



Oregon Commission for Voluntary Action and Service

January 24, 2020

January 24th, 10:30am – 2:30pm
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MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Derenda Schubert (co-chair), Josh Todd (co-chair), Sierra Barnes, Michael Fieldman, Todd Jones, Geoffrey Hickox, Jayesh Palshikar, Courtney Snead, Nathan Rix, Elias Villegas

Members Excused/Absent: Shenika Cumberbatch, Jorge Cruz, Heidi Edwards, Kelly Wessels

Technical Advisors and Staff Present: Carie Bauer, Karen Humelbaugh, Sydney King, Stephanie Solomon

1.0 Call to Order & Welcome

1.1 Co-Chair Derenda Schubert called the meeting to order at 10:38am.

2.0 Commission Business I

2.1 Public comment: None.

2.2 Agenda was reviewed by board. No suggestions or comments.

2.3 Board member Elias Villegas shared that he had recently attended a meeting with the Woodburn Chamber of Commerce and that is a potential link for Oregon Volunteers to connect with. Director Carie Bauer also suggested this connection as a resource to recruit the Business Representative slot on the board.

Co-chair Schubert shared that Bridge Meadows is opening a location in Redmond.

Mike Fieldman shared that Shaun Pritchard has been hired as the new Executive Director at UCAN.

Co-Chair Josh Todd announced his resignation as Executive Director from Campus Compact of Oregon, effective February 1.

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2.4 There are currently 14 voting members on the Oregon Volunteers Commission. The Commission needs 15 members minimum, and 25 maximum.

Action Item: Board members will think of 3 board member suggestions.

Action Item: OWI Director Karen Humelbaugh will follow up on the Department of Education slot on the board.

2.5 Geoff Hickox, Oregon CNCS State Office Director, presented his Director's Report. There is a new appropriations bill – increase of a total \$21 million - \$3.5 million to AmeriCorps. There is also some proposed rulemaking around background checks. Some of those changes include streamlined, mandatory 3-part background checks and mandatory vendor usage.

Action Item: Co-chair Todd will draft a statement, to be submitted during the public comment process on the NSCHC proposed rulemaking, on behalf of the board. Topics to primarily address: Tribal IDs to be allowed as acceptable IDs and lack of access (distance) to required vendors. Co-chair Todd will also discuss a West Coast shared statement with other EDs at the Leadership Convening in D.C., the week of February 10th. Board will review draft at February 21 meeting. Public Comments must be entered to CNCS by March 9th.

Director Bauer shared her Director's Report with the Commission board. Highlights include: Commission Member Shenika Cumberbatch's selection as Oregon representative for the CNCS Branding focus group; staffing update; ASC Leadership Convening in DC in February and updates on the ASC Committee on Public Policy.

2.6 Elias Villegas motioned to approve the consent agenda, Jayesh Palshikar seconded; motion passed. Unanimously accepted.

3.0 Programming Development

3.1 Director Bauer presented on the Massachusetts Commonwealth Corps – a state-funded service model. The board is exploring alternative solutions to addressing ongoing issues to expand service across Oregon and address: access to service, housing challenges for members, small nonprofits unable to access service as a model to address community needs, etc. Questions and discussion around this topic ensued. The board also briefly discussed the concept paper for Disaster Corps models.

Action Item: Director Bauer will draft a tracking mechanism for member placement requests that come from small organizations. Add to Retreat agenda: Policy statements addressing access and equity challenges and general policy stances of the Commission. Commission discussed the Annual Report and statutory language providing Commission ability to provide policy recommendations within the report. Commission Member Nathan Rix will follow up on a State of State idea.

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4.0 Legislative Planning

4.1 OWI Director, Karen Humelbaugh, provided an update on the legislative process and timeline. With it being an even year, it is an agency planning year to prepare for the biennial cycle. Short session is coming up and that will showcase all the things for full session. If there are any technical fixes that the Commission would like to submit, these changes need to go through the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) and an internal process, due by May/June. Karen recently testified on one of the fire mitigation/climate change bills, and advocated for AmeriCorps involvement. A member from Heart of Oregon also testified. Discussion occurred around the exemption of the Segal Ed Award from state tax. Director Bauer discussed participation in an ASC policy cohort where the deliverable was a toolkit for a legislative process to remove the tax, providing resources Oregon could follow. Mike Fieldman motioned to have Commission staff submit an additional legislative concept requesting an exemption of the Segal Ed Award from state tax. Jayesh Palshikar seconded; motion passed. Unanimously accepted.

4.2 ORS Revision Workgroup presented suggested changes to the ORS documents. Board agreed to postpone final name suggestion in ORS Revision until results from a grantee survey on name change are analyzed at February meeting.

Member Todd Jones motioned to ask staff to move forward with legislative cleanup and recommendations. Nathan Rix seconded; motion passed. Unanimously accepted.

4.3 Director Bauer went over the outreach plan for board members and legislators. Board discussed postponing legislative visits in February, and instead focusing on town halls and coffees with legislators over the course of next year prior to session. Courtney Snead motioned to direct staff to further refine proclamation and submit. Elias Villegas seconded; motion passed. Unanimously accepted.

5.0 Commission Business II

5.1 Both Co-Chair positions are coming to the end of their term in December 2020, and are seeking fellow board members interested in the role. Discussion around new roles and language for executive team ensued. Action Item: Director Bauer will circulate bylaws revisions for review at February meeting.

5.2 Commission Retreat: Members discussed commission retreat location. Retreat will be facilitated over 2 days and include a visit to a program site. CCO will have summer program staff at Tillamook Community College and

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could be a possible site for the retreat. OV Staff will research the viability of Tillamook Bay as a retreat location.

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6.0 Commission ROI Update

6.1 Jessamyn Luiz, Dialogues in Action (DIA), presented on the Commission ROI Project. In her current role, she evaluates the impact that state commissions make on the citizens of the state. There are several methods she uses, qualitative and quantitative, forward-looking work, and building commission capacity.

There are 3 key groups in qualitative sampling: Deciding who to talk to, how engaged programs are, how this makes your state unique. Evaluations will include surveys and interviews. OV staff will submit contact lists for who should be part of the research and evaluation. DIA is currently recruiting evaluators; Director Bauer will collect names of those interested. Several Commission members indicated interest.

7.0 Upcoming Dates & Meetings

7.1 Upcoming dates:

- February 21 Commission Meeting: Salem
- June 26-27 Commission Retreat: Tillamook Bay

8.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:28pm.