

**Oregon Geographic Names Board
Minutes of October 7, 2017 Meeting
Held at Oregon Historical Society, Portland, Oregon**

President Cogswell called the meeting to order at 1:30p.m. The following OGNB members were in attendance: Phil Cogswell, Bruce Fisher, Cindy Gardiner, Charles Kocher, Paul Levesque, Liz Lorenzen, Mary McArthur, Mike McArthur, James Meacham, Bob Melbo, Melissa Minthorn Winks, Sharon Nesbitt, Timothy Nitz, Chet Orloff, Jarold Ramsey, Guy Randles, Linda Roach, John Terry, Kerry Tymchuk, Champ Vaughan, Steve Wilson. Also present were OGNB advisors: Meredith Carine, Doug Decker, Bob Harmon, Corey Plank, Jessie Nett.

President Cogswell called upon Interim Committee Chair Fisher for a report on new name proposals.

Rattlesnake Rock: Chair Fisher reported that the Interim Committee is forwarding a proposal to name a small Columbia River basalt outcrop located in Sherman County as "Rattlesnake Rock." The venue has been known locally by that name, as rattlesnakes are often seen near the base of the rock. Landowner Vicki Turner, the Sherman County Historical Museum and Maryhill Museum all provided letters of support or the proposal. Mr. Orloff moved to favorably forward the proposed name change to the U.S. Geographic Names Board. Mr. Tymchuk seconded the motion. Motion carried 21-0.

Chair Fisher then reported that the Interim Committee was forwarding three name correction proposals.

Constance Creek/Constants Creek: Located in Jackson County, Constant Creek was named for Isaac Constant, who owned the land where the creek was located. In 1991, the name "Constance Creek" was entered into the GNIS data base. Kevin Biersdorff, a descendant of Issaac Constant, proposed returning the family name to the creek. Mr. Randles moved to favorably forward the proposed name correction to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. Mr. Orloff seconded the motion. Motion carried 21-0.

Kuenzi Reservoir/Hunegs Reservoir: A water storage reservoir located in Marion County is located on maps and in the GNIS as Kuenzi Reservoir. The Kuenzi family actually owns several properties to the west of the reservoir. Those properties include a storage pond. Gordon Hunegs contacted the OGNB to explain that the Kuenzi Reservoir label point has been mis-located onto maps, and that the reservoir in question is actually a water storage reservoir constructed by his father and on land owned by the Hunegs family. The water rights information at the Oregon Water Resources Department confirms Mr. Hunegs' claim. Mr. Levesque moved to favorably forward the proposed name correction to the U.S. board on Geographic Names. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. Motion carried 21-0.

Malone Peak/Maloney Peak: A small peak located in the Wolf Creek area of Josephine County. The peak has been listed on government maps and in the GNIS as Malone Peak. Local historian Larry McLane pointed out in his history of the Wolf Creek area 'First There was Twogood', that a Michael B. Maloney, filed a 160 acre homestead near the peak in 1889. A hand drawn map in McLane's book identifies the peak as Maloney Peak. Somehow in the 1950's Federal map makers inadvertently dropped the 'y' in Maloney. Mr. Orloff moved to favorably forward the proposed name correction on to the US Geographic Names Board. Ms. Gardiner seconded the motion. Motion carried 20-0.

Chair Fisher then reported on the status of name proposals regarding the Newberry Crater area. It is likely that these proposals will be ripe for consideration in 2018.

Chair Fisher then brought the board up to date on the status of pejorative names and "S names."

Following a brief recess, President Cogswell summarized a series of proposed "housekeeping" changes to the bylaws of the Oregon Geographic Names Board. The proposed changes are attached. Mr. Cogswell moved for their adoption. Mr. Randles seconded the motion. Motion carried 21-0.

President Cogswell then called upon Nominating Committee Chairman Tymchuk for a report of the nominating committee. Mr. Tymchuk reported that the nominating committee was recommending to the full board that Bruce Fisher be elected as OGNB President, and Champ Vaughan be elected as OGNB Vice President. Mr. Randles moved to approve the nominating committee recommendations, and Mr. Orloff seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

A discussion was then held about the venue and date of the 2018 OGNB meeting. A consensus was reached that, given the likelihood that proposals regarding the Newberry Crater area would be ripe for consideration, Deschutes County would be a logical venue for the meeting. It was further agreed that September would be the preferable month in which to hold the meeting. President Fisher stated that he would propose an exact date and location for the meeting in the coming months.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

BYLAWS

OREGON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES BOARD

ARTICLE I

Scope and Mission

The Oregon Geographic Names Board is the official geographic names authority of Oregon and serves as the official advisor to the United States Board on Geographic Names. Originally established by executive order of Governor George Chamberlain on October 1, 1908, as the Oregon Geographic Board, the Oregon Board has been recognized by the U. S. Board since 1911. The Oregon Board is administered for the State of Oregon by the Oregon Historical Society, which provides a permanent Secretary for correspondence, record keeping, and appointment of Board members.

As an advisor to the U. S. Board, the Oregon Geographic Names Board provides advice and expertise regarding all geographic features within the State of Oregon that fall within state and federal purview. Recommendations for geographic names are considered by the Oregon Board and then forwarded to the U. S. Board in Washington, D. C., for final action. In addition to adhering to the principles, policies, and procedures of the U. S. Board, the Oregon Board maintains a particular interest in the preservation of Native American, early explorer, and pioneer settler traditions in naming geographic features. The Board may also provide advisory comments to federal, state, and local governments regarding administrative name proposals.

ARTICLE II

Board Membership, Meetings, and Interim Committee

Section 1. Board Size. The Board shall consist of not more than twenty-five (25) appointed members of whom all but the Secretary serve as citizen volunteers without compensation. The board members represent all of the state's geographic regions; must be legal residents of Oregon; and are selected for their knowledge of the state's geography and history.

Subsection 1.1. Advisors. In addition to appointed members, the President of the Board may appoint, for such terms as appropriate, nonvoting advisors who serve as expert consultants to the Board.

Section 2. Appointment and Removal. The Executive Director of the Oregon Historical Society, who serves as permanent Secretary to the Board, shall appoint the members of the Board. The President and the Board shall advise the Secretary on appointments. A member may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the Board, and the Secretary, in consultation with the President, may remove a member after two consecutive unexcused absences.

Section 3. Full-Term Positions. With the exception of the Secretary, Board members shall be appointed for three-year terms, commencing on the first Saturday of December in the year appointed or reappointed. The three-year term appointments of Board members shall be staggered into three (3) groups of eight (8) Board members each so that an alternating group, of eight (8) Board members, is appointed to three-year terms each year.

Section 4. Vacancy. Any vacancy in the office of an appointed Board member occurring or existing from any cause may be filled by appointment by the Secretary, in consultation with the President. The appointee to a vacancy shall fill the unexpired term, and may be reappointed.

Approved at the Board meeting in Salem, Oregon, June 18, 2016

The Board shall hold at least one meeting a year. Other meetings may be held as the nature of Board business requires. The date, time and place of meetings shall be determined in advance by the President after consultation with the Secretary, Vice-President, and Chair of the Interim Committee. In the event of an emergency or other justifying circumstances, the President may postpone or cancel a meeting. Meetings shall be open to the public and preceded by public notice, such as the OGNB website.

~~Section 5. Regular Meetings. The Board shall hold two regular meetings each year, one held during the early Summer and the other, designated as the Annual Meeting, held during the period from late October through the first Saturday of December. The date, time, and place of each meeting shall be determined and scheduled in advance by the President, after consultation with the Secretary and Vice-President. In the event of an emergency or other justifying circumstances, the President may postpone or cancel a meeting. Meetings shall be open to the public and shall be preceded by public notice.~~

Section 6. Emergency Meetings. The President may call emergency meetings of the Board at any time with appropriate notice.

Section 7. Notice. At least thirty (30) days prior to any meeting, the Secretary shall provide written notification by electronic or postal mail to each member of the Board stating the date, time, and place of the meeting and its purpose.

Section 8. Quorum and Assent: One-half of the number of positions on the Board that are currently filled shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board. A quorum being present, one more than half of all members present is required to act on any matter coming before the Board. All votes shall be recorded as ayes, nays, or abstentions.

Section 9. Interim Committee. The Board, by action of all Board members, shall appoint an Interim Committee from among the members of the Board, to serve at the Board's pleasure for a two-year term concurrent with the two-year President's term of office. The Committee shall include in its membership the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and four at-large members selected by the President. The President shall appoint the Chairman/Chairwoman of the Committee. The Committee shall also include among its members all advisors who have been appointed by the President as expert consultants to the Board. The purpose of the Committee shall be advisory only and is to consult with and provide guidance to the President; gather information and make investigations for and recommendations to the Board; and to care for minor, nonpolicy issues not requiring immediate Board action.

Section 10. Interim Committee Meetings. The Interim Committee shall hold *committee* meetings as may be necessary. Such meetings are called by the Chairman/Chairwoman of the Committee.

Section 11. Notice of Interim Committee Meetings. At least thirty (30) days prior to any Interim Committee meeting, the Chairman/Chairwoman shall notify all Board members and advisors regarding the date, time, and place of the meeting and its purpose.

Section 12. Board Action without Regular or Emergency Meeting. Under the following procedures, the President may propose that Interim Committee recommendations become effective as a Board action without a regular or emergency Board meeting.

Subsection 12.1. At the discretion of the President, any Interim Committee recommendations which the President considers to be routine, may be submitted with written notice by electronic or postal mail to all Board members as a matter proposed to be effective as set forth in this Section.

Subsection 12.2. Any Board member may file a written objection by electronic or postal mail with the Secretary. Any such objection must have a postal postmarked date or have an electronic transmission date not later than 30 days following the postal postmarked date or electronic transmission date of the notice described in Subsection 12.1 of Article II. In order to expedite the routine business of the Board, all members are encouraged to informally address questions or concerns before filing a formal objection pursuant to this subsection.

Subsection 12.3. If no objection is received by the Secretary within 36 days following the postal postmarked date or electronic transmission date of the notice described in Subsection 12.1 of Article II, the President may exercise the authority set forth in this subsection provided that the President executes a document for entry into the Board's records formalizing the Interim Committee's recommendation as a Board action. Copies of such documents shall be provided to Board members at or prior to the next regular or emergency meeting.

Subsection 12.4. If an objection is received by the Secretary within the time period described in Subsections 12.2 and 12.3 of Article II, or if the President elects not to exercise the authority described in Subsection 12.3 of Article II, the matter shall be placed on the agenda for the next regular or emergency meeting for consideration by the Board.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Section 1. Positions. The officers of the Board shall be a President, Vice-President, and Secretary. The President and Vice-President shall be elected by the Board from its members for two-year concurrent terms. The nomination and election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting during the final year of the President's two-year term of office. If the annual meeting is postponed or cancelled, the Secretary may conduct the nominations and election by electronic or postal mail. The position of Secretary is filled as noted in Section 2 of Article II.

Subsection 1.1. Nominating Committee. At least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting of the Board during the final year of the President's two-year term of office, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of two Board members at large and the Vice-President to nominate a slate of officer candidates at the annual meeting. Board members may make additional nominations from the floor.

Section 2. President. The President shall preside at all board meetings. The President shall have power to call regular and emergency meetings of the Board, and shall do so as required by Sections 5 and 6 of Article II. The President shall be entitled to vote. The President shall sign papers pertaining to the Board to which the President's signature may be necessary or desirable. The President shall appoint committee members and chairmen/chairwomen except as provided in Section 9 of Article II. The President may appoint representatives to other geographic naming or names-related research organizations or groups.

Section 3. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall fulfill the functions of the President in the President's absence. The Vice-President shall be entitled to vote. If the President resigns or for any reason is unable to complete the two-year term of office, the Vice-President shall assume the office of President and fill out the President's unexpired term. A new Vice-President shall be appointed by the new President and the Secretary to fill out the former Vice-President's unexpired term.

Section 4. Secretary. The Secretary, with technical assistance of one or more assistant secretaries as designated by the Secretary and the President, shall: (a) Maintain accurate and complete records of the membership; (b) Prepare and circulate minutes of meetings and actions of the Board and Interim Committee; (c) Route appropriate correspondence relating to Board activities; and (d) Oversee records of other matters of importance to the Board. Such records shall be permanently located at the Oregon Historical Society and shall be open to inspection of members of the Board and of the public. The Secretary shall have and exercise such other powers and discharge such other duties consistent herewith, as may at any time be required by the President of the Board. The Secretary shall be entitled to vote.

