



Executive Committee Meeting Packet

September 19, 2019; 11:00 am

Cascades West Center
1400 Queen Avenue, SE
2nd Floor, Large Conference Room
Albany, OR 97322

**Next Executive Committee Meeting:
October 24, 2019 at 3:00 pm, at the
Historic Carousel and Museum in Albany**

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same as participating from Albany.

Acting Chair Cutter agreed with Mayor Lepin. When a Board Member participates from Toledo, they are watching the meeting, but the audio is not fantastic, so you might hear Executive Director Abousleman, or maybe someone else, but if multiple Board Members talk at one time, it is hard to catch what everyone is saying. Acting Chair Cutter said it was like watching a TV alone, so there's no engagement. He said because he has participated from Toledo, he would be in favor of dropping Toledo entirely as an option.

Executive Director Abousleman replied that he does not disagree.

Mayor Konopa noted that she thinks that Board is doing fine from what she has seen over the years. She does think it would be nice to reach out to the communities that do not attend and ask what their reason is for non-attendance.

Mayor Konopa said the Major of Waterloo has been sending out emails for all areas of Marion Association. It might be good to reach out to him and tell him we do have our Regional Majors meeting periodically and even though they are not a member of OCWCOG, they are welcome to attend. She also mentioned that Sodaville Major Suzie Hibbert attended the OCWCOG Regional Mayor's Meeting one time. If you could maybe reach out to Justin Cary (of Waterloo) and say this was brought up and welcome him to attend our next meeting.

Executive Director Abousleman said sometimes these small cities do not want to pay dues and sometimes they do not want to participate because they feel it is not worth their time. Mayor Konopa replied that some majors just do not have the money.

Executive Director Abousleman responded that for these small cities, the dues are approximately \$100. He noted that perhaps OCWCOG has a category for them to participate that's non-dues paying under a certain population level, non-voting Board member.

Mayor Konopa stated that they have super low budgets. Mayor Lepin said that the networking is the value to them.

Deputy Director Maddock-Hughes said that their community members are still eligible for the services that OCWCOG provides. If the cities want to have more say in how those services are delivered, they should be able to.

Acting Chair Cutter agreed, and said it gets back to training and to making people feel like showing up to the meeting, that they have done something, or they are getting something to bring back to their community to act upon.

Board of Directors Training

Executive Director Abousleman proposed putting Board Training back on the agenda for September 19th. The last training was canceled due to time constraints.

Mayor Lepin suggested bringing Board Alternates to the Training.

6. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:43 am.

Meeting minutes taken by Kathleen Codinha.

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