

Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus

Leadership Assembly Meeting

August 9, 2024, 4:30 p.m. Croisan Creek B & C

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84007195508> [Meeting ID: 84001795508]

Members Attending: Nichole Schott, Condon, President; Mary Anne Crandall, Pinehurst, Secretary/Treasurer; Risteen Follett, Alsea; Will Cahill, Lake County; Ed Dressel, Dallas; Kris Lachenmier, Tillamook; Anber Nelson, Scios ; MacKenzie Rodgers, Enterprise.

Members Absent: Tracy Adevai, Glide

Guests: Numerous attendees from the Summer Conference

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm

Nichole Schott, President, welcomed all participants to the meeting

Review of the Goals of the Rural Caucus

Nichole reviewed the goals of the Rural Caucus including:

- Elevating the voice of rural schools
- Building relationships
- Promoting legislation that advances rural schools
- Promoting education
- Providing professional development for rural school members

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Aj Review.the.structure-map

The state is divided into nine regions for the rural caucus. Nichole reviewed the nine regions and how they were divided.

Bj Introductions

The nine rural caucus representatives introduced themselves and their region and districts. All representatives stated why they became involved in the rural caucus and the benefits of being part of the rural caucus.

Nichole reiterated that all rural school board members are welcome to join the rural caucus.

Update on Rural Caucus Activity

Aj Membership.Drive

The rural caucus has been actively running a membership drive to encourage all board members in rural schools to join.

[Bj Board.Development.Scholarships](#)

Mary Anne Crandall spoke on how her district, Pinehurst #94, was granted a board development scholarship to help provide learning opportunities from an OBSA representative to present in person. The session was invaluable to her board; they were able to ask questions and elicit targeted answers. Mary Anne's school district has never had an OSBA presentation in -person and would not have been able to afford it without the scholarship funding.

[Cj Summer.Conference.Scholarships](#)

The rural caucus provided two summer conference scholarships to attend the summer conference. Tim Fain, Dufur and Mary Anne Crandall, Pinehurst were the recipients of the scholarship making it possible for them to attend from their small districts.

[Dj Representation.on.the.LPC](#)

The rural caucus provides rural schools with two voting representatives in the policy meetings giving rural schools a voice. Policy and principles are discussed including reducing reporting criteria and lessening mandates for small schools. Raeshelle Meyer is the ODE rural representative.

Voice for Rural School Boards Brainstorming

The attendees were divided into groups to brainstorm about three questions:

[Aj The..biggest.issues.facing.your.schools?](#)

[Bj How.funding.is.impacting.your.schools?](#)

[Cj Describe.how.K_78.accountability.impacts.your.schools;](#)

Lively discussions followed with each group sharing what their main ideas were. Participants were engaged and told stories of how they were impacted. The discussion time was well-received by the participants and provided fodder for elected officials and OSBA to discuss with the legislators.

Upcoming Meetings

Next Regular Rural Caucus Leadership Assembly meeting September 17, 2024 @ 6PM on zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.