

Agenda Item Number 6.

Comments from the Executive Director

Presenter: George Kloeppe

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

1. Board Meeting Schedule

LCOG is appreciative of Bethel School District's willingness to "jump in" and host tonight's meeting. We were scheduled to meet on our regular, fourth Thursday, date this month in Oakridge. But that would have conflicted with the League of Oregon Cities' conference in Portland. Unfortunately, moving our meeting date back to the 21st meant that Oakridge would not be able to host because of a Council meeting. Thanks to Alan Laisure and the district for helping with this. Our next meeting—and the last for this calendar year—is scheduled for December 14, 7:00 – 9:00, at the Emerald Peoples Utility District.

Member jurisdictions are asked to consider hosting our meetings in 2007. See the attached sheet for the meeting dates. The League tells me that their 2007 conference will be in Bend from September 27 to 29—again conflicting with our fourth Thursday in September schedule... A decision can be made late as to how we handle that conflict; but it would be helpful to get the locations nailed down for at least the February and April meetings.

2. New Members

We welcome to the "LCOG family" the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue District. This member is a "special district" for dues purposes. A representative to the Board is currently being considered. At its last tribal council meeting, the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, another special district, has chosen to submit a resolution to establish membership. Cheryl Hoile would most likely be representing the Confederation on the LCOG Board.

3. **Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium Summit**

The Board agenda background material included a program description and agenda for the October 6-7 “Fall Summit” of the Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium (OMPOC) at the Inn of the Seventh Mountain in Bend. (Agenda Item 12.F) The six “MPOs” in Oregon created OMPOC a year and a half ago to advance the interests of the MPOs on matters of state-wide significance. The Consortium is intended to be both a forum and an advocate for the MPOs. From the Central Lane area, members of the MPC and its Citizens Advisory Committee are going to be participating in the Summit in Bend. An invitation is also extended to LCOG Board members who might find the event of value. As indicated on the agenda, the primary substance of the Summit will be on Saturday, October 7. If you are interested in attending, please let Tom Schwetz or me know so that arrangements can be made.

4. **Oregon Planning Institute (OPI)**

The “OPI” was held October 13-15 at the University of Oregon, and was by all measures a success. The Institute is now in its fourth decade of existence, and has provided a venue for collaboration and education, both for professional planners and appointed planning commission members. LCOG facilitates and manages the OPI. This year’s Institute, a three-day event, attracted 350 attendees from across Oregon. The keynote address this year was presented by Eric T. Freyfogle, professor of law at the University of Illinois. For 23 years, Professor Freyfogle has taught courses on property, natural resources, wildlife law, land use planning and environmental law and policy. Also featured was a presentation by Dave Siegel, president of the American Planning Association. A primary area of interest and discussion this year was the “Big Look” at the state’s land use planning system. The Saturday Planning Commissioner Training Session was also very well received.