



OSBMCC General Meeting

Saturday, August 12, 2023 (5:30 to 7:30 pm)

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In-Person Location:

Salem Convention Center (Room Croisan Creek B & C)
200 Commercial Street SE
Salem, OR

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5035882800?pwd=NC91Y2>

Meeting ID: 503 588 2800

Passcode: 611780

Present: Michael Williams, Karina Guzman-Ortiz, Osvaldo Avila, Nancy McKinnis, Cynthia Richardson, Renee Anderson, Marisa Bayouth Real, Neelam Gupta, Helen Ying, Kim Brick, Kevin McPherson, Gaby Saldana-Lopez, Jessica Arzate, Erika Lopez, Rick Hamilton, Drae Charles, Linda Hamilton, Satya Chandragiri, Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, Michele Rosenbaum, Emilio Hernandez, Maya Rabasa, Jenny Jonak, Jeanette Rawlins, Paul Tabron Jr, Sonja Mckenzie, Janece Payne, Karen Perez, Maribel Ramirez, Pat Morinaka, Eddie Wang, Justice Rajee and Brenda Rivass

via Zoom: Ana Gonzalez Munoz and Aaron Munoz Gonzalez

Friends: Dawn Watson, Melanie Landon-Hays, Clyde Rood, Mina Stricklin

Guests: Ginger Redlinger, Bill Graupp, Maxon Williams and Charissa Geib

Agenda and Notes:

1. **Dinner and Social**
2. **Welcome and introductions**
 - a. Neelam called the meeting to order. All in attendance introduced themselves.
3. **Review & adopt notes from the [May 20, 2023 General Meeting](#)**

Neelam led the review of the May general meeting notes.
 Janice Payne moved to approve the meeting notes.
 Jessica Azarte seconded the motion.
 All in favor. Motion approved.

4. FY 2023-24 Proposed Caucus Budget

- a. Kim shared the scholarship opportunities and the proposed Caucus budget

Event	Date	Location	Cou nt	Additional Notes
2024 NSBA Annual Conference	4/6 - 4/8, 2024	New Orleans	2	Up to \$3,000 caucus scholarship
2024 Equity Symposium & Advocacy Institute	1/27/2024, 1/28 - 1/30, 2024	Washington DC	2	Up to \$3,000 caucus scholarship

Discussion ensued.

Questions were raised about the rationale behind the reduction in the Caucus budget. OSBA board leaders explained there are numerous factors:

- 1) Reduction in OSBA's funding base.
- 2) Funding needs to be shared with the development of the Rural Caucus.

Satya moved to adopt the 2023-24 budget.
 Sami seconded the motion.
 All in favor.
 Budget is adopted.

5. Caucus bylaws updates

Neelam recognized the bylaws committee members: Janece Payne, Pat Morinaka and Bill Graupp.

The additional recommended changes since the last presentation:

- a) article 6.4.3
- b) article 6.4.4
- c) article 6.4.5
- d) article 7.1
- e) article 10.2

The bylaws revisions will be reviewed again at the November general meeting and a vote will be taken to adopt the revisions.

6. Diwaniya updates

Sami gave a brief overview of Diwaniya. He is open to help facilitate as needed. Please contact Sami directly if interested to host one. Sami's email and phone contact: sami@corvallis.k12.or.us, 541-602-6478

See [OSBMCC Key Folder](#) for details.

Discussion ensued.

1. How to safeguard stories that are shared? The notes are anonymous.
2. Could several districts collaborate to put the event together? Absolutely.
3. Could cultural values be included? Absolutely.

7. Student Voices Project updates

Neelam reviewed the background of the project. The goal is to amplify voices of students of color and how to engage with decision makers. Provide them tools and knowledge to be their own advocates. We have contracted with Engage to Change to facilitate the project.

The efforts in launching the project during the last two years have been hit and miss. The most recent relaunch session only had one student in attendance. Recruitment has been a major challenge. We decided to take a pause and look into other options.

We have 3 more contracted sessions.

Options:

- a) Go to existing spaces where students are already meeting
- b) Provide informational sessions to educate school staff and seek their help to recruit students
- c) Present to district Equity Directors
- d) Targeted outreach of specific districts instead of trying to go statewide
- e) Ensure to create a space where students feel safe
- f) Support student representatives on school board

8. Caucus virtual workspace updates

- a. tabled for the next meeting

9. Caucus orientation video project updates

- a. tabled for the next meeting

10. Caucus sharing stories project updates

Kim shared the origin of the sharing stories project.

- a. meeting People of Color clothing founder
- b. People of Colour sweatshirt
- c. Caucus sweatshirts will be raffled off at the November general meeting
- d. Caucus members are asked to wear their t-shirts and share their stories
- e. We will be collecting stories at the November general meeting
- f. Lapel pins are available for members as well

11. Review calendar for 2023 and planning for the 2024 calendar

Neelam reviewed the 2023 calendar.

- Need a virtual meetup facilitator for the next 2 scheduled meetups
 - Renee Anderson and Karina Guzman-Ortiz volunteered to help
- Next LC meeting will be held in September
- The next general meeting will be held at the OSBA Fall Convention

12. Announcements

i. November Convention Workshops proposed by Caucus members

1. Ethnic Studies
2. Bias Incidents

13. Open floor as time permits