



OTA Board Meeting
January 15, 2021
Zoom
Agenda

Call to Order: 8:03AM

Roll Call:

- **Present:** President-Christine Riehl, Past President-Michelle Benoit, Secretary- Becky Attaway, Treasurer-Matt Bisek, Alumni Partner-Chris Mahan, Technology Rep-Jeff Hash, District 1-Troy Henri, District 3-Davy Em, District 4-Emily Price, Meredith Payton, Amy Davila-Klautzsch, Philip Dirks, Destiny Hunt, Jennifer Driskill, Sheree Solario, Belisario Nigenda-Perez, Linda Liu,
- **Absent:** Government Relations-Roseann Rivera, District 1-Troy Henri, District 2-Janet Basney, District 5-Hayley Gibbs

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion made by: Michelle Benoit
- Seconded by: Matt Bisek
- Discussion: None
- Motion: Carries

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Board Reports:

President - Christine Riehl

- Fire Relief Funds - Have been disbursed
- Policy Seminar - Virtual vs in person

Past President - Michelle Benoit

- Oregon's fair share 47%

Secretary - Becky Attaway

- No report

Treasurer - Matt Bisek

- Balances as of 1/15
 - Operating Fund Balance: \$18,070.47
 - Scholarship Balance: \$6,086.04
 - US Bank Total: \$26,038.77
 - 2021 Membership Invoices have been sent
 - Waiting for IRS/OR DOR to open 990-N & CT-12 forms
 - Membership Total: 13/48 processed
 - \$5,000 issued from NAEOP Fire Relief Funds
 - Only waiting for Rogue & 1 student to clear checks
 - Attempting to remove past board members from US Bank notifications

Alumni Partner - Chris Mahan

- 1 story submitted for OTA website & 1 new story sent for January
- Reached out to Stephanie Sanchaz(NAEOP)
- Reached out to Justis (COE)
- Alumni event 6/2/2021
 - Motion to request additional \$500 for prizes and platform fees

Approval to increase funds for Alumni Event from \$500 to \$1000:

- Motion made by: Chris Mahan
- Seconded by: Matt Bisek
- Discussion: None
- Motion: Carries

Government Relations - Roseann Rivera

- Congress will have to act quickly on FY 2021 appropriations to avoid a government shutdown, as federal funding runs out on December 11 under the short-term funding extension Congress passed in September.

- Congress may need to pass another short term extension until January or February.
- Currently, House and Senate appropriators are working to reach agreement on top-line funding levels for the 12 fiscal year (FY) 2021 government funding bills so they can then negotiate programmatic funding levels for levels, for programs like TRIO.
 - The Labor-HHS-Education allocations (which fund TRIO programs) are virtually identical in both the House and Senate, except for the many billions of public health emergency funding in the House bill.
 - As a reminder, the House-passed appropriations bill for FY21 includes a \$10 million increase for TRIO while the Senate introduced bill includes flat funding.

Meanwhile, negotiations on another COVID relief bill have remained at a standstill for months, and whether leaders can reach agreement on another package during the lame duck session remains to be determined. The biggest sticking points in negotiations remains the price tag for the legislation.

- Contact Congress to ensure that TRIO's COVID request is included in the final COVID-19 bill Congress passes this year!
- Contact your legislators in support of our request and learn how this funding would [help TRIO students at the program, district, and state level.](#)

Technology Rep - Jeff Hash

- Admin account added for access to make changes on webpage

District 1 - Troy Henri

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District 2 - Janet Basney

- Not present

District 3 - Davy Em

- Covid cases rising in district
- Schools planning back to in person
- Looking for volunteers for SLC

District 4 - Emily Price

- COVID numbers are rising in Coos county. Most schools are planning to go on site with hybrid-option. My three high schools are all in session with different schedule plans. We are spending STEM money, including OMSI assemblies. My team meets weekly via Zoom which appears to be helping with morale. Senior contacts are minimal and not consistent. Not sure if "TRiO" specialists will be able to return to all schools, something about vaccines. Recruitment is still a challenge. Thankful for Google Classroom. As the rep, I am looking for other TRiO staff to step up for SLC to facilitate a Leadership session - email for proposals went out. Stay positive, well, and healthy!

District 5 - Hayley Gibbs

- Met w/Ariel Zimmer Suel, former District 5 rep from WOU
- Chemeketa will remain in online/remote format for spring term
- New recruiting efforts to fill SSS & DSSS programs for remainder of 20/21
- Disbursed additional \$350 CARES Act funding to students in fall term
- In planning stages for virtual TRIO Day event in February

Committee Reports

2021 PDC

- April 6-8 - digital conference
- Socio App is currently being constructed.
- PDC Planning Committee meeting next week (1/19 @ 1PM), will open registration by end of next week.
- Some speakers and sessions have been confirmed, waiting on remaining (mostly government officials)
- **Future PDC Contract with Salishan (April 5-7 2022 & April 2-5 2024)**
 - Can use \$2000 past deposit for 2022, will need \$2,500 deposit for 2024.

Approval to sign contracts with Salishan for 2022 & 2024 PDC Conferences:

- Motion made by: Matt Bisek
- Seconded by: Michelle Benoit
- Discussion: None
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2021 SLC

- May 5th 1-4:30

- Socio App - working on the registration part (Should be open by end of month)
- Call for proposals
- \$20 per person
- Lottery prizes- one large priced ticket item, then lots of smaller prizes
- District Reps - please ask colleges in your district if they would like to be a part of the college recruitment session

Awards

- OTA Fellowship application is live. Encourage students/alumni to apply by 1/31 deadline. The Alumni Committee will meet in early February to review applications and determine finalist(s) for an interview. Winner should be announced by 2/5.

Received thank you notes from students for the fire relief funds - Chris

Unfinished Business:

OTA discussion about Governor Brown's inclusion of OTA in the 21-23 Oregon budget.

- Something measurable, deliverable, that we can propose to the state that says this is what we propose to do with the money and these are the outcomes.
- Committee for data and coming up with measurable outcomes
- One full-time person that works as OTA rep with COE, local state legislatures, coordinates STEM stuff, can work on Alumni network, can support the board and manage the finances on their own to bring organization and stability.
- Someone in college programs building leadership opportunities for students, career internships with state agencies, things that help students see outside their area and see what their possibilities are.
- Create a fund/scholarship/stipend to support and motivate students for national exchanges and/or study abroad programs.
- Americorp-way of building team
- Come up with committee- Philip Dirks, Christine Riehl, Michelle Benoit, Matt Bisek, Chris Mahan, Meredith Payton, Linda Lui
- Christine Riehl will send out Doodle Poll for committee to meet and form document
- Set-up meeting with Lindsey Capps and Linda Roman

Meeting Adjourned: 9:04AM

Next Meeting: Via zoom

Zoom Recording link:

Passcode: