

# OSURA Board Meeting Minutes (Final)

Friday, November 7, 2025 – Benton Community Foundation

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

Absent: All present!

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by President Gary Beach.

## Approval of Previous Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes prepared by Liz Webb of the October 3, 2025, OSURA Board Meeting. There were some changes. A motion to approve the minutes made by Mary Burke and seconded by Carolyn Aldwin was passed unanimously.

## Budget and Finance Report

Report: Bruce Sorte reported that the OSURA Budget Committee had met and developed the OSURA FY 2026 Budget. The budget along with the Account Summary current to October 31, 2025, was distributed by e-mail to the board. The General Operating Fund had an Available Balance of \$22,308.29 and the Scholarship Contributions Fund had an Available Balance of \$19,786.57. The Scholarship Endowment Account had grown to \$116,220.52. The OSU Foundation normally pays about 4% on the endowment which was usually \$969/month. Bruce indicated the above are all OSU Foundation Accounts.

Burce noted some OSU General Funds (i.e., University Event state funds) are used in support of OSURA. Among these were \$2,021.78 in FY 2025 and \$1,597.18 so far in FY 2026. These OSU General Funds were mostly used for office and administrative supplies, mailing, printing, membership dues (e.g., AROHE), etc. These funds are managed by University Events.

Board Insurance: Bruce is researching board insurance options and estimates the cost would be around \$1,600/year.

# Committee Reports

## Scholarship Committee

Kevin Ahern reported that he had visited with Scholar Dollar Program and that scholarship applications are expected to open in January. They are planning around the same size program as last year, i.e., budgeted \$30K.

## Programs Committee

The Programs Committee met on October 16. Tony Amandi shared that Sally Bowman has joined the committee which now includes Tony Amandi, Gary Beach, Sally Bowman, Ray Brooks, Joe Nibler, Tom Plant, Larry Pribyl, and Terri Tower. Tony indicated that Sally Bowman reported on the availability of meeting rooms at OSU Extension Service facilities in Benton and Linn County. The Benton County meeting room has a capacity of 40-50 while the Linn County one holds 30-35 people.

There was some discussion about the advantages of OSURA having a portable computer fully compatible with the OSU IT system and available for program presentations.

Tony reported the following programs are scheduled or in planning with the lead person on each program in brackets:

- **Mitch Canham presentation** (Ray Brooks) **Already scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>**
- **A Movement Matters presentation** is scheduled at 10 am on December 10th by Erica Woekel, Clinical Associate Professor of Kinesiology, and Nicole Kurth, Coordinator, Faculty Staff Fitness, on how to incorporate physical activity into your daily life. It will be at the Benton County Extension Services (4077 SW Research Way) Sunset Room.
- **Cordley renovation and arthropod collection tour.** Will schedule for late spring term (Larry Pribyl)
- **Panel to discuss how Trump's administration has affected the university and the state.** A panel could include some of the following people: Murthy, Rayfield, Gesler, Wyden, Merkley. Mark Edwards as moderator (Gary Beach)
- **Robotic surgery presentation** possibly in the summer to match travel and visits to hospital by Ray Brooks' son, Michael (Ray Brooks)
- **OSU Women's basketball post season review** by Scott Rueck in spring term (Terri Tower)
- **AI presentation** by Tom Dietterich (Tom Plant)
- **Explanation on what cryptocurrency is and how it works.** Presenter Jimmy Jang, College of Business who will be back in January (Ray Brooks)
- Presentation by Jonathan Hurst of **Agility Robots**. It would not to be possible to visit the facility in Salem. The presentation would be on a Saturday during the day (Tom Plant)
- **PRAX tour** still in the works, schedule TBD (Gary Beach)

- Tour of the **R/V Taani**, OSU's new NOAA research vessel, in Newport. Will check with Dean for possibly spring term (Gary Beach, Larry Pribyl)
- **Undersea volcanoes off the Oregon Coast** by Bill Chadwick (Larry Pribyl)
- Possibility of **soccer or wrestling coaches** – late winter or spring (Ray Brooks)
- **Offshore electrical production** testing (Larry Pribyl, Tom Plant)
- **Disaster preparedness talk** by an OSU Extension Service staff (Sally Bowman)
- **Sharing the many beautiful locations in the state of Oregon** by extension specialists (Sally Bowman)
- **Gardening presentation** by Master Gardener(s) in spring time (Sally Bowman)
- **Learning about proper nutrition** by a registered dietician (Sally Bowman)
- Presentation about the **Greenbelt Land Trust** sometime in spring (Ray Brooks)
- **Tour of forestry building** and presentation dealing with forest fires (Larry Pribyl, Gary Beach)

## Newsletter, Website, and Volunteers

Liz Webb is compiling material for the Fall edition of OSURA News & Views, scheduled for publication in Winter with a December 1 deadline for submitting articles.

The newsletter will emphasize the OSURA Scholarship Program, scholarship recipients, and the Scholars Reception held at the Corvallis Public Library. Conrad “Bud” Weiser is writing a faculty memoir and Tony Van Vliet has agreed to do the same for the Spring edition. Liz is exploring a possible contribution from OSU's Healthy Aging Club. Other items are the Annual Summer Golf Tournament, the Spring Hike at Bald Hill, and the Travel Shares.

## Member Services Committee

Jaga Giebultowicz, Carolyn Aldwin and Joanne Sorte indicated that the committee met in October to discuss potential activities in the social, cultural and physical areas.

Possibilities include:

- Social events built around morning coffee get-togethers at Market of Choice perhaps starting in early December. Another idea suggested by the committee was for OSURA to join in the Singalong at the Corvallis Community Center in December.
- Cultural events built around PRAX such as the **OSU University Chorale – Fall Concert** or the **Kalani Pe'a: A Hawaiian Christmas**, both in early December or the **Winter student play: I Met the Baba Yaga (And She Lives in Tennessee)** in the new Withycombe Hall Laboratory Theater (sponsored by PRAX) in February. Perhaps one event each quarter would work. It was noted by Bill Boggess that the PRAX events fill up quickly.

- Physical events like a Spring hike coinciding with the trillium bloom (both *Trillium ovatum* and *T. albidum*) in the McDonald Dunn Research Forest near Oak Creek.

A **Member in the Spotlight** presentation on January 23<sup>rd</sup> by Charlotte Headrick is scheduled between 2 and 4 pm at the OSU Foundation Offices on Research Way. Charlotte Hedrick is a well-known retired professor from OSU's Theater Arts Department.

## Travel Share

Rose Kenneke reported that 47 people attended the Brooke Collison conversation on October 6<sup>th</sup> entitled *Blunders, Bonuses, Burdens and Benefits: Experiencing My Years of Traveling (Stuff Rick Steves Left Out)*.

Leslie and Bill Boggess will give the next Travel Share between February and April, the subject to be determined. The talk could be about hiking around Mont Blanc, or hiking many days to get to Machu Picchu, or floating through the Grand Canyon, or hiking in the kingdom of Bhutan and the Himalayas.

## Recruitment and Welcoming Committee

Mary Burke reported that the committee is sending a letter to members whose dues have expired. Mary reported that she is not receiving information on newly retired faculty and staff.

## Staff Report

Teri Trujillo announced that the 2025 OSURA Directory was mailed out last month. She suggested an OSU IT compatible laptop computer could be put to good use by OSURA in part because Teri is limited in her ability to travel off the OSU Corvallis Campus and, therefore, bringing her laptop in support OSURA events.

## Old Business

TRIAD Student Scholarship Fund: Kevin Ahern described challenges integrating the OSURA and TRIAD scholarship programs with emphasis of OSURA on healthy aging and TRIAD on student service. Essentially the committee would need to manage two programs. Gary Beach reported that the TRIAD program was exploring other alternatives.

Leslie Burns Boggess moved that OSURA not merge the two programs and Jaga Giebultowicz seconded the motion. The vote was split.

Larry Pribyl, seconded by Tony Amandi, moved that merger of OSURA and TRIAD scholarship programs be tabled. The motion carried.

## New Business

Gary Beach reported that he has 18 OSURA polo shirts with some printing on the shirts outdated. Otherwise, they are perfectly good. Anyone interested in the shirts should contact Gary.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Burke