

## **AOF Board Minutes, September 1, 2016**

Present: Alan Bakalinsky, Kemble Yates, Jacqueline Arante, Greg Monahan, Deanna Thompson, and Christian Vukasovich. Chris Parta from PartaOregon, Inc., was also present.

Meeting was called to order at 10:10 by President Alan Bakalinsky.

### **Treasurer's Report (KY):**

Kemble reported we are still on track to make budget, given Chris' generous agreement to accept a \$1000/mo reduction for four months over the summer. Kemble did file our 2015-16 tax return.

### **OFPAC**

Chris brought the board a revised set of recommendations for contributions this cycle. We approved his revised proposal – Chris will send us an updated list reflecting these recommendations.

The question arose: how/when was OFPAC actually formed? Can we get docs from J Wilson, Mark Nelson's successor?

### **Lobbyist Report (CP):**

Chris discussed some upcoming meetings he will be having with PSU on their budget, and Kate Sinner (Governor Brown's advisor on policy and Education). He'll also be attending Legislative Days Sept. 21-23.

He shared with the board a revised draft of a "Public Higher Education Vision Statement", based on the higher education coalition summit earlier this year. Their next summit will be in November after the election, and the hope is to have some key politicians (ideally from both parties) present.

Deanna mentioned that faculty salaries are no longer "centrally housed" on the Oregon.gov web site. We think perhaps HECC might be convinced they'd want this info, and be willing to collect and disseminate it on its web site.

Chris shared with us the HECC's budget requests for the next biennium. The Community Colleges are asking for about a 50% increase and the Public Universities are asking for about a 33% increase (over the current biennium). Additional significant requests are made for the Oregon Opportunity Grant, the Oregon Promise, and capital monies.

And finally... Measure 97 will have a huge impact on next biennium. PERS and other roll-up costs will create a dire situation for Oregon's budget unless more revenue is found.

### **AOF Future**

Kemble and Alan reported that we have gathered the "lists" of faculty at the eight institutions (UO, OSU, PSU, OHSU, SOU, EOU, WOU, and OIT). We agreed to pitch first to just folks who neither are AOF members and not contributing to OFPAC. We also agreed to engage Lee Vasche to run this pitch for us, and to focus exclusively on OFPAC contributions.

Greg will contact Lee, and Kemble will serve as contact person. Kemble will send the proposed "script" out with a short response timeline.

## **Newsletter**

Greg agreed to take lead on the Fall newsletter, and write the (Vice-) President's report. Christian will provide the "faculty report". We'll do this in October (12<sup>th</sup> is our target distribution date). We may put out another letter right after the election, or may wait until the winter.

**Campus Reports** [suppressed due to time]

## **Next Meeting**

We agreed we may have a phone conference in the interim (4 PM, Dec. 15?), but not meet face-to-face next (tentatively) on Jan. 21, 10 AM, Saturday.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.