

Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus

Leadership Assembly Meeting

February 19, 2026, 6 PM

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Members Attending: Tracy Adevai, Glide, President; Kris Lachenmeier, VP; Mary Anne Crandall, Pinehurst, Secretary/Treasurer; Amy Charette, Dale Keene, Will Cahill

Guests: Stacy Michaelson, Dawn Watson

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

I. Welcome

Tracy Adevai, President, welcomed all participants to the meeting

II. Approval of the Agenda

Will Cahill made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly agenda

Kris Lachenmeier seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

III. Approval of Minutes

a. January 15, 2025, Leadership Meeting

Will Cahill made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly minutes of January 15, 2025

Kris Lachenmeier seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

IV. Executive Leadership Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the February 5, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting were presented

V. Submit Budget Request for 2026-2027

The Rural Caucus budget needs to be submitted to LaNell by May 2026, so we need to discuss what that will look like. Last Year budget \$25,000 do we need more or ?

a. Scholarships and Purpose – what it covers -bylaws update

We need to identify which costs we are covering with the scholarship: conference fee, lodging, transportation? meals? Outline the parameters

Does this include other conferences such as Bonds, Bills or whatever?

Training for board members

Stacy mentioned the Level Up Cohort for beginning board members, which we may want to consider for scholarship funds

b. Summer Conferences

We need to find out what the cost is generally for other conferences and what the summer conference cost will be

Maybe put a mileage distance for staying overnight at conferences, especially for summer regional conferences

c. Host Legislative Meeting

Do we want to do this? Do we want to send members to Salem occasionally? Send 3-4 folks to Salem to talk face-to-face with legislators or do a Zoom?

d. Send Rural Caucus Member to Nationals

Do we want to send a member to nationals?

VI. Action Plan

a. KISS Goals/Plans

The Caucus discussed sending out a survey to determine which topics members are most concerned about. Kris Lachenmeier will put together the survey and send it out.

For marketing - Make a video focusing on various board members etc.

b. Timelines

Get the survey back in March and then present it at our April meeting to vote on

c. Meetings

The executive committee will triage the ideas and present them to the leadership assembly at the next meeting

VII. Bylaws - Review

The Leadership Assembly reviewed the bylaws on term limits for the executive positions to change the term from 1 year to 2 years

Motion - Will Cahill moved that we amend our bylaws to reflect the terms of the President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer from 1 year to 2 years

Mary Anne Crandall seconded the motion

No Discussion

Vote; Unanimous

VIII. Stacy Legislative Updates

Stacy Michealson presented a legislative update, including the budget revenue forecast, attendance, district notification of ICE activities, and the timeline for the list of bills for 2026-2027 until the end of the session

The primary focus has been on the budget

There is a deadline to move bills out of the Senate/House and be referred to a committee, which is heating up. The transportation bill to move the vote date from November to May must be on the Governor's desk by February 25 to meet the May election deadline.

IX. Greater Good

The next Rural Caucus Leadership Assembly meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2026, at 6 pm

X. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm