She identified the exercise focus as the identification and movement of resources. She noted the exercise prompted activation of the ORS council - 22 state agencies with a legislated mandate participated. Federal partner participated. Over half OR counties participating

and all tribes in OR coordinated through Grande Ronde. Steve went on to describe Multnomah County Emergency Management's participation. Charlene provided an overview of her perspective of small county response, pre-coordination, cities in Clatsop county, emergency services responders. She discussed working through a response plan from cities and counties. She also described her in role in the exercise as part of faith based organization. Other members provided insight from their perspective. More discussion ensued. One member requested information about the After Action Report. It was agreed that the VOAD would seek out opportunities to obtain and share information about the after action report for the exercise.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws, Policies and Procedures:

Nothing new was reported.

Membership Committee:

Dean noted a need to formalize and identify the benefits of belonging for organization- comes under membership committee, what kind of document to inform organizations of the benefits of participation. It was proposed that a one-pager (an elevator speech should be prepared). The document should consist of Bullet points and an explanation. A Mission Statement- that will need to be developed by the leadership group, is finalized it was noted that would be appropriate for inclusion in the proposed document.

Long Term Recovery Group:

COAD/VOAD outreach continues around the state. A positive note was identified in that those counties that included the citizens have a better grasp of the need to coalesce. Looking at opportunities for outreach in those communities that experienced the exercise, because of the lessons learned from the exercise.

Oregon Community Lions and an active outreach program within the civic organization structure. There is a growing responsive element that it is resulting within those community outreach events that they may not have experienced before.

Someone asked whether or not the civic groups like Rotary and Kiwanis Lion's Club had been targeted for outreach. Charlene noted that Lion's club International has an immediate \$10K grant for community Lions groups in communities affected by disasters.

Membership Committee:

Brent Carlson reported they have a plan and a list of potential organizations to contact. Wendy and other committee members need to sit down and identify who's calling who. Brent noted he was interested in connecting with other volunteer organizations involved in Cascadia, like

ARES. He wondered how to connect. Dean pointed out that as a group their identity seems to be tied to the EOC structure of the county or the state. Steve points out that ARES is the County. RACES is the group that supports the state. State Communications officer for RACES, there is also a volunteer state coordinator, Karen will share the contact. Brent also reported many representatives from member organizations at the National Conference were very curious about participation levels at the local level. He suggested that those contacts at national might be a viable way of identifying key points of contact for potential member organizations at the local level.

Communications Committee:

Mike Johnson provided an update on the Tangent House Roof situation. It was reported that contact made with client's daughter. Local organizations are providing material and discounted material. Current financial commitments are \$250 from Thrivent and \$600 from Latter Day Saints Charities. John Colvin noted that if they were going to move this summer his involvement must be prior to last week of August – first week of September. Money is needed to finish the project. Materials and volunteers are in place. Mike identified the need of \$2,500 funding for completion of the project.

Dean confirmed there was \$6,000 in ORVOAD treasury. Dean opened a discussion around a \$1,000 contribution from the ORVOAD treasury.

Someone asked is that normally allowed?

Charlene- we have in the past. In situations with no state or federal declarations and a damaged roof, Mike working LTRG. Small amount of funding made available. A discussion ensued around the funds allocated for the National VOAD Conference. John stated - \$900 allocated for training that was not used this year? Dean moved to allocate \$1,000 from ORVOAD to the Tangent roof project. Stevie seconded. Open discussion was invited. It was noted even the small church of the Brethren has a disaster fund. \$1,850 available. Soliciting the remainder (\$1,250) from other Faith based organizations. Mike and Charlene to discuss afterwards. A vote was taken on the open motion and passed by unanimous voice vote of the membership.

Announcements:

ORVOAD annual luncheon was brought up as a topic of discussion by Tom. Third annual event, projected date at November meeting, 15th is the day. In the past, luncheon held. Awards given. The need was identified to get Speaker prior to ORVOAD meeting. There is a need additional people for the committee. Laura Pasco out for training- She's replacing SAM. They need a location. It was indicated they would be looking at someone connected with Cascadia Rising to speak. Awards similar to last year, in process, similar to National Awards. Dean- indicated that they are moving the meeting to prior to holidays to make things easier since summer has not been well attended. Tom – that finalizes report.

Member Organization Report Outs:

Chris- energy specific in April, played with FEMA, ORNG, Army, all over the west. Cascadia event- didn't want to focus on energy. Second exercise focused on damage assessment. Eye opening for their agency because of the dependencies on other organizations to ensure power comes back on line.

Tom- Clackamas County COAD has moved to a meeting format that focuses on testing a specific capability each year. Last year the COAD tested its Sheltering and CPOD capability and this year they have identified the need to test the Volunteer Management capability. This format appears to pull in key community partners and provide practice for them. Tom states that he is using this format in Gladstone, taking the material and taking it to the city and working to use it to get a shelter at the city. Clackamas County COAD has their next meeting next week.

John - Nationally, Mennonite Disaster Services has built [15 bridges in WVA](#). Baptists getting involved. NPR article on Mennonite technology. In region 4 west of the Rockies, project going out. They also have a couple of projects in CA and ID relevant from wildfires.

Kim - presentations to Diocese around Episcopal Church. New influx of Americorps members

Dan – UMCOR is working to assure it has resources equally staged across its service area. There is a need to train and educate church members to fill important services areas that in this area have been left vacant. Work is on-going and with a staff of only three people, this task may take some time.

Mike- staying busy with LEPC with vulnerable populations

Christian- network of nationally affiliated crisis centers. Last fall emulated real world crisis call center ex, focused on Cascadia in partnership with FEMA RX MRC. Doing region V with Flood. MRC does both crisis response and preparedness around health care. Civil Disturbances- shootings. Affects the assistance needed by parents and caregivers.

Dallas- partnered with BLM. Sent for wild and firefighter program. DNR heavy equipment.

Wildland fire fighter dispatch to line to heavy equipment. Exercised for last 2. Stood and ready for this fire season. Alaska TR sent up, chainsaw operators sent up and their next big project.

Karen - Oregon Office of Emergency Management is still focusing on feedback from the Cascadia rising exercise in June. A number of counties are also working to complete their feedback so that a master documents can be produced early this fall.

Charlene – Lutheran Disaster Services worked closely with our county during the Cascadia Rising exercise and we found a number of areas that need improvement. The entire exercise was educational as we were able to participate at all levels for the two days our county played.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. by Dean Alby. The next general meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on September 20, 2016.

Minutes submitted by: Cathe Guphill, American Red Cross

Approved by: