

# Minutes

## Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries

Weston Memorial Hall  
210 East Main Street  
Weston, OR

October 14, 2011, 1:00pm-4:00pm

1:00 – 4:00 OCHC Public Business Meeting

- I. Welcome and Introductions (10 min)  
*Present: Diane Elder, Judy Juntunen, Bob Keeler, Mike Leamy, Ken Phillips*  
*Excused: Diana LaSarge, Dirk Siedlecki*  
*No Guests*
- II. Approval of April and July minutes  
*Approved*
- III. OPRD update (15 min) – Roger Roper  
Discussed staff changes and the addition of Cara Kaser to the team working with the commission. There will be two staff openings in the National Register and regulation areas. Our goal with the team is to strengthen local organizations. The commission is helping with that greatly. The Historic Sites Database now has the scanned copies of nominations and site forms attached. Roger thanked the commission for their work and encouraged them to keep bringing up new ideas.
- IV. Commissioner Comments/Reports (30 min)  
*Diane -*  
*Discussing organizing issues with Paisley Cemetery*  
*Marker placement where there are none.*  
*Talked with other organizations in the area about their cemeteries*  
*Plans to visit with those operated privately*  
*Gave an update on the Hay's Cemetery and their new efforts, the group talked about the commission.*  
*Mike – Doing some off-the-radar legwork about renewing the cemetery district effort. Some cemeteries are defensive and want to be left alone. Some cemeteries want the limit the people who can be buried there. There are several small cemeteries or burial sites on private property that he hasn't been able to access. There was a discussion of ways to reach them.*  
*Judy – Helped Mt. Union Cemetery prepare their grant application for marker repair. They have done a lot of work and also received money from the Siletz for water and meditation garden.*  
*Bob – Wrapping up his sabbatical project on the grant tracking. Hopes to present it at the next meeting. He will do a book review for AGS on Mad as the Mist and Snow. AIA will be meeting in Portland on May 18<sup>th</sup>. One session will be Roman funerary monuments.*  
*Ken – He is following an issue of a found tombstone and trying to return it to the correct cemetery.*
- V. Association for Gravestone Studies conference (20 min)  
*Judy has contacted Reed and Willamette. The need to have alcohol may be an issue for the site. Will also look into Linfield and others.*  
*Tour ideas – wine & Cemetery; Oswego Ironworks tour*  
*Session ideas – friends groups working with local governments; How to do the tours; Eugene Masonic (native plants, arts); Super rural & different climates; tribal cemeteries, looting; dealing vandalism workshop; disaster preparedness & response.*

- VI. Grant Selection (30 min) – current, upcoming cycle  
*Moved to accept all grant projects selected by the grant committee except Mt. Union. Diane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob. Approved.*  
*Moved to accept Mt. Union. Diane Judy recused herself. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob. Approved.*
- VII. Burial location document (20 min) – Bob needs more time to complete this, but he has received good feedback. Possibly ready for the next meeting.
- a. *Liability – this is a potential informational, suggested Dirk or seek a pro bono attorney – no volunteers to lead out.*
  - b. *Fences, signs, kiosks – this will be a February discussion. Judy will gather info as fodder to discuss.*
  - c. *Other?*
- VIII. Oregon Cemetery Volunteer and Cemetery watch programs (30 min)  
*Cara will help get the training online.*
- IX. Upcoming Meetings & Workshops (5 min)
- a. *Oregon Heritage Conference Apr 26-28*
  - b. *Feb 10 - Salem & on phone (possibly grant workshop or vandalism)*
  - c. *July 20 mtg, 21 marker repair workshop - Burns*
  - d. *Oct - Oswego Pioneer Cemetery*
- X. Public Comment (15 min) (3-minute limit per person)  
*No comments*
- XI. Meeting Adjourned