



## **OTA Board Meeting**

**March 12, 2020**

**1:00 – 2:00pm**

**Zoom**

### **Agenda**

#### **Call to Order: 1:00p.m.**

#### **Roll Call:**

- Present: President-Michelle Benoit, Past-President-Roseann Rivera, President-Elect-Christine Riehl, Secretary-Becky Attaway, Treasurer-Matt Bisek, Alumni Partner-Chris Mahan, Government Relations-Freddy Gompf, District 1-Meredith Payton, District 2-Janet Basney, District 3-General Johnson, District 4-Shelley Mason, District 5-Ariel Zimmer Suel
- Absent: Technology Rep-Vacant,

#### **Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2020**

- Motion made by:Matt Bisek
- Seconded by: Becky Attaway

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

- Motion made by: Christine Riehl
- Seconded by: Roseann Rivera

#### **Board Reports**

##### **President – Michelle Benoit**

- Steven Moldenhauer had to step down as OTA Tech Rep as he began a new TRIO position at Idaho State and could not continue. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested, please forward their name to me.
- Shelley stepped down as District 4 Rep due to demands from her new job outside of TRIO. She still wants to help with the conferences where she can, so keep her in the loop. Will stay on until further notice.
- Members of Congress have been told to cancel any non-essential meetings, so we may not get to meet with them at Policy Seminar. There is also a chance that Policy could be cancelled altogether, but nothing definitive at this point. I will keep OTA members apprised of any developments.

- We need to discuss what will happen if we need to cancel PDC and/or SLC.

### **Approval to Cancel OTA PDC**

Motion made by: Christine Riehl

Seconded by: Roseann Rivera

### **Approval to Cancel SLC**

Motion made by: Shelley Mason

Seconded by: Janet Basney

### **Past-President – Roseann Rivera**

- Policy Seminar Attendance
- PDC/SLC Planning

### **President-elect – Christine Riehl**

- Nothing to report

### **Secretary – Becky Attaway**

- Nothing to report

### **Treasurer – Matt Bisek**

- Balances as of 3/11
- Operating Fund Balance: \$47,094.65
- Scholarship Balance: \$9,368.68
- US Bank Total: \$43,533.71 (several deposits pending or currently in PayPal)
- Missing Invoices: Policy Reimbursement for \$150
- Oregon form CT-12 has been filed
- Membership Total: 33/44 processed
- 2019 Policy Reimbursement arrived (\$2,000)

### **Alumni Partner – Chris Mahan**

- **Nothing to report.**

### **Government Relations – Freddy Gompf**

- The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education (LHHS) held a hearing on the Department of Education Budget request for FY 2021.
- The Department of Education's plan would slash TRIO funding by \$140 million or 13 percent! For perspective, this cut is more than all TRIO funding in any state! The Trump Administration also proposed to consolidate TRIO, GEAR UP, and the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) into a single state block grant program.

- Call your Members of Congress to take action for TRIO funding. Although the President proposes the budget, Congress has the "power of the purse" and decides how much funding each program gets. Thankfully, Chairman Roy Blunt (R-MO) expressed support for TRIO funding during the hearing.
- During the hearing, LHHS Chair Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), Ranking Member Tom Cole (R-OK) and Representative Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ) all spoke out against the proposed cuts to TRIO.
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### **Technology Rep – Vacant**

- Matt has taken over this role and will monitor the email. Any requests for website updates can go through him.
- Listserv - Matt now has access. I changed the name of the group to [OTA-group@pdx.edu](mailto:OTA-group@pdx.edu). All current TRIO members on our roster have been added.

### **District 1 – Meredith Payton**

- Nothing to report

### **District 2 – Janet Basney**

- Nothing to report

### **District 3 – General Johnson**

- Nothing to report

### **District 4 – Shelley Mason**

- Nothing to report

### **District 5 – Ariel Zimmer Suel**

- Nothing to report

### **Committee Reports**

#### **2020 PDC**

- Tuesday, April 14th - Thursday, April 16th. Theme: **TOTALLY TRIO**: Promoting excellence & and community through networking
- Tentative agenda complete - working on final programming details
- Phillip Dirks will be giving the Keynote. We also want to celebrate him by providing a plaque from OTA. We are currently researching this. We will also be creating a tribute video from various folks who want to say thanks and goodbye. Matt will be accepting video submissions before the conference, and we will also film folks at the conference who want to say something during registration.

- Board Meeting at PDC on Monday, April 13th - will need to call separately for reservations at the resort. The link will only be valid for the days of the conference.
- TRIO Alumni award winner will be in attendance.
- Matt is monitoring registration and the conference chair email.
  - Currently at 36 attendees (as of 3/9). The deadline for the room block is 3/20.
- Karaoke is confirmed and planned in the Attic Room after the President's Banquet.
- Still looking for volunteers for the silent auction (2) and hosting networking dinners (2)
- Matt will work with refunding all registered programs
- Roseann will contact TRiO Achiever
- Geof will contact karaoke for PDC

## 2020 SLC

- Forms for overnight/call for proposals have been posted
- payment for registration is up website
- payment for overnight is up on OTA website
- 68 participants have signed up so far
- Deadline for everything (registration, overnight, reimbursement) 4/30
- Working on agenda (speakers, sessions, awards)
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## Awards

- Winner of the TRIO Achiever Award, Elisha Big Back was notified and the award was announced to OTA Listserv. My last communication with her was late last week but at that time her intent was to attend the PDC. Obviously this is dependent upon how OTA might proceed with the event and/or how the current situation evolves. I will be transparent with her and with OTA leadership and the PDC organizing committee on any developments.
- - Scoring for the Scholastic Achievement Award is wrapping up. I hope to be contacting recipients for each district by the end of business tomorrow. Once they and their nominators are contacted we will send an announcement via OTA listserv. This year had a large number of nominees – 29 – with a large percentage coming from District Four.

- - Please contact me if you have any questions.

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### **Special Committee Reports**

#### **TRIO Fellowship**

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### **Unfinished Business:**

#### **Strategic Plan Committee Reports**

- TRIO FellowshipTRIO Fellowship - Terms ready but have not spoken with Jon or Eric yet about implementation for next year. Will take precedence after conferences are complete.
- District Town Halls - Session built into the 2020 PDC schedule. District Reps will take lead in leading these sessions.
- Strategic Partnerships

### **New Business:**

- Constitution Amendment Proposal. This must be voted on in an official business meeting. We need to approve during this board meeting or the PDC meeting to vote on with the entire TRIO membership next month.
- Opportunity

### **Section VI: Duties of Board of Directors**

- k. The Tech Specialist shall:
1. Update and monitor the OTA website ([oregontrio.org](http://oregontrio.org))
  2. Serve as admin for the OTA email accounts
  3. Manage the OTA Listserv
  4. Chair the technology committee
  5. Assist with other technology-related needs as necessary

### ***Article VI—Committees/Chairs***

#### **Section I: Committees**

- H. Technology Committee
1. Collect information from OTA TRIO programs for the annual Factbook
  2. Create the annual factbook
  3. Work with SLC & PDC committees for technology needs
  4. Manage & advise OTA on social media needs of the association

## **Section V: Quorum**

*New:* A quorum shall consist of Six Board members or their alternates in good standing.

*Old:* A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board of Directors or their alternates. Six Board members, in good standing, shall constitute a quorum.

## **Section IV: Tenure**

- a. The President of the Association shall serve for two years commencing after the NAEOP fall conference of the fiscal year. The President may be re-elected for one term at the pleasure of the membership.
- b. The President, President-Elect, Past President, and appointed officers of the Association shall serve for one year commencing after the NAEOP fall conference of the fiscal year. Each may be re-elected for one term at the pleasure of the membership.

## **New: Section VII: Election of Officers**

- a. The Past-President, or second term President, shall chair the nominating committee, whose duty it is to select a slate of candidates for each constitutional office. All persons elected to serve on the Board of Directors shall be those who receive the largest number of legal votes cast during the annual election, either online or in person.
- b. All Officers shall be elected by a majority of the legal votes cast during the annual elections.
- c. The President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, District Representatives, and Alumni Representative shall be elected as follows:
  1. The President-Elect, Treasurer and District Representatives from districts 1, 3, and 5 shall be elected in even-numbered years.
  2. The Secretary, District Representatives from districts 2 and 4, and the Alumni Representative shall be elected in odd-numbered years.

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**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:57pm

**Next Meeting:** April 9, 2020