



Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus

Leadership Assembly Meeting

March 19, 2024, 6 p.m. Zoom

Members: Nichole Schott, Condon, President; Tracy Adevai, Glide, Vice President; Mary Anne Crandall, Pinehurst, Secretary/Treasurer; Risteen Follett, Alsea; Kris Lachenmeier, Tillamook; Anber Nelson, Scio; MacKenzie Rodgers, Enterprise

Absent: Will Cahill, Ed Dressel

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm

Nichole Schott, President welcomed all participants to the meeting

Additions to Agenda

Link to Executive Meeting

OSBA Swag

Approval of the Agenda

Risteen Follett made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly agenda

Kris Lachenmeier seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

Approval of Minutes

Risteen Follett made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly minutes of February 20, 2024.

Kris Lachenmeier seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

Update on Membership List

There are 27 members on the membership list (including 11 are OSBA or Rural Caucus Leadership) as of February 20th.

An OSBA email will go out to all board secretaries in the next few days about signing up for the rural caucus. At present membership recruitment is slow but with everyone reminding board members and generating more interest, it is expected to grow.

Review and Discuss Rural Caucus Budget

At the onset of the rural committee, Emily Smith and members created a January 2024-June 2024 budget. The \$10,000 budget must be spent by the end of June 2024. Of the Budget, \$9000 is designated for scholarships for board training. The remainder is set aside for marketing. The assembly discussed awarding 6 scholarships to 6 rural boards that want board training by OSBA.

Board Development Scholarships

The time is short, and we need to get these scholarships awarded and the recipients of the award need to schedule training within the next two months to spend the funds before end of June 2024.

MacKenzie Rodgers volunteered to be in charge of the scholarship program.

Nichole Schott will check with OSBA about the rules regarding scholarships and the summer conference. Nichole Schott will find out details and speak with MacKenzie Rodgers on the details before April 16, 2024.

The 2024 budget cannot be used to pay for summer conference for selected attendees; that would need to come out of the July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 budget.

Rural Caucus Swag

The assembly discussed options for swag for the summer conference such as shirts, buttons, pins, notebooks, lanyards and stickers.

Summary of Concerns from 2/20 Meeting

Lori Sattenspiel, Legislative advisor, recommended two top issues to focus on – Funding and Accountability

Although these are not the only concerns of the Rural Caucus, these two issues are the ones that the caucus will focus. With both of these two issues, it will encompass many of the other issues of the Rural Caucus. This is just a starting place.

The LPC meeting is April 20, 2024. Every region has its own representative. Nichole Schott and Tracy Adevai will represent the Rural Caucus at this meeting with seats on the board.

The main topics will be legislative agenda setting for 2025.

Nichole Schott asked that the assembly be prepared with stories on how funding and accountability (mandates and reporting) will have a direct impact on your district.

Planning for Summer Conference

We will address the summer conference at the next leadership assembly meeting. Nichole Schott will share more information about the summer conference at the next meeting.

Announcements:

The next executive committee meeting was set for April 2, 2024, at 5PM on Zoom

The April Leadership Assembly meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2024 @ 6 PM on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.