

Oregon VOAD  
Draft of Meeting Minutes, March 20, 2018

Attending:

Tom Hogan, Gladstone Emergency Management.  
Jesica Madronal, 211 Info  
Kelly Wheeler, 211 Info  
Dick Raub, Episcopal Diocese of Oregon  
Jamii Poole, Clackamas Co. COAD  
Kate Castenson, Mercy Corps  
Tesia Eisenberg, Mercy Corps  
Steve Sirkin, Jewish Federation  
Larry Johnson, UMCOR  
Dan Moseler, UMCOR  
Laura Pascoe, Adventist Community Services  
John Colvin, Mennonite Disaster Service  
Major Hendrik Sumter, The Salvation Army  
Robert Worlock, Churches of Scientology  
Wendy Colvin, Mennonite Disaster Service  
Michelle Taylor, American Red Cross  
Mike Johnson, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
John Legler, Portland NET  
Brent Carlson, Church of the Brethren  
Karen Layng, Oregon Office of Emergency Management  
By Phone:  
Charlene Larsen, Lutheran Disaster Response  
Terri Giles of FEMA

**Treasurer Wendy Colvin** called the meeting to order at 1 PM. Tom Hogan said that he was willing to take minutes while waiting for Brent Carlson. Wendy let the group know that Brent had agreed to be nominated to fill the remainder of the fiscal year as ORVOAD Secretary until June 30, 2018. It was stated that he was not a candidate for the full term starting July 1, 2018.

### **Group Introductions**

**The Member Spotlight** was the host organization, the Jewish Federation. Steve Sirkin introduced Ben Winkleblank, Director of Finance, who gave a short talk about some of their activities. He said they raised money and were the principle fundraiser for the Federation. They wanted to quickly respond to issues as they came up. They raised \$18 million for Hurricane Harvey support and responded to the Eagle Creek fire, raising \$8,000 for the Red Cross. He showed a short video about the response to Hurricane Harvey.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Wendy reported that we started with \$7678.67 after the last meeting. She had \$300.00 in dues in and \$10.00 expenses for a balance of \$7968.67. She reported a .20 cent discrepancy from the bank statement that she hasn't located yet. Dick Raub moved and Dan Moseler second and the report was unanimously approved.

## **Minutes**

Robert Worlock did the minutes for the last meeting and it was appreciated. John Colvin moved and Laura Pascoe seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

## **Nominations Committee Report**

Steve Sirkin gave the report. Tom Hogan was also on the Committee and Wendy Colvin and Laura Pascoe participated in the discussions.

There was first a short-term report, for the rest of the fiscal year until June 30, 2018.

Wendy Colvin has agreed to step up as President for that time and continue as Treasurer. Laura Pascoe has agreed to continue as Member-at-Large and step up as one of the Vice Presidents. Brent Carlson has agreed to step up as Secretary. Steve Sirkin and Tom Hogan had called various people. One was Robert Worlock who agreed at the meeting to step up as Business Liaison. There were no more nominations for the short term until June 30, 2018 and this was the slate presented. Steve Sirkin moved and Dick Raub seconded and this slate was passed unanimously. This Board will continue with one unfilled VP position at this point.

Steve next gave the report of candidates for election for the long term beginning July 1, 2018. Wendy Colvin has one year left on her term as Treasurer and would continue. Laura Pascoe is willing to be nominated for member-at-large. That leaves five positions unfilled at this point: President (2 year term), VP Urban (1 year term), VP Rural (2 year term), Secretary (2 year term) and Business Liaison (2 year term). Names for these positions need to be ready to be presented at the May 15 meeting. People should think about if they are able to serve. It was suggested that the descriptions and duties should be sent around again and Steve said he would do that.

## **ORVOAD Organizational discussion**

Since it seemed to flow from this discussion of officers, Laura Pascoe skipped to the item on the agenda about ORVOAD organization. She said she wanted to see if there was any interest in a discussion about a newer and different structure for ORVOAD. She had a contact and a model in Colorado that involved using groups more to make decisions. Her organization would be interested in that.

Dick Raub said that he was part of a group that looked at the bylaws and what emerged is what we have. He would be interested. So would the Red Cross. Dan Moseler said it could be more toward looking at functional groups. We have so many organizations that focus on disaster response, we need to make sure to enhance our communication and knowing "who does what". Karen said that she and Joseph at OEM were supporting ORVOAD and whatever system worked best was good. You and your organizations are very important to our state emergency managers. We want to help support you and as we work through these things it will help make ORVOAD stronger.

John Legler referenced "Reinventing Organizations," which describes a collaborative model and said we are already collaborative as an organization.

There was interest in this discussion and Laura will follow up and look at the possible next steps.

## **Mountain West Conference**

Karen Layng reported the planning team is meeting regularly. The breakout sessions are solidified and there will be a call for volunteers soon. Tesia of Mercy corps will be helping with communication and sending out e-mails.

The Mountain West leadership team has noticed that Oregon members are already preregistering. Please keep the interest up and share with others, it's a great way to learn and network. It's also a great way to learn about things that are more pertinent to us in the West and about how other states are organized.

Steve Sirkin – We are helping with opening night at the End of the Oregon Trail Center. We are going to focus on what would we need in Oregon if we have a disaster.

Mike Johnson – Sunday night is a “say hello and greet” evening. We need to have insurance to use the Oregon Trail Center. The rent is \$600; we will pay up front \$300,

Wendy will need to have money available for things she needs. Someone is cooking a vegetarian casserole.

Charlene Larsen via phone – Is this the time to call for people who want to have a display? The tables are 8 ft long by 12-18 inches wide.

Dick - Are tripods available?

Charlene - I can bring 10 wooden easels. Is there a cost to display?

Karen – If you need anything please call me

Dan – Do workers need to register?

Karen – We have the ability to do small scholarships.

Charlene – Who may know where the banner is?

### **Sharing Organizational Highlights**

Robert Warlock, Scientology

Col. Hendrik Sumpter, Salvation Army – We held a training retreat April 27-29 at our Boring Camp focused on Incident Command Function #9.

John Colvin, Mennonite Disaster Services – Wendy and I were in Winkler, Manitoba for our Annual meeting last weekend. Locally we are building a tool trailer for long-term recovery.

Laura Pascoe, Advent Community Services – We just completed a Donations management training. We also had a regional training. It is really energizing to be with others who have similar challenges.

Dan Moseler, UMCOR - I was in Montana where they had 25-40 feet of snow. The state declared an emergency. They are particularly concerned that there not be a rapid thaw. We are prepared to go up and help them if they need. My counterpart used Zoom to videoconference. It is free and limited to 40 minutes.

Steve Sirkin, Jewish Federation

Kate, Mercy Corps – We are doing a joint thing with Justin Ross in Multnomah County and trying to reach those who are not normally able to get the information. We are training bilingual people to give presentations to other groups. Training will be April 9 and 13.

Jamii Poole, Clackamas County COAD. We are looking to revitalize our county COAD.

Dick Raub, Episcopal Church - We are active in Puerto Rico

Kelly Wheeler, 211 – We were activated during the recent fire, and during the eclipse.

Tom Hogan – Gladstone Emergency office

John Legler, Portland Net – Nets were called up during the NE fire. We activated to help people evacuate. We just had training for new volunteers for the NET – we have volunteers in 74 of 98 neighborhood teams and 2000 volunteers. We are also training trainers. We want to decentralize and expand in the future.

Brent Carlson, Church of the Brethren – We are planning to work in the Okanagan Valley this summer and we are active in several other parts of the country.

Mike Johnson, Church of Latter Day Saints – I am personally involved in organizing Benton county and Lane County COADs. We are also working on the Mountain West conference.

Michelle Taylor, Red Cross – We opened a shelter during the industrial fire for 145 people including 75 children. The free “Sound the Alarm” program is continuing.

Terry, FEMA Region 10 - Mike is on vacation. We want to be very supportive during this transition time.

Karen Layng, OEM – Our big workshop of 550 people is coming in 2 weeks. The Mt. West Conf. is getting some of our focus. We did a training recently in Grants Pass with FEMA.

Charlene – Lutheran Disaster Response – in Feb. we had a Western regional training in Dallas/Fort Worth. States Alaska to California and east to Nevada were there. Jean and Dale Percy presented a manual to enhance Long Term Recovery. There was an OR District Lyons Conf. at Rock Creek Campus.

I’ve been doing preparedness presentation to local congregations.

Norene Goplen and I were working on helping congregations to do out-reach.

### **Upcoming Workshops**

Steve – The Vanport Flood 70 Anniversary is this April

Dick Raub - CBS had a short video on Puerto Rico and the New York Times has a video on Houston, where 2 neighborhoods were caught in the overflow of 2 reservoirs and flooded

### **Tuesday May 15, 2018 is our annual meeting and elections.**

We may be able to meet at Mercy Corps, or Wendy’s church in Aurora/Canby. An announcement will be sent out very soon.

Meeting adjourned 2:15 pm by Wendy Colvin, Acting President