

OLA Board Meeting 20 January, 2022 Minutes

Present: Theo Dreher, Dan Sobota, Andrew Schaedel, Tammy Wood, Toni Pennington, Randy Jones, Desiree Tullos, Lara Jansen, [Trish Carroll](#)

Absences: Lori Campbell, Ron Larson

I. Attendance (Lara): 4:03

II. Approval of December Minutes (Lara): 4:05-Andy made the motion and Toni seconded. Unanimous approval by the board.

III. Budget: annual report and wider discussion: (Andy) 4:05

- 1st-OLA has 2 accounts: checking account at Key Bank and an endowment account with Vanguard for scholarship and outreach
- Balances in both accounts: \$12,175 in the Operations Account (up \$1,012 from the start of the year) and \$27,901 in the Scholarship and Outreach Fund (up \$4,884 from the start of the year).
- Andy will be preparing a working budget for 2022. Please let him know if there are any potential additional expenses for OLA
 - Possible in-person conference in 2022 would raise costs, but also revenue.
 - Planning for at least \$5,000 reserve for unexpected expenses or new projects
- Infrastructure costs:
 - The membership dues pretty much covered our infrastructure costs (website, newsletter, general operation fees (NALMS, POB, DOJ, SOS, IRS) and misc. expenses. OLA was \$385 short which was more than made up by other income (fees from conference, stakeholder meetings and sponsorships) so OLA dues structure is still pretty good. The \$10/\$20 fees that OLA charges to non-members for the stakeholder meeting/conference fills in this gap (\$380 from the Stakeholder meeting and \$600 from the conference). This helped to cover the website cost which is key for registration for those meetings and is the largest infrastructure cost.
 - Conferences: In past years, conferences usually made a profit with the exception of a few years.
- Scholarship/Outreach Fund:
 - Increased by \$4884:

- Donations to the scholarship/outreach fund increased strongly this year and exceeded the scholarship award (\$1925 vs \$1,500) which is a good goal for fundraising.
- OLA investments earned a total of \$1,669 in 2021 (\$502 in dividends and \$1,167 in Capital Gains) which also exceeded the scholarship award for the first time. Much of this was Capital Gains which reflects good market conditions.
- OLA has had an overall 11.7% rate of return since we set up the account in 5/2018 (I believe - hard to tell with the Vanguard statistics).
- Andy is working on a policy to update the management of the Scholarship fund. Andy suggests putting together a small group to review the policy and provide feedback. OLA has hit the initial goal of over \$25k for the fund, but may have to wait until it hits \$37,500 with a 4% withdrawal rate.
 - Small group volunteers: Steve Wille, Wayne Carmichael, Rich Miller, Dan, Andy, Lara
- Sponsors:
 - OLA received \$1,500 last year (CD3 Systems, IXOM) and \$500 already this year (Biosafe) but have others who have been sponsors in the past and may need some gentle reminders, etc. This income really adds to the treasury and can allow OLA to take on outreach projects, etc.
 - Call: It would be good to have someone focus a bit more to encourage Sponsorship -anybody have an interest? Randy is interested in working on sponsorships. Theo-Steve Willie in the past sent out thank yous to the sponsors, which is a practice to continue. Randy will. (A good working relationship with consultants helps).
- Questions:
 - Randy-how does OLA recruit new members? Andy- has varied over the years, low-energy in the recent years with just word of mouth; attracting members from interest in conference program or CyanoHAB activities.
 - Dan-Vanguard funds fossil fuels and big agriculture-issue of morality? Andy- We have two funds: Wellington fund (⅔ stock and ⅓ bond) & Pernassus fund that is an ESG fund-generally not supporting fossil fuels (ESG= environmental-social-governance qualities)
 - Dan-inflation concern for scholarship funds? Andy-\$1,500 was a recent increase in 2019. Lara-perhaps present more clearly as a research grant for specific research expenses

IV. New threat to Lake Abert (Ron-absent, Trish) 4:36

- Proposal by PacifiCorp to install pumped-storage hydro generation systems near Lake Abert and Summer Lake; Oregonian article of 16 January
 - Ron, Trish and Theo are drafting up a letter in response.
 - Many concerns: The proposal overestimated water availability of Crooked Creek and the greater watershed. There are potential archeological sites that would be impacted.
 - The draft letter will be sent around to the rest of the board for review. About 2 months for review
 - Randy-what about coordinating inputs with tribes?
 - Theo-Ron and him have set up a meeting with the Klamath tribes to discuss
 - Oregonian article on the problem just out on January 16th: Discusses issues with agencies-Randy will send around a pdf
 - Comprehensive for the most part
 - Other updates: keeping in touch with Oregon Natural Desert Association; not heard back from Simplot

V. Should we consider 90 minute rather than 60 minute monthly meetings? Theo

- Most support
- Desiree would appreciate it be earlier
- Let's do: **3:30-5:00pm**

VI. New/continued activities: tribal connections, (Lara, Desiree, Dan); lake volunteer activities (Tammy, Randy): how can the board be of help?: 4:53

- Tribal connections (Lara, Desiree, Dan): Dan has been in touch with CRITFC (Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission) on a HABs satellite project-will try to discuss collaborations with OLA. Desiree and Lara will re-engage.
- Lake volunteer activities: Tammy is not available right away, but interested in helping down the road. Randy has reviewed the LakeWatch documents and will be reaching out to others interested in working on reviving and updating it.

VII. Website revisions (Toni, Dan) and newsletter: need new editor (Theo) : 5:00

- Toni-The benefits of the sponsorship categories need to be reviewed and finalized. Reviewed previously proposed changes and found info in table confusing. Toni will draw up a clearer presentation and bring to next meeting.
- Toni and Dan have been learning Wild Apricot and looking at improvements. Some pages seem dated and we perhaps should remove or make unavailable prior to improvement. Please look over website and make suggestions.

- Shelved LakeWise editorship discussion until February

VIII. Theo is planning CyanoHAB Stakeholder Meeting for February/March. (5:05)

- Zoom meeting will be on one of the first 3 Monday mornings of March; Theo has contacted past presenters.
- Dan informed that Alison Minerovic (past presenter) has left DEQ. Dan will work with Theo in working up the program. Will again charge \$10 for non-OLA members, no charge for OLA members, like last year.

IX. Photo waiver for website pictures (Lara) (5:10) Since Lara had to leave, no discussion. Lara to distribute for email vote.

X. Lake Appreciation Month designation (5:15) Support for asking governor's declaration; Randy has contacts and will lead

XI. Lake outing (5:20) Desiree suggested an OLA event with a designated course at a lake to which the open water swimming community would be invited. Good opportunity for outing and to contact potential members/interested people. Desiree will bring ideas to February meeting.

Adjourned ~ 5:25.