

## **2018 OHSLA Business Meeting**

Thursday, June 14, 2018, 8:15 a.m.

Legacy Emanuel, Portland

### **Meeting agenda**

1. Future of OHSLA

**Attendees:** Heather Martin, Beth Caldwell, Sue Phelps, Andrew Hamilton (phone), Basia Delawska-Elliott, Cindy Ramzy, Loree Hyde, Daphne Plaut (phone), Noelle Stello (phone).

### **Discussion:**

How do we want OHSLA to go forward? Keep it as a networking/happy hour event? An email list or Facebook group? Or dissolve the organization completely.

A vote will go to the membership so people can vote remotely.

Some current board members are ready to move on and have already served longer than a normal term. Only three people volunteered to serve on the board in the survey sent out by Heather. Membership is down. We are not seeing much involvement from institutions like OHSU and Pacific University.

Institutional memberships may be causing confusion, and not as much connection and comradery if individuals don't know if they are members. The reason behind institutional memberships vs. individuals is so institutions wouldn't have too much voting power.

Some members feel it would be sad to see OHSLA to go. Most of us are in Portland, and we don't have as much involvement from other parts of the state. Some would be willing to keep it going and figure out how to make it work. We would like to explore what we can do going forward.

Suggestions about future focus of OHSLA:

- Make CE not the focus going forward, but networking.
- Take the annual conference and CE off the table.
- Use funds for grants and scholarships for CE, instead of organizing CE.
- Bylaws include a lot of stuff that we don't do, and need to be updated.
- It doesn't make sense to pay for speakers and CE when there are so many free options out there. It makes more sense to do networking and support professional growth among members.

Meeting consensus is to keep OHSLA going but refocus the mission of the group.

### **Action items:**

- There will be no vote as this time, but rather discussion will continue at the summer social event.

- Plan another event to discuss new focus of OHSLA.
- Rewrite the bylaws to reflect new focus.
- Heather will send out an email to communicate a new vision for the group and call for nominations for new board members, specifically president. Beth is willing to stay on as Secretary. Andrew is willing to stay as Treasurer until a new one is found. New board members must be nominated and voted on according to the current bylaws.
- Loree will plan a summer networking event.

**Treasurer's Report:**

No membership renewals sent, no money coming in, but no expenses. Not much activity.

Andrew updated the group on the OHSLA bank account and CDs.

We should refocus and write new bylaws before sending membership renewals. Andrew will not send any membership renewals until we are ready.

Adjourned at 8:57.

Submitted by Beth Caldwell, Secretary.