



ORVOAD General Member & Partner Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: April 22, 2025 1:00-2:00 PM

Pending approval

In attendance via Zoom:

Only names on screen or in chat show here. If any are missing, please email orvoadleadership@gmail.com

[ORVOAD Zoom Chat Notes - 2025-01-21](#) at

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PGia3yCWbckvdPeoMGcFtfcAUzyoolp2/view?usp=sharing>

This [ORVOAD Meeting Minutes report](#) at

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1luChUgqi9NudhHR2Vqwc_9oa4fX3a5vbENyHSqFX6yY/edit?usp=sharing

Attendees:

Aaron Titus (MWVOAD chair), Amanda Tawaventewa (Medical...), Annie Derry (Endeavors Operations Coordinator), Barb Edwards, Charlene Larsen (Lutheran Disaster Response OR&N.CA, ORVOAD LTRG Team), Christian Burgess (Director Disaster Distress Help Line, Vibrant Emotional Health), Cindy, Jana Norton (Lutheran Disaster Response, Climate and Resilience Team, Red Cross volunteer) , Jay DeBore (World Renew), Jim Cooper (United Way of the Pacific Northwest), John Colvin (Mennonite DS OR, Long Term Recovery Team), Jordan Boustead (Medical Teams), Joseph Murray (OMD-OEM Planner, VAL deputy), Kenton Johnson (Southern Baptist Disaster Relief NW, Clackamas LTRG, OR, WA, N.Idaho), Lexi (American Logistics Aid Net), Louise Kienzle (United Methodist, OR/ID, UMCOR Funding), Matthew Havnear (Jackson County LTRG), Robert Worlock (Churches of Scientology Disaster Response, ORVOAD Secretary), Shaun Jones (Salvation Army), Wendy Colvin (MennoniteDS, ORVOAD Treasurer)

1. Welcome and Introductions

- **Wendy Colvin, acting ORVOAD President, starts the meeting at 1 PM, calls for any comments on minutes before a vote. A link to the meeting minutes are in the chat. Someone made a motion for approval, John seconded. Wendy called for vote, none opposed and the minutes were approved.**

- Treasurers report Jan 20th, \$6454.19, \$603.48 received in dues; \$164.86 in paypal fees, expenditures, website renewal, NVOAD dues, postage, filing for DOJ and sec of state; ending balance of \$6,892.81. Thanks to everyone who paid dues.
- Wendy began general updates. Ann Geyer resigned due to eye problems, expected to take six month. We need to set up a nominations committee for our annual meeting next month, which falls on the same week as National VOAD.(May 19-22) Wendy will be there. Memorial Day Monday May 26 is the following week so the group decided on Tuesday, May 13th. 1PM Christian made motion, John seconded, group voted and approved. We will be contacting people for setting up nominations committee for Pres and VP. Wendy will do another year as treasurer and we'll also fill the Secretary position. Please let us know at orvoadleadership@gmail.com
- Quinn Butler update: End of Feb lots of snow in Harney Co, causing heavy damage. Into March, excess of rain causing significant flooding through I-5 corridor, Douglas Co. Harney Co snowpack at 220% of normal. Then heavy snowmelt causing flooding in Burns. Basement flooding with sewage. Douglas coos Harney and Curry Working towards a governor's declaration and low interest loans from the SBA A graphic with number of homes affected and the level is in the chat.
- LTRGs active, Glide in Douglas Co. <https://gliderev.com/> Harney Co. looking to possibly form LTRG. Lots of washed out private roads and bridges

2. Charlene provided the following Harney County Flood Response and Recovery update

- Burns Lions Club grant for for \$15K, total \$20K for use on material from Parr. What is key is disaster case management for equitable distribution of funds. Do we need additional training in case management?
- Discussion regarding support for survivors and disaster case management in Harney County.
- Lions Club provided a grant. Team Rubicon and the LDS Church have been involved in sandbagging and cleanup efforts (muck and gut of over 80 homes on Friday and Saturday).
- A regular community partners call takes place every Monday at 2 p.m. in Harney County, involving organizations like Harney Hope, Harney Hub, and the Senior Center, focusing on volunteer and donation coordination. Harney Hope is handling donations, and Dusty Threads (local thrift shop) is also involved.
- These community-led meetings are in-person only.
- Quinn is awaiting notes from yesterday's meeting.and is playing phone tag with Diana Faceti from Central Oregon United Way regarding the potential formation of a long-term recovery group (LTRG) for Harney County. Christy shared information about United Way's role in the Blue Mountain region and the typical costs and duration of such efforts.
- United Way met internally to assess their capacity to take on this role, contingent on a formal request from Harney County.
- Charlene will be kept informed of developments by Quinn.

3. Mountain West VOAD Conference Report (Boise):

- Aaron Titus of MWVOAD provided a brief overview of the conference held in Boise.
- Mountain West VOAD is a 13-state coalition (Pacific Northwest, Alaska, Dakotas to New Mexico) sharing characteristics of large geographies, low population densities, and

relatively low disaster rates, emphasizing the importance of intrastate and interstate collaboration.

- The annual conference aims to provide relevant education based on attendee needs and features dynamic speakers.
- Next year's conference will be in Anchorage in early March, coinciding with the start of the Iditarod race and the "running of the reindeer." Details will be posted on mwvoed.org.
- Charlene highlighted a special tour of the National Incident Command Center (NICC), where attendees learned about wildfire management, climate information, and smoke jumping operations.
- The NICC is a multi-agency campus with efficient interagency collaboration.
- The tour included the comms center and the smoke jumper facilities.
- John echoed the positive experience of the NICC tour.
- Jim enjoyed networking and a workshop led by Nathan Reynolds (ORM/ODHS) on disaster and fire support, along with Ken Kemna from the Bend area fire services.

4. Crisis Cleanup Report:

- Aaron (putting on his "Crisis Cleanup hat") announced a new initiative to publish disaster-specific reports in a magazine format, to be shared at National VOAD.
- Proofs for the Hurricane Helena Milton magazine were received today.
- The magazine utilizes infographics comparing different hurricanes coordinated by Crisis Cleanup and includes data on phone volunteers (122,000 calls answered) and detailed county-level information (organizations involved, cases created/claimed/closed, phone calls taken, commercial value of services) across 297 counties, resulting in a ~200-page document.
- Emergency managers and elected officials in affected areas will receive copies.

5. National VOAD Conference (Louisville, KY - May 19-22):

- Oregon VOAD will provide a \$550 registration scholarship for one person from a member organization with paid dues. Interested parties should contact the orvoadleadership@gmail.com email.

6. Membership Dues:

- The website incorrectly states the dues as \$100. The current official dues are \$75, as a vote to raise them has not occurred.
- There was a misunderstanding regarding the increase.
- The current Oregon VOAD balance is \$6,892.81, typically fluctuating between \$6,000 and \$7,000.
- Concerns were raised about increasing dues without a clear plan for the additional funds.
- Aaron shared that Colorado VOAD raised their dues to \$175 to cover the cost of sending their president to National VOAD.
- Jim Cooper noted that Idaho VOAD dues are \$50 and Washington VOAD dues are \$120, suggesting \$75 is reasonable given the current balance.
- John highlighted the significant costs associated with attending conferences (Mountain West ~ \$1,000 for two, National VOAD \$3,000 - \$3,500 for two).

- It was suggested that organizations overbilled at \$100 should be offered a \$25 refund or a credit towards next year's dues.
- It was confirmed that the bylaws require a vote before raising dues.
- Christian made a recommendation for the nominating committee and future leadership to comprehensively review the dues structure, considering conference scholarships, a potential disaster reserve, and overall financial goals.
- Since there was no support for raising the dues at this time, no further action will be taken until the board deems it necessary.
- The website will be corrected (dues form PDF) to reflect the \$75 amount and Wendy will contact organizations that overpaid.

7. New Business:

- Wendy confirmed her plan to attend the member meeting on Monday, May 19th, representing Oregon VOAD.

8. Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13th.

Next Meeting: May 13th

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