

OSURA Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 2, 2023

Meeting Place: OSU Foundation Offices, Rogue Conference Room

Present: Kevin Ahern, Tony Amandi, Gary Beach, Mary Burke, Mike Burke, Carroll DeKock, Larry Pribyl, Indira Rajagopal, Mike Schuyler, Bob Smythe, Liz Webb, Bill Young and Teri Braun

Absent: Jaga Giebultowicz, Rose Kenneke, and Julie Searcy

Called to order at 10:00 AM by President Carroll DeKock

1. Introductions

Kevin Ahern and Indira Rajagopal were introduced by Carroll DeKock and Mary Burke. Both Kevin and Indira were award winning teachers and advisors in OSU's Biochemistry and Biophysics Department. Kevin is "infamous" for his "biochemistry songs!" They are also both writers. Kevin authored the well-known university textbook "Biochemistry" along with Christopher K. Mathews and K. E. van Holde. Together they have written free online biochemistry textbooks for beginning and general biochemistry plus a guide to getting into medical school. They both continue to teach in OSU's E-Campus and the Honors College.

2. Review and Approval of Board minutes of May 5, 2023, and Annual Meeting minutes of May 8, 2023

There were no changes to the above minutes. Bill Young moved, and Larry Pribyl seconded that the minutes be approved. The vote was unanimous.

3. Budget and Finance

Bill Young walked us through the treasurer's report starting with the General Foundation Fund which had total revenue of \$6,446.7. The increase over last month was from payment of 14 single memberships and 10 family memberships adding a total of \$580. The total expenses were \$2,267.31 giving and ending balance \$7,037.21. One complication in these figures was that \$924 in credit card receipts from the earlier woman's basketball program went into OSURA's State Account (really a third fund discussed below) and are available to OSURA through that account.

The second OSURA fund is the Scholarship Fund which had total revenue of \$19,696.10. This fund increased over the past month as a result from 17 new donations for a total increase of \$2,560.00. The total FY23 expenses were \$16,897.87 most of which were scholarships

(\$16,000) leaving an ending balance of \$14,154.80. The Scholarship Endowment had a book value of \$99,274.73 as of May 31, 2023.

Bill walked us through a third fund, the OSURA State Account which will receive \$4,750 in university funds and received the OSURA credit card income discussed above. These funds are usually used for office supplies, mailing, rentals, printing, and related expenses (this year so far totaling around \$4,500). The fund should be expended by the close of the state fiscal year, June 30th. There was a general board discussion on current OSURA needs relative to this fund. Items discussed included: a cart for moving tables used at OSURA events; adding to the supply of OSURA shirts (the current inventory is 24 and seems adequate for the present); need for sound reinforcement equipment which we now borrow with some difficulty (estimated by Larry Pribyl at \$1,000); permanent nametags for board members (estimated by Teri Braun at \$17 each); and updating and printing the OSURA threefold brochure (a high priority but Teri Braun would like this project for the next fiscal year). Tony Amandi moved that the sound reinforcement equipment and the cart for moving tables be given high priority for purchases this year. Bill Young seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Brief Committee Reports

a. Scholarship Committee

Mike Schuyler reported that Joanne Trow will be stepping down from the committee. The current committee members are Mike Schuyler, Bill Becker, Mary Burke, and Bobbi Hall. Kevin Ahern and Indira Rajagopal will be joining the committee. This will be Mike's last year on the OSURA Board, so he will be looking for a person to shadow him and be able to take the chair the following year. There was discussion on the importance of this committee as it is related to the core mission of OSURA and is responsible for a major part of the OSURA budget.

b. Program Committee

Larry Pribyl reported that the automated robot food delivery program was near final but that they still needed a meeting room. Tentatively the program is for next Friday.

Tony Amandi reported that the Program Committee met on Monday, May 22 at 10:00 am. The committee members attending were Tony Amandi, Terri Tower, Julie Searcy, Tom Plant, Ray Brooks, Gary Beach, and Larry Pribyl. They are looking for about one program each month. Topic ideas for OSURA tours and presentations included the following:

- Large distribution center tour such as Target in Albany or Lowe's in Lebanon. There were concerns about those not able to walk distances if that is required – Terri Tower is taking the lead.
- Tour of the Beth Ray Center & Academic Success Center with a student possibly talking about a day in their life - Ray Brooks will email after he makes the needed contacts.
- Robotics surgery – Ray Brooks has a very good contact.
- A presentation by distinguished OSU faculty member Jane Lubchenco – Tony Amandi is taking the lead.
- A gymnastics dinner and presentation - not sure on this one - Terri Tower or Ray Brooks are taking the lead.
- A women's basketball dinner and presentation – Terri Tower is taking the lead.
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Presentation – Tony Amandi is taking the lead.
- A program by Republic Services – Julie Searcy is taking the lead.
- A program on ROTC at OSU – Ray Brooks is taking the lead.
- A program or tour of prefabricated home facilities in Albany – Larry Pribyl is taking the lead.
- A presentation on the Multiple Engineering Co-op Program – Tom Plant is taking the lead.
- Potential tours of OSU's Arthropod collection, the OSU's Herbarium, and OSU's Ichthyology collection – Larry Pribyl and Tony Amandi are taking the lead.
- Benton County Historical Society and Benton County Museum – No lead person assigned at this point.
- An OSURA minigolf tournament – Tony Amandi and Larry Pribyl are taking the lead.

The tentative joint ALL/OSURA summer program was also distributed which includes six programs between July 14th and August 18th. This will be distributed to the OSURA membership soon. The programs include:

- July 14th, O.H. Hinsdale Wave Research Laboratory Tour (Corvallis)
- July 19th, Freres Engineered Wood Tour (Lyons)
- July 25th, NuScale Simulator Tour (Corvallis)
- August 3rd, Mt. Angel Abbey Tour (Mt. Angel)
- August 8th, Brownsville Pioneer Museum and 1881 Historic Moyer House (Brownsville)
- August 18th, Fort Hoskins Historic Park Tour (between Wren and Kings Valley)

c. Newsletter/Website/Volunteers

Liz Webb reported that the 18-page Spring Edition of “News and Views” is in Teri Braun’s hands. An e-mail will be sent out soon with a link to the newsletter and it will also go online as well. Liz indicated it was a fun project and that she particularly appreciated working with Kathy Motley and with the University Events’ student intern, Drew Caldwell. Drew did the newsletter layout and assembly.

Mike Schuyler asked about parts of the OSURA web page that need attention. Liz indicated this was the next item on her agenda. She indicated that updates to the website could be handled by marking up screen shots and sending them to her by email (zilbbew@gmail.com).

d. Member Services Committee

Carroll DeKock indicated the committee is composed of Carroll, Bob Smythe, Tom Plant, and Jaga Giebultowicz. They are still working on a program on retirement planning around the general topics of “what can go wrong”, or “how much is enough”.

f. Travel Share

Mike Schuyler reported for Rose Kenneke who is traveling in Ireland at present. Mike indicated a future program on Antarctic travel is a possibility. Kevin Ahern and Indira Rajagopal are also traveling extensively and might also do a future program. The usual attendees of travel share events will be asked to suggest/volunteer new presentations.

5. Staff Report

Teri Braun reported that the mailing for the 2023 OSURA Directory will be coming out soon. This is the mailing that goes out to all OSU retired people asking if they would like to be included in the directory and if they would like to join OSURA. This mailing goes out to 900 retired OSU faculty and staff plus about 250 planning retirement.

6. Old Business

Annual Meeting Summary – There was a general feeling on the board that the annual meeting was quite successful. There was good attendance, the meeting facilities were excellent, the presentation by President Jayathi Murthy was informative and on target, and the scholarship recipients were an outstanding group.

7. New Business

a. Fall startup meal plan

Teri Braun reported on discussions with catering and that nothing is final at this point. Last year the ticket was \$25 and there were some complaints about the food. There were 42 OSURA members in attendance last year. After discussion, Bill Young moved that the meal ticket be raised to \$35. Tony Amandi seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

b. OSURA Dues Increase

There was discussion on the need for a dues increase based largely on inflation. Bill Young suggested that effective July 1, 2024, dues should be increased to \$25 for an individual membership and to \$40 for a household membership. After board discussion, Bill Young moved, and Bob Smythe seconded that the dues be increased as outlined above. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am.

The next scheduled OSURA Board meeting is Friday, September 1, 2023, at 10 AM at the OSU Foundation Building.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Burke