



**OTA Board Meeting  
August 20, 2020  
11:00 - 12:00 PM  
Zoom**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**Call to Order:**

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Minutes: June 11, 2020**

- Motion made by:
- Motion seconded by:
- Discussion:
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**Board Reports**

**President - Michelle Benoit**

- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the NAEOP in-person board meeting Aug 6-7 was held virtually. The NAEOP conference will also be virtual but will utilize a vendor called Socio to make it interactive. We will still be fundraising for scholarships, so think about putting together donations that are easily shippable.

- SSS slate was released Aug. 5. Oregon lost one project and gained 3, for a total of 23 Oregon SSS projects.
- FON scholarship winners released. Oregon had one recipient from SOU McNair.
- NAEOP achieved 100% of our COE Fair Share goal and Oregon is at 109% of our goal.
- The NAEOP conference committee is still accepting proposals for breakout sessions. Presenters will be fully supported by the Socio team.
- OTA is hosting a two-part proposal writing workshop for TS. We are paying Phillip Dirks \$2000 for these trainings, which will be free to any OTA member.
- Recap of OTA activities throughout the pandemic as follows:
  1. March 23- Policy Seminar and Relations with ED
  2. April 9- OTA Board Meeting (extended 2 hours)
  3. May 12- Member Forum-SSS/McNair
  4. May 13- OTA Member Forum-UB
  5. May 14- OTA Member Forum-TS/EOC
  6. May 14- OTA Board Meeting
  7. May 28- OTA State Meeting
  8. June 2- OTA Forum for UB Summer Academy
  9. June 10- OTA SSS Directors Forum
  10. June 11- OTA Board Meeting
  11. July 7- OTA Member Forum
  12. July 8- OTA Member Forum-SSS/McNair
  13. July 9- OTA Member Forum- TS/EOC
  14. Aug 4- OTA Member Forum- UB
  15. Aug 12- OTA Member Forum- SSS/McNair
  16. Aug 13- OTA Member Forum- TS/EOC
    - SSS Directors Forum- no-cost extension discussion
  17. Aug 20- OTA Board Meeting
  18. Aug 24- ETS Proposal Writing Workshop: Part 1

**Past-President - Roseann Rivera**

- SSS Funding Slate was released--congrats to all institutions who were awarded.
- Grant Review/Appeals & Upcoming Trainings
- COVID-19 Resources (211, Business & Economic Relief--OnPoint CCU); share w/ students and staff.

**President-elect - Christine Riehl**

- I attended the NAEOP conference planning meeting yesterday. Please make sure you and your staff are registered to attend. There was some concern regarding attendance this year.

**Secretary - Becky Attaway**

- No report at this time

**Treasurer - Matt Bisek**

- Absent

**Alumni Partner - Chris Mahan**

- Nothing new to report at this time

**Government Relations - Freddy Gompf**

COE will host a free webinar on Wednesday, September 9 at 3 p.m. ET highlighting

- what's at stake for TRIO in the 2020 elections
- how TRIO programs and students can connect with elected officials and candidates to express concerns
- best practices for nonpartisan advocacy, including voter registration, student voting rights, etc.
- Register here:  
[https://access.coenet.org/iCore/Events/Event\\_display.aspx?EventKey=WEBGR0909](https://access.coenet.org/iCore/Events/Event_display.aspx?EventKey=WEBGR0909)
- Late July, Senate Republicans introduced the HEALS Act, which included \$105 billion in COVID-19 emergency education funding, but no specific funding for TRIO. The Senate is still negotiating a final relief package. Ask your Senators to support TRIO's COVID request of \$450 million in the final bill!
- Click here: [http://www.coenet.org/congress\\_web.shtml#/8](http://www.coenet.org/congress_web.shtml#/8)
- As a reminder, COE is challenging the TRIO community to host local or virtual visits with Representatives and Senators between now and Labor Day. You can feature your students and alumni, and host virtual visits. 2020 Congressional Summer Recess Packet with tips, sample invitations, and highlights from recent TRIO virtual visit.
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dqilDxu9e4D9Ok7geDWBO6wyA-LLGmVp/view>

**Technology Rep - Matt Bisek**

- Absent

**District 1 Rep - Meredith Payton**

- Absent

**District 2 Rep - Janet Basney**

- Absent

**District 3 Rep - General Johnson**

- Absent

**District 4 Rep - Emily Price**

- Absent

### **District 5 Rep - Ariel Zimmer-Suel**

- Reaching out to colleagues for district rep position opening
- WOU online- Changed platform from Moodle to Canvas.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Professional Development Conference**

- April 5-8
- Creating list of partnerships for PDC 2021
- Totally TRIO theme-program sharing

#### **Student Leadership Conference**

- Any interest in chairing, would like to have a team to begin making plans for 2021.

#### **Awards Committee**

- Nothing to report

#### **Nominations Committee**

- Open early September allowing staff not on contract to nominate.
- Michelle will ask Roseann to send a reminder to nominate for open positions.
- Matt Bisek running for Treasurer.

### **Unfinished Business**

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

#### **OTA Fellowship**

- Matt released video

#### **District Town Halls**

- Low participation-Discussion around OTA program forums fulfilling district needs.
- Possibly schedule one town hall in Winter and one in Spring
- All districts come together on Zoom 10-15 minutes and then break into separate rooms- district specific.

#### **Strategic Partnerships**

- Nothing to report

### **New Business**

- Nothing to report

**Sept. and Oct. Board Meetings**

- Ariel Zimmer-Suel: Available September 9,10,11
- Becky Attaway: Available September 7, 8, 9, 10 (Busy from 8-12 but flexible), 11

**Meeting Adjourned:**