

**Oregon Workforce Alliance
RWIB Chairs Meeting
Thursday, October 20, 2005
3:30 a.m. – 4:14 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express - Astoria, Oregon**

ATTENDANCE

Regional Chairs and OWA Members:

Bob Schroth	Neal Simpson	Bob Craft	Donna Bean
Robin Popp	Craig Schmidt	Sheila Semling	Oscar Johnson
Larry Blount	Jerry Coale	Kris Kennedy	

Guests:

Marty Miller	Kayleen Warner	Julie Gassner	Robin Cope
Dawn Salsbery	April Lackey	Tara Bishop	Evelyn Roth

Staff:

Melissa Metz	Jeff Dickason
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MEETING SUMMARY

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Bob Schroth, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and introductions were made.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 2005

The minutes from July 2005 were reviewed.

MOTION: Sheila Semling moved, seconded by Craig Schmidt, to approve the July 2005 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

III. EMPLOYER WORKFORCE TRAINING FUND UPDATE & DISCUSSION

Regions provided updates on EWTF projects.

IV. INCENTIVE GRANT REQUESTS FROM REGIONS

Last year, Oregon qualified for Program Year 2002 incentive grants. Incentive Grant funds are earned through the joint performance of programs authorized under WIA Title I; WIA Title II, i.e., the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA); or the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998. These funds may be used for the purpose of carrying out innovative program(s) and for providing services and activities allowed under any one or all of the aforementioned programs.

An action by the Oregon Workforce Investment Board (OWIB) dedicated these incentive monies to the further development of Pathways to Advancement initiative within the workforce regions. This is a statewide initiative whose goals are to increase access, awareness, affordability, resources and alignment for postsecondary skill gain. This is a continuation of the OWIB commitment to invest in Pathways and is intended to build upon and further coordinate investments at the state and local levels.

The proposed process included an opportunity for ratification of regional projects by the OWA and because projects are regionally developed, it is appropriate that the RWIB chairs provide OWA with a recommendation for ratification.

MOTION: Sheila Semling moved, seconded by Donna Bean, to recommend to the Oregon Workforce Alliance to ratify the Incentive Grant Requests. Motion passed unanimously.

V. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Regions provided brief updates of workforce related activities within their regions over the last quarter.

VI. ADJOURN

Bob Schroth, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.