

Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus

Leadership Assembly Special Meeting

June 18, 2024, 6 p.m. Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86289789637> [Meeting ID: 862 8978 9637]

Members Attending: Nichole Schott, Condon, President; Tracy Adevai, Glide, Vice President; Mary Anne Crandall, Pinehurst, Secretary/Treasurer; Risteen Follett, Alsea; Will Cahill, Lake County; Kris Lachenmeier, Tillamook; Ed Dressel, Dallas.

Members Absent: MacKenzie Rodgers, Enterprise; Anber Nelson, Scios

Guests: Lori Sattenspiel, Legislative Advisor; Greg Kintz, OSBA Director - Veronia; Bruce Kevan, LaGrande School District

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm

Nichole Schott, President welcomed all participants to the meeting

Update on Board Scholarships

Nichole stated that there will be two scholarships available to cover the cost of attending the summer conference for members. The plan is to allocate \$1,000 per person. It is now open for members to apply.

Review and Approve the 2024-2025 Rural Caucus Budget

A motion was made by Ed Dressel to approve the 2024-2025 Rural Caucus Budget as presented

Risteen Follett seconded the motion

Discussion: it was discussed that the assembly reduce the marketing budget by \$1,000 for the 2024-2025 year- all concurred

Vote: Unanimous

ODE Rural Representative

Lori Sattenspiel introduced Dr Raeshelle Meyer as our ODE rural representative which includes 66% of the districts in the state of Oregon. The districts are all under 1650 ADW with many in Eastern Oregon.

Dr Myer was glad that the rural caucus has a voice and will be addressing concerns of rural schools such as rural funding. Dr Meyer welcomes feedback from all Rural Caucus members and provided her email address Raeshelle.meyer@ode.oregon.gov and her phone number is 208-739-2405 cell.

Nicholle thanked Raeshelle for being at our meeting and provided an open invitation to Raeshelle to attend meetings of the Rural Caucus.

Summer Conference

Nichole Schott asked which members are planning to attend the summer conference. Mary Anne Crandall, Kris Lachenmier, Will Cahill, Risteen Follett, and Nichole Schott are planning to attend. Risteen Follett will be the facilitator for the remote session.

There are two scholarships available for members to help with the cost of attending the summer conference totaling a maximum of \$1,000 per person. The criteria for the scholarship was established in this order as 1 – Leadership Assembly member, 2 – financial need and 3- open it up to full membership list.

Scholarship requests are to be submitted and the 2024 recipients will be selected by Tracy Adevai, VP.

Good of the Order

Tracy Adevai updated the Leadership Assembly on the Membership Application process and the Appeal process. We have one school district that has submitted an appeal for approval to join the Rural Caucus. Tracy has sent the appeal application to the school district and is awaiting their response. The appeal committee is going to review the application as soon as it is received.

The LPC meeting is next week and Tracy and Nichole will be attending.

Upcoming Meetings

The Leadership Assembly special meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2024 @ 6 PM on Zoom.

Summer Conference meeting for full Rural Caucus – August 9, 2024, at 4:30 -6:00 PM – Location to be determined.

Next Regular Rural Caucus Leadership Assembly meeting September 17, 2024 @ 6PM on zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM.