



OTA Board Meeting
June 11, 2020
1:00 - 2:00 PM
Zoom

Agenda/Minutes

Call to Order: 1:04 PM

Roll Call

- Present: Michelle, Roseann, Christine, Matt, General, Freddy, Janet, Emily
- Absent: Ariel, Meredith, Chris, Becky

Approval of Minutes: May 14, 2020

- Motion made by: Christine
- Motion seconded by: Roseann
- Discussion: None
- Motion: Passed

Approval of Agenda:

- Motion made by: Matt
- Motion seconded by: Emily
- Discussion: None
- Motion: Passed

Board Reports

President - Michelle Benoit

- We held our annual membership meeting on May 28. Our proposed changes to the bylaws all passed. The President will now be a two-year term. The Alumni Rep position will now be combined with the Policy Seminar alumni and TRIO Achiever to become the OTA Fellowship. We will add a Technology Specialist board position, which will be added to this year's elections. District Rep duties changed from chairing a districtwide SLC, to co-chairing a statewide SLC.
- We held two more member forums, one for UB on June 3, and another for SSS Directors yesterday, June 10. Based on feedback from members, I will schedule a

standing monthly Zoom meeting for each program, combining ETS/EOC, and SSS/McNair. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

- ED has responded to some of the FAQs we sent them back in March. This has provided some clarity; however, a change in objectives was not addressed. They are still working through the questions, and we are still being advised not to ask our program specialists for permission on these issues as they do not have answers. COE is offering several free webinars to discuss ED's responses.
- SSS projects should expect notification on refunding by early July. ED has used some of the FY21 budget increase to fund additional SSS projects, which will decrease the budget increase for all TRIO programs. SSS projects in their final year should request a no-cost extension to carry over funds. COE is recommending we do this in August once we have a clear idea of carryover amounts. There will be no limit, but you will have to outline a budget for spending the funds, as well as a timeline. COE recommends spending it within a few months instead of using the whole year.
- COE is working on a national TRIO graduation for high school students to be held the last week of June. Be on the lookout for more information.
- NAEOP is asking for your input on what sort of PD or services you would like them to offer during the summer, fall, and at the conference. We brainstormed some ideas at yesterday's Listening Session, but please send your ideas to Angela Archer, NAEOP President-elect.
- The NAEOP Emerging Leaders Institute is accepting applications through July 31.
- I plan to put out a statement to OTA members in support of the BLM protests that are happening now.

Past-President - Roseann Rivera

- Heading a team with NAEOP to write a statement in support of the BLM protests.
- Highlighted key items on the COE FAQ sheet that was issued
- Will be posting open OTA positions for nominations on the Listserv - nominations will be accepted through 7/15/2020.

President-elect - Christine Riehl

- Reaching out to programs who have not paid their 2020 memberships yet for OTA & COE Fairshare.

Secretary - Becky Attaway

- No Report

Treasurer - Matt Bisek

- Balances as of 6/11
- Operating Fund Balance: \$37,145.18
- Scholarship Balance: \$5,870.06
- US Bank Total: \$43,762.54

- Membership Total: 38/44 processed

Alumni Partner - Chris Mahan

- No Report

Government Relations - Freddy Gompf

- Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell stated that although there will be another COVID-19 recovery bill, it will be the last COVID related bill and it will be narrowly targeted. The next COVID-19 recovery legislation will likely be passed in late July, before Congress recesses in August. Take action now! Ask your Senators to contact the Appropriations Committee and Senate leadership to support TRIO funding in the next COVID bill.
- RE: FY21 appropriations process, House Appropriations Committee Chair, Nita Lowey, intends to hold all sub and full committee markups the weeks of July 6 and July 13. After markup, the spending bills would head to the full House floor for a vote the weeks of July 20 and July 27. Meanwhile, the Senate is expected to start marking up some of its spending bills in June.

Technology Rep - Matt Bisek

- The Meeting minutes dating back to November of 2019 have been posted on the website under the about tab.
- Looking to add information about the OTA Fellowship program soon.
- Updated all of the program links in the About - Oregon TRIO Programs section.

District 1 Rep - Meredith Payton

- No Report

District 2 Rep - Janet Basney

- No Report

District 3 Rep - General Johnson

- No Report

District 4 Rep - Emily Price

- No news to report

District 5 Rep - Ariel Zimmer-Suel

- No Report

Committee Reports

Professional Development Conference

- Had our first meeting on Tuesday
- Contracted with Salishan to have 2021 conference there - will discuss contract details with them prior to the July PDC committee meeting.
- Discussed keeping the same theme from last year or developing a new one.
- Looking at the possibility of hybrid in person/digital.
- Committee roles have been assigned
- Roseann, Linda Liu, & Matt will work to negotiate Salishan contract

Student Leadership Conference

- No Report

Awards Committee

- Does anyone have any interest in serving for the next year's awards committee? Erik Ruch has chaired this in the past and we are looking to build a few people who can be involved in selecting the OTA Fellow for 2021.

Nominations Committee

- See Past-President's report

Unfinished Business

Strategic Plan Committee Reports

OTA Fellowship

- Spoke with NAEOP leadership, applications will still be housed on their website.
- Created an OTA Fellowship folder on the OTA Board drive.
- Applicants will receive a follow-up Google Form with our supplemental questions.
- Need to establish the due date for that form and what the timelines for interviews will be.
- Need to update the OTA website to advertise this new opportunity and potentially create a video or email blast introducing our membership to this new opportunity. Hoping to release that in summer months.

District Town Halls

- District Reps have not met since May discussion - will work to schedule something in the future.

Strategic Partnerships

- No Report

New Business

- Summer board work - the OTA board typically meets each august for a summer retreat, what are everyone's thoughts on meeting in person over the summer.
 - Several members are unable to travel due to institutional travel restrictions.
 - Resorts are advertising the capacity to host board meetings in compliance with CDC standards.
 - Discussed the option of meeting over a weekend
 - Roseann will contact Salishan about available weekends to host an August Board meeting.
 - Once those dates are available, a doodle poll will be created to decide what date we will schedule for the summer board retreat.
- No July OTA Board meeting will be scheduled.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:59 PM