

Minutes  
Oregon Chapter APWA Scholastic Foundation  
March 16, 2001

**Call to Order:**

9:10 AM  
Tualatin Operations Building  
10699 SW Herman Rd.  
Tualatin, OR

**Attending:**

Gordon Merseith, President  
Dan Boss, Treasurer  
Don Schut, Vice President  
Bob Adams  
Eugene Appel  
Ron Polvi

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the February 2, 2001 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report**

Dan Boss reported that the balance is holding around \$100,000. He will provide quarterly detailed report and the accountant's report at the next meeting. He had received the \$6000 from the Chapter. The check was sent to the PSU Lindberg Scholarship recipient, Ms. Feehan. Dan reviewed how we handle the donations on Gizmo and golf tournaments relative to maintaining our tax-exempt status and the tax-deductible status for the contributor. Our current practices meet the requirements.

**PSU Scholarship Status**

Gordon Merseith and Dave Vargas met with Dr. Rapida at PSU to discuss our scholarship program. The discussion gave Dr. Rapida a better understanding of our program and goals. As it turned out it was a good decision on the part of the Board to not approve the scholarship to Mr. Otsyula at our last meeting because he is not a full-time student. Dr. Rapida indicated that there was another student that did meet the criteria. We are waiting for an application from this student.

**Fund Raising**

Ron Polvi indicated that the Chapter Board felt that we should discuss the proposal to raise the conference registration contribution to the Scholastic Foundation from \$5 to \$10 should be discussed with the members. Gordon Merseith will bring this up at the Chapter business meeting at the Spring Conference.

Ted Kyle is going to have the Chapter Education Committee consider raising the registration at training sessions with an amount going to the Foundation. Discussion of the past policy to keep

the training programs as inexpensive as possible was held. It will be the decision of the current Chapter Board to pursue this increase or not.

Spring Conference Golf Tournament competition has been approved. Gordon Merseth will set up a table a hole for the competition.

Direct mail donation requests are still being prepared. Dan Boss has asked Gordon Merseth to put together a letter from the President to be included. Dan also is looking for any help and input on the wording to be included on the envelope. It was suggested that he contact Lori Faha to see if she could help. Will try to get the envelopes in the next newsletter.

Gene Appel is continuing to formulate the Non Dinner. His goal is to have the invitations to 'not show up for dinner' out by late October or early November. He will have a draft letter at the next meeting for review and approval. It was decided that \$50 non-dinner price would be appropriate based on what it would cost for two to actually go out.

Ron Polvi is looking for candidates for the Gizmo at the Spring Conference in Bend. Several suggested names were gladly given.

Don Schut provided information to Gene Appel on making contact with Bill Blum's family. The family has some of Bill's photographs and has indicated a willingness to work with the Foundation.

#### **Other Business**

Dan Boss discussed the Chapter employee scholarship money that previously had come into the Foundation and in the past few years has not. He wondered if the Chapter would again send that money to the Foundation and any money not awarded would go toward the Foundation programs. Ron Polvi will bring it up at a Chapter meeting.

The November Chapter meeting that the Foundation Board had planned on attending has now been changed to a telephone conference meeting. Ron Polvi stated that the Chapter Board decided to try two phone meetings. If the earlier conference call meeting is not successful, they will probably change the November meeting back to a normal meeting. The Foundation Board indicated that there was a still a strong desire to meet face to face with the Chapter Board to maintain the relationship between the Boards and to report on what we are doing. If it is not possible to meet at the November meeting, another meeting will be selected.

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

10:43 AM

