

Oklahoma Code Enforcement Association



**ANNUAL CONFERENCE
General Business Meeting
March 23 & 24, 2017
Quartz Mountain Arts & Conference Center**

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Donnie Moore, President
Stephanie Rammohan, 1st VP
Ivan Smith, 2nd VP
Janita Hatley, Secretary
Dana Greer, Treasurer
Alesha Lewis, Sgt.-At-Arms
Andy Templeton, President Emeritus

OFFICERS ABSENT:

David Timmons, 3rd VP

CALL TO ORDER:

Alesha Lewis, Sgt-at-arms, called the business meeting to order at 4:06pm on Thursday. Minutes from previous conference were passed out to all attendees and were summarized by Janita Hatley, Secretary. Paul Justice (Bethany) made a motion to accept the summarized minutes with a second from Felix Nance (Hominy) with unanimous approval. Business meeting was tabled at 4:50pm on Thursday. On Friday, the remainder of the business meeting was called to order at 1:27pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

David Timmons (Stroud) has offered to host the 2017 Fall conference at a new hotel in Stroud. City of Edmond has offered to host the 2018 Spring Conference at their new hotel/conference center that is almost complete.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS:

FINANCIAL: Dana Greer, Treasurer reported that as of 12-7-16, OCEA had a balance of \$40,460.76 plus a deposit of \$7,886.12 from OML minus expenses brings a balance of \$43,664.55 as of 3-23-17. Barbara Burlingame (Norman) made a motion to approve the financial report, Terry Humphrey seconded with unanimous approval.

EDUCATION: Ivan Smith, 2nd VP reported that OCEA was busy in 2016. OCEA is now an ICC Preferred Provider and this 2017 Spring conference sessions are providing 7.5 hours of CEU's that have all been approved with ICC. Smith also reported that CLEET has approved 4 CEU hours from this conference. OCEA held 3 Basic Code Certification classes in 2016 with 93 students successfully completing them. Smith thanked Teddy Boles (Purcell) for assisting in teaching the Basic Code Certification classes. OCEA held one Property Maintenance class in 2016 with 33 students successfully completing it. Smith thanked Joe Schier (Norman) for assisting in teaching this class. The next Basic Code Certification class will be held April 19-21, 2017. Smith praised the outreach training that OCEA provides throughout the year all over the State. Smith pointed out that Andy Templeton, David Timmons and Terry Humphrey have provided wonderful representation of OCEA in this outreach training and he further praised all OCEA members for their hard work and dedication to the profession. Kelvin Winter (Norman) made a motion to approve the education report, Marsha Sirmon (Edmond) seconded with unanimous approval.

MEMBERSHIP: Donnie Moore reported for David Timmons that our current membership stands at over 250 members. Donnie suggestion we all reach out to other cities/towns and encourage others to attend OCEA events and become members. Felix Nance (Hominy) made a motion to approve membership report, Kelvin Winter seconded with unanimous approval.

LEGISLATIVE: Alesha Lewis, Sgt-at-Arms began discussing HB-1691 and that Rep. Calvey had amended the bill and struck the title. Humphrey reported that while we have been at this conference, the bill sent to the Senate had not been amended as planned or discussed and the language in the bill pertaining to Boarding/Securing & language regarding liens is very dangerous to Code Enforcement. We still need to fight this in the Senate. Dana suggested the Board educate the members on why Calvey is pursuing this legislation. Humphrey stood and spoke about this matter. Humphrey urged all members to quickly respond to email blasts from Janita Hatley regarding legislation matters by contacting their staff and their local Reps/Senators. Humphrey said that as soon as we know the Senate Committee members we will be contacting them directly. Ivan Smith discussed the issue with County Clerks/Treasurers and their involvement with Calvey on HB-1691 and the role they may have played in helping the bill pass in the House 62-28. Andy Templeton said the Senate hearing that will happen soon MUST be represented by OCEA. Andy encouraged all Members to be involved and said it did not matter what city or town anyone is from, their presence and their voice is much needed. Barbara Burlingame (Norman) made a motion to accept the legislative report, Dana seconded with unanimous approval.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

On Thursday, Officer Nominations were held. Donnie mentioned that we have changed things up a bit as far as the ballot & election go this year to try and encourage more participation from the members in running for Office. Donnie encouraged new people to get involved & to make sure their City and Supervisors were on board to allow them to become an Officer and to attend the necessary meeting/events throughout the year. There were only 2 names listed on the ballot in advance – Felix Nance (Hominy) for 3rd VP and AJ Rohner (Lawton) for Sgt-at-Arms. Nominations were accepted from the floor. Sgt-at-Arms - There were no nominations from the floor. AJ spoke of his previous military/police experience. He is very eager to learn more about Code Enforcement and OCEA. 3rd VP – There were no nominations from the floor. Felix spoke and said he joined OCEA 18 months ago, went through the Basic Code Class in January 2016 and the class really opened his eyes & OCEA filled his eyes. He feels this is his chance to give back to the membership. 2nd VP – Barbara Burlingame nominated Ivan Smith (Edmond) and Joshua Leach (Lawton) nominated himself. Both candidates spoke briefly and no further nominations from the floor were made. 1st VP – Ivan nominated Terry Humphrey (Edmond) and Dana Greer nominated Barbara Burlingame (Norman). Both candidates spoke briefly and no further nominations from the floor were made. Andy Templeton called for all nominations to cease and for approval of the ballot with the above mentioned names, Kelvin seconded with unanimous approval.

Barbara Burlingame discussed AACE and the Before/After Contest. She mentioned the upcoming 2017 AACE Conference and encourage anyone with interest in the contest or AACE to come and visit with her.

On Friday, all officer's for 2017 were sworn in as follows: Stephanie Rammohan, President; Terry Humphrey, 1st VP; Ivan Smith, 2nd VP; Felix Nance, 3rd VP, Dana Greer, Treasurer; Janita Hatley, Secretary; AJ Rohner, Sgt-at-arms. Donnie Moore is now the President Emeritus.

ADJOURNMENT:

Susie Davis (Chickasha) made a motion for adjournment at 2:10pm on Friday. Dana Greer seconded with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Janita K. Hatley – OCEA Secretary