

OSURA Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 6, 2025

Meeting Place: Benton County Foundation

Present: Kevin Ahern Tony Amandi, Gary Beach, Bill Boggess, Leslie Burns Boggess, Harrison Branch, Mary Burke, Mike Burke, Jaga Giebultowicz, Rose Kenneke Larry Pribyl, Indira Rajagopal, Bruce Sorte, Joanne Sorte, Teri Trujillo, and Liz Webb

Absent: Carolyn Aldwin



The 2025-26 OSURA Board of Directors: Left to Right, Secretary Mike Burke, President Gary Beach, Treasurer Bruce Sorte, Joanne Sorte, Past President Mary Burke, Jaga Giebultowicz, Tony Amandi, Leslie Burns Boggess, Bill Boggess, Liz Webb, Rose Kenneke, and President Elect Larry Pribyl. **On Zoom** left to right, Indira Rajagopal, Kevin Ahern, Teri Trujillo and Harrison Branch.

Called to order at 10:03 am by President Gary Beach.

1. Review and Approval of Board Minutes of Friday, May 2, 2025

A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Joanne Sorte, seconded by Jaga Giebultowicz. The motion was unanimously approved.

Review and Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes of Friday, May 23, 2025

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tony Amandi, seconded by Mary Burke. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Thank You and Welcome

Gary Beach thanked Mary Burke and Carroll DeKock for their service to OSURA. Carroll started on the board in 2010 and has served on and off for 8 years including President in 2023-24. Mary will remain on the board. He welcomed Carolyn Aldwin, Bill Boggess and Leslie Burns Boggess to the board.

3. Budget and Finance – Bruce Sorte

Bruce Sorte reported that there is no accounting for this month, yet. He will be working with Liz Webb to get an updated donor list into the Spring OSURA News and Views and when there are two partners donating, getting both names on the list. Jaga Giebultowicz suggested an e-mail to donors and Liz Webb suggesting it would be just another important way to connect with our donors. Mary Burke suggested adding an explanatory statement in the News and Views.

4. TRIAD Student Scholarship Fund – Joe Nibler

Joe Niebler was not here. Gary Beach indicated there was about \$60K in the account and that Ken Krane, Joe Nibler and Gary Beach were working on a plan for a TRIAD Legacy Service Scholarship. The scholarship would be awarded based on TRIAD criteria but administered by OSURA. Bill Boggess indicated this would generate about a \$2,000 scholarship. Mary Burke talked about one pile of scholarship applications and two endowments. Bruce noted the importance of building the entire endowment, both OSURA and TRIAD; therefore, generating more funding for students. Joe Nibler will be in contact with Kevin Ahern and Bruce Sorte. OSURA's Treasurer needs to be in the loop regarding money management matters. As noted below, Ken Krane has agreed to serve on the OSURA Scholarship Committee and will understand the details of this matter.

5. Brief Committee Reports

a) Scholarship Committee – Kevin Ahern

Kevin Ahern indicated that there was not much new to report. Liz Webb has the OSURA News and Views information on scholarship winners. Kevin indicated that there were not as many applications as they would like to have had. It was pointed out that the Benton Community Foundation receives 4,000 scholarship applications each year. Kevin indicated that OSURA didn't need that many but did want more. It was noted that Ken Krane, Mike Schuyler and Mary Burke would be joining the current committee of Kevin, Indira Rajagopal and Dick Wairing.

b) Program Committee – Larry Pribyl, Tony Amandi and Gary Beach

Larry Pribyl indicated the upcoming events: The Doug Kessler presentation is scheduled for Monday, June 16th between 2:00 and 3:30 pm with the title: “**Chip Wars come to Corvallis**”. It will be at the OSU Foundation Office on Research Way. The OSURA Miniature Golf Tournament will be in Albany July 9th at 9:30 am with lunch at Ciddici’s following the tournament.

Tony Amandi indicated that the Program Committee met on May 13th and was planning the following:

- A program on **Agility Robotics** on a Saturday or evening.
- A presentation on **robotic surgery**.
- A **PRAx tour**
- A presentation on the new OSU **Research Vessel Taani**.
- A tour of the **OSU Arthropod Collection**.
- A tour of the **Target Distribution Center** in Albany
- A **women’s basketball presentation** like the one this year and after the season is over.
- A **women’s gymnastics presentation** like the basketball presentation.
- An **Artificial Intelligence** presentation by Tom Dietterich from Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.
- A presentation on **undersea volcanoes** off Newport.
- Ray Brooks is exploring getting a presentation by the OSU Baseball **Coach Mitch Canham**.
- A panel moderated by **David Bernell** in November along the lines “Does This Still Hurt? An Assessment of Trump’s First Year”.
- Ray Brooks is exploring a program on **cryptocurrency**.
- Tom Plant is exploring a program on **offshore power generation**.

There was general discussion on meeting facilities and Tony and Larry thought we could make far better use of LaSells Stewart Center. Larry would like to meet with their AV person to see if the Zoom capability might be better used. There is good handicap access to LaSells Stewart Center, parking seems to be available, the center is on campus. Bill Boggess pointed out that the cost of LaSells Stewart Center is minimal. Jaga Giebultowicz spoke to the importance of regular meeting places and stability. This is particularly important for people with mobility issues. Teri Trujillo indicated that the OSU Foundation Board Room that we have been using cannot absorb OSURA’s active program schedule.

c) Newsletter and Website -- Liz Webb

Liz Webb indicated that the Spring edition of OSURA News and Views is underway with the target date after finals week. She has had good responses, enough pictures, information on President Murthy's talk, good information on the scholarship recipients, board elections, etc. The deadline for articles was June 2nd.

d) Member Services Committee -- Jaga Giebultowicz

The Doug Kessler presentation is scheduled for June 16th with the title: "**Chip Wars come to Corvallis**". It will be at the OSU Foundation Office on Research Way. Carroll DeKock is doing the introduction. This is the first "**Member in the Spotlight**" presentation.

e) Travel Share – Rose Kenneke

One program is in planning on traveling in UK and interacting with people there.

f) Recruitment and Welcoming Committee – Mary Burke

Mary Burke will need the list of new retirees and Teri Trujillo will provide this list.

6. Staff Report – Teri Trujillo

- a) OSURA Board Meeting Dates and Locations -- For 2025-26, OSURA Board meetings will be the first Friday of the month except we will meet January 9th instead of January 2nd. There was a question regarding meeting place. Teri Trujillo indicated we only have 4 slots in the OSU Foundation Board Room and 3 are taken now.
- b) There have been 18 reservations for the Doug Kesler talk
- c) AROHE membership fee is \$120/year and is due. Tony Amandi moved, and Bill Boggess seconded the motion to commit the requested funds. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

7. Old Business

Gary Beach indicated the joint OSURA/ALL presentation by David Bernell on May 29th had 65 "in person" attendees and 23 more people on Zoom. The total was 90.

8. New Business

a) OSURA 25th Anniversary

Gary Beach is exploring establishing a 25th Anniversary Committee and Paula Krane is willing to chair the committee. Paula has a lot of experience with these things. He is also exploring the possibility of having Les Risser as a keynote speaker. Les was instrumental in OSURA's founding.

b) Future OSURA Board Meeting Locations

After discussion they are most likely to be in the Benton Community Foundation Offices. The dates are indicated above in item 7a.

c) Faculty Senate Wellness Committee Request

Gary Beach indicated a request regarding e-mail accounts for retired faculty was received.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.

The next regular OSURA Board Meeting will be on Friday, September 5, 2025, at 10:00 am tentatively in the Benton Community Foundation, 340 NW 5th Street, Corvallis.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Burke

Upcoming dates:

June 16, 2025 — **OSURA Member in the Spotlight**

OSU Distinguished Professor Dr. Doug Keszler

“The Chip War Comes to Corvallis”

2-3:30 pm

OSU Foundation, 4238 Research Way

Contact: Jaga Giebultowicz

July 9, 2025 — **OSURA Miniature Golf Tournament**

Albany

Time 9:30 am

Lunch at Ciddici's following the Tournament.

Contact: Tony Amandi

September 29, 2025 — **OSURA Scholarship Student Panel**

4:30 pm

Corvallis Public Library

Contact: Mary Burke