

Oregon Deaf and Hard of Hearing Executive Committee DRAFT Meeting Minutes | April 15, 2016

Call to Order

Members Present: Chad Ludwig, Carol Mauser, Mark Hill/p

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Terry Blosser, Mitch Turbin/p

Public Present: Steven Brown

Staff Present: Theresa Powell, Kelsey Gleeson

Welcome Introduction – Chad Ludwig

- 10:32AM Call to Order

Review and Approval of 03/23/2016 Meeting Minutes

No additions or corrections from members.

Motion: Carol Mauser moves to accept the Minutes as read. Mark Seconds.
Minutes approved.

Yay: 3

Nay: 0

Public Comment – Steven Brown

Steven announces that the Rules Advisory Committee was hosted by Theresa yesterday. He notes that there was good discussion by all who attended, at times it got a little intense, but overall many people are excited to working on this issue. The RAC is continuing its discussion regarding membership and cultural identification but will be moving forward.

Theresa asks Steven if he would be interested in leading the next RAC meeting. Steven agrees to lead the next RAC meeting and asks to meet with Theresa privately before that meeting begins.

Mitch shares Steven and Theresa's positive experience with the Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) and feel it was very productive. He notes that the group agreed unanimously to require equal numbers of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Members, and to not specify the number of members who identify as DeafBlind, DeafPlus (other disabilities), late deafened, etc.

Mark includes that the RAC group is keeping membership requirements more general.

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Announcements – All

Theresa announces that a group called “Incite” will be hosting a free resource fair in Salem and inquired whether ODHHS would like a table there.

Mark thinks it would be a good opportunity for more exposure and state that we will check his availability.

Carol also is interested in attending dependent on her availability.

Theresa shares that the Advocacy & Development Unit recently hosted an Interpreter Stakeholder Forum. Kelsey describes about 10-15 attendees, discussion of scheduling issues, contracting, rate increase, and possible creation of a mentorship program.

Membership Application - All

Chad states that there are two open positions available on the full committee. The RAC has decided to allocate positions to four (4) D/deaf individuals, four (4) Hard of Hearing individuals, and four (4) professionals that work with or within Deaf & Hard of Hearing communities. We will discuss this new balance at the next executive meeting.

Chad asks whether Theresa, Carol, or Mark have a recommendation in regards to the two applications before the executive committee. There are no recommendations.

Chad asks that the executive committee consider accepting one application today and saving the last opening for a recommendation from the ODHHS full committee. All other executive committee members find this acceptable.

Mitch Turbin is asked to introduce himself to the committee and provide some personal background and experience that would benefit ODHHS. Mitch reviews his application, discusses his experience as a vocational rehabilitation counselor and a members of the prior “ODHHS” advisory committee around fifteen (15) years ago.

Terry Blosser is asked to introduce himself and provide his background experience. Terry describes his experience with onset hearing and sight loss and discusses his large involvement with the Deaf community in Ohio before he moved to Oregon. Terry is on the Legislative Subcommittee of Oregon Association of the Deaf and shares that he is very fond of advocacy.

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Mark admits this is a very difficult decision because both candidates are excellent and would serve well. He would like to wait for Carol to share her thoughts on the applicants.

Carol states that she feels very similar to Mark. She considers how membership may look after the discussion of the bylaws scheduled for the retreat later in the month.

Motion: Mark moves to accept Terry Blosser as an ODHHS Advisory Committee member. Carol seconds.

Yay: 3
Nay: 0

Terry Blosser is confirmed. Theresa will send his recommendation to the Director of DHS.

Mitch Turbin will remain on a waiting list until after the retreat (4/28/2016) as we expect to have one or two resignations at that meeting.

Retreat Preparation – Kelsey Gleeson

The ODHHS retreat is scheduled for April 28, 2016 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. The retreat will be hosted by the Oregon School for the Deaf in their “Panther Den.”

General discussion of agenda items and logistics.

Final Comments – All

None

Action Items:

Theresa will send Terry’s recommendation to the Director of DHS for approval to the ODHHS Advisory Committee.

Kelsey will finalize the retreat agenda and distribute it to all ODHHS members for review.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourns at 11:58AM