

Oregon Association of Municipal Recorders
Draft Special Executive Board Meeting Minutes
The Running Y Resort, Klamath Falls, OR
Tuesday, September 16, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Mary Feldman called the Special Executive Board meeting of the Oregon Association of Municipal Recorders (OAMR) to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT: President Mary Feldman, CMC, Eugene; First Vice-President Kathy Louie, MMC, Corvallis; Secretary Ruth Post, CMC, Philomath; Treasurer Karin Johnson, CMC, Independence; Region I Director Susan Pentecost; Region II Director Debby Roth, CMC, Cornelius; Region IV Director Amy Sowa, Springfield (5:04 p.m.); Region V Director Elisa Olson, MMC, Klamath Falls; Region VI Director Julie Krueger, MMC, The Dalles; and Region VII Director Tori Barnett, MMC, Ontario.

OAMR MEMBERS PRESENT: Tracy Davis, MMC, Keizer; Denise Carey, MMC, Estacada; and Sheila Cox, MMC, Roseburg.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation of Second Vice-President Angie Kellar – President Feldman distributed the e-mail received from OAMR Second Vice-President Angie Kellar, CMC, North Bend, in which she tendered her immediate resignation from OAMR (Attachment A). President Feldman summarized her conversations with Ms. Kellar since receiving the resignation and conversations Ms. Kellar has had with Board members Elisa Olson and Julie Krueger. President Feldman stated that Ms. Kellar has indicated she would be in attendance at the Annual Conference as of September 17.

President Feldman reviewed three possible courses of action with regard to Ms. Kellar's resignation. She emphasized that, while she cares very deeply for Ms. Kellar, as President, she must do what is best for OAMR.

(Region IV Director Amy Sowa, CMC, Springfield, arrived at 5:04 p.m.)

President Feldman stated that Ms. Kellar had emphasized in their conversations that the Board should take whatever action is in the best interest of OAMR.

Possible Option #1: Withdraw Ms. Kellar's resignation and proceed with her installation as First Vice-President until such time as she accepts employment outside the membership parameters of OAMR. Ms. Barnett questioned if Ms. Kellar had, in fact, offered to withdraw her resignation. President Feldman confirmed that she has not offered to withdraw the resignation. President Feldman believed this would cause upheaval to have the resignation occur mid-term due to the First Vice-President's position as the Conference Committee Chair. President Feldman stated she did not want to leave the new Executive Board with that kind of uncertainty. Ms. Krueger recommended taking Option #1 off of the table for consideration.

Possible Option #2: Postpone Ms. Kellar's resignation, allowing her to remain as Second Vice-President during this conference. President Feldman questioned what this action would accomplish. She stated this would result in the President having to make an appointment in the absence of the membership. There was a review of the OAMR By-laws. This option would result in the President appointing both a First Vice-President and Second Vice-President without any involvement by the membership. President Feldman stated she was

uncomfortable with the perception to the membership of non-transparent governance by taking this option.

Possible Option #3: Accept Ms. Kellar's resignation and welcome her attendance and participation in the Annual Conference in whatever capacity she desires. This would result in the appointment three days early of the currently declared 2008-09 Second Vice-President candidate Ruth Post to the position of Second Vice-President. President Feldman noted that Ms. Post stepped into the void created today by Ms. Kellar's absence to get the Special Projects/Fundraising Committee organized. President Feldman suggested that, under this option, Ms. Kellar would still present the 2010 conference bids. There was discussion about re-arranging the order of business for Friday's Annual Business Meeting to conduct elections for Second Vice-President first. President Feldman noted that current Treasurer Karin Johnson has expressed an interest in submitting her name as a candidate for Second Vice-President under this scenario. There was discussion about the need to announce the situation and that nominations would be accepted from the floor at the Business Meeting. There was discussion about giving candidates the opportunity to speak at the candidate's lunch. Ms. Louie agreed with the importance of fully informing the membership and conducting an open process. It was agreed that President Feldman should make a full announcement at the opening ceremony.

There was discussion about the criteria for nominations accepted from the floor. There was concern that the By-laws process for absentee ballots prevented allowing a decision by the membership from the business meeting floor. Due to the absentee ballot requirement, Ms. Krueger recommended giving members an opportunity to express interest and then appointing any open positions created. It was agreed that the announcement should occur both Wednesday at the Academy and on Thursday at the opening ceremony. President Feldman stated that, should Karin Johnson be appointed as Second Vice-President, Nancy Batchelder, MMC, Yachats, has expressed interest in the position of Treasurer.

MOTION: Julie Krueger, MMC, The Dalles, moved/Elisa Olson, MMC, Klamath Falls, second, that upon the resignation of Angie Kellar as OAMR Second Vice-President, President Feldman will appoint Ruth Post as First Vice-President, Karin Johnson as Second Vice-President, and Nancy Batchelder as Treasurer at the Annual Business Meeting on September 19, contingent on no other candidates coming forward to apply for the positions of Second Vice-President or Treasurer. Motion APPROVED 10-0.

There was further discussion about timing the acceptance of Ms. Kellar's resignation just prior to the business meeting. In response to a question about the position of Secretary being vacated mid-term by Ms. Post, Ms. Louie explained that this vacancy had been expected and that she had intended to appoint Stacie Cook, CMC, Mill City, to that position.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, President Feldman adjourned the OAMR Special Executive Board meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Post, CMC, Secretary