

OSURA Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 5, 2025

Meeting Place: Benton County Foundation

Present: Carolyn Aldwin, Tony Amandi, Gary Beach, Mary Burke, Mike Burke, Jaga Giebultowicz, Rose Kenneke, Bruce Sorte, Joanne Sorte, and Liz Webb

Absent: Kevin Ahern, Bill Boggess, Leslie Burns Boggess, Harrison Branch, Larry Pribyl, Indira Rajagopal, and Teri Trujillo

Called to order at 9:58 am by President Gary Beach.

1. Review and Approval of Board Minutes of Friday, June 6, 2025

There was one small correction to item 8.a. of the minutes regarding Paula Krane serving on, not chairing the 25th Anniversary Committee. A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Tony Amandi, seconded by Mary Burke. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Budget and Finance – Bruce Sorte

Gary Beach distributed Bruce Sorte's OSURA Account Summary. Bruce indicated that all accounts were up relative to last year and indicated that more funding should be available for OSURA programming this year. OSURA membership is about the same as last year's 297 (151 individuals and 73 households) with 278 this year so far (130 individuals and 74 households). This number will increase over the coming academic year. The OSURA Budget Committee will meet this month and develop the budget for this current year.

There was general discussion on the differences between OSU Foundation accounts and the University accounts, along with the issue of credit card use.

3. Brief Committee Reports

a) Scholarship Committee – Kevin Ahern

Kevin Ahern was absent. Mary Burke indicated that reminders would need to go out to scholarship winners about participation in the OSURA Scholarship Student Panel at 4:30 pm on Monday, September 29th at the Corvallis Public Library. Larry Pribyl will be asked to serve as moderator, and provisions will be made for refreshments. Help will be needed for setup and breakdown. About 40 people are expected to attend.

b) Program Committee – Tony Amandi and Larry Pribyl

Tony Amandi indicated that 10 attended the July 9th OSURA Miniature Golf Tournament in Albany with Jack Walstad winning.

There was some discussion of potential programs including at Agility Robotics, at the newly arrived OSU Research Vessel Taani, at the OSU Arthropod Collection/Cordley Hall, and at a Distribution Center. It was noted that a long list of programs had been outlined at the June board meeting and recorded in the minutes.

Tony indicated that the board would need to think about identifying several new Program Committee members as well as the replacement of both Tony when he steps off the board and Larry Pribyl when he becomes President next year.

c) Newsletter and Website -- Liz Webb

Liz Webb indicated that the Spring edition of OSURA News and Views is out and that the involvement of OSU Printing and Mailing is appreciated and very important. Liz is now planning for the next newsletter which will come out sometime after finals week in December. Some items/topics for possible inclusion, include: the scholarship recipients, the mini golf tournament, the hikes, ... and two brief memoirs. Larry Roper was suggested as a possibility to tell his story.

Liz indicated that there currently isn't much demand for OSURA volunteers.

Teri Trujillo has made substantial updates on the OSURA web pages. It was also noted that about 5 years of early OSURA records are not available on the web or found elsewhere.

d) Member Services Committee -- Jaga Giebultowicz

After the May 2025 survey, Membership Services have developed three subcommittees on cultural, social and physical activity headed by Carolyn Aldwin, Joanne Sorte and Jaga, respectively. There was some discussion around activities of these three subcommittees. There was a successful hike in the Bald Hill area on Wednesday, August 27th attended by 10 members. This event also provided good opportunities for social interaction.

e) Travel Share – Rose Kenneke

There is an upcoming Travel Share on October 6th at the OSU Foundation Board Room between 2:25 and 3:30 pm. It will be on interacting with people while traveling in the UK and Europe.

After discussion by the board, Rose is planning for three Travel Shares a year.

f) Recruitment and Welcoming Committee – Mary Burke

Mary Burke is not getting new OSU retiree names and will work with Teri Trujillo to see if a list can be developed. Mary will write a letter to previous members inviting them to join.

4. Staff Report – Teri Trujillo

OSURA Board Meeting Dates and Locations have been set and the OSURA board meetings will be in the Benton Community Foundation conference room. The meetings will be on the first Friday of the month except we will meet on January 9th instead of January 2nd.

5. Old Business

Gary Beach indicated interest in another joint OSURA/ALL presentation by David Bernell covering the first year of the Trump presidency, perhaps in February. The last one had 90 attendees in person or on Zoom.

Gary, Joe Nibler, Ken Krane are still working on a proposal to possibly merge the TRIAD Scholarship with OSURA. The TRIAD fund is currently at \$60K with a target of \$100K.

Gary Beach indicated that OSURA had a request from the Faculty Senate Wellness Committee regarding e-mail accounts for retired faculty. He responded and heard nothing more.

6. New Business

OSURA 25th Anniversary in 2026 is in the early planning stage. Gary Beach is exploring establishing a 25th Anniversary Committee with Paula Krane as a possible leader for this effort. Paula has a lot of experience with these things. Perhaps Les Risser would be involved as Les was instrumental in OSURA's founding. From the following discussion, it would be great to have a list of OSURA's accomplishments over the last 25 years.

Tony Amandi said that discussions have taken place with Karl McCreary, Collections Archivist at the OSU Library, regarding OSURA archives and storage concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 am.

The next regular OSURA Board Meeting will be on Friday, October 3, 2025, at 10:00 am at the Benton Community Foundation, 340 NW 5th Street, Corvallis.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Burke