

Interim Committee Meeting
Oregon Geographic Names Board
Oregon Historical Society, Hatfield Room

May 14, 2019, Meeting Minutes

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Interim Committee Chair Champ Vaughan called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. The following members of the Interim Committee were in attendance: **Board Members:** Bruce Fisher (President), Champ Vaughan (Vice-President & Interim Committee Chair), Kerry Tymchuk (Secretary), Mary McArthur, Sharon Nesbit, and John Terry. **Advisors:** Meredith Carine (ODWR), Mark Flannery (private sector), and Frank Lahm (BLM). Also present was board member Gwen Carr. All attendees introduced themselves.

Springfield Butte, Lane County (proposed new name for unnamed feature): The Committee voted 9 aye and 0 nay to refer the proposal to the full board with a recommendation of approval.

Ten creeks in Marys Peak vicinity, Benton & Lincoln Counties: (all ten are proposed new names for unnamed features): Ahngeengeen Creek, Ahnhoots Creek, Ahntkwahkwah Creek, Ahshahyum Creek, Ahmoolint Creek, Ahsney Creek, Pa'wint Creek, Lo wa' ha yu Creek, Wusi'n Creek, and Yaqo'n Creek. The Committee voted 8 aye and 0 nay to refer the proposal to the full board with a recommendation of approval of all ten names subject to receipt of comments from Lincoln County government.

South Harney Lake Hot Spring, Harney County (proposed new name for unnamed feature): The Committee voted 7 aye and 1 nay to refer the proposal to the full board without a recommendation.

Twenty additional proposed new names for unnamed features within the Newberry Volcano National Monument: The twenty proposed names are in Native American languages and are currently being finalized between the proponent (Julie Donnelly-Nolan of USGS) and the tribes. The Klamath Tribes insist that no English generic be used, but the USBGN will need to rule on this. The Committee unanimously agreed to place the twenty proposed names on the agenda for discussion at the June 15, 2019, board meeting. Regarding the first group of 25 names approved by OGNB in September 2018, the USBGN has rejected the use of the generic term "Butte" for 15 of these proposed names, and OGNB is challenging the USBGN's interpretation decision.

Nestucca Bobb Creek, Tillamook County (proposed replacement name for Squaw Creek): The Committee voted 9 aye and 0 nay to refer the proposal to the full board with a recommendation of approval.

Westview Island, Bridgebend Island, and Honk Island, Lane County (three competing proposed new names for one unnamed feature): The committee voted 8 aye and 0 no to refer all three competing proposals to the full board without a recommendation.

Bruce Fisher discussed the COGNA conference to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 5-9, 2019. Bruce will attend and invites others to consider attending. Visit COGNA website for details.

Bruce Fisher announced recent name proposals approved by the USBGN.

Bruce Fisher provided information about the OGNB board meeting scheduled for June 15, 2019 in Roseburg. A Saturday evening dinner and Sunday field trip are planned, and an e-mail notice with details of the board meeting and related activities will soon be sent to all board members, board members emeritus, and advisors.

Bruce Fisher discussed the COGNA conference to be hosted by the OGNB and planned for June 23-27, 2020, in Portland. All major events and activities will take place at the Oregon Historical Society – plus a field trip. Bruce will coordinate with OGNB personnel who are on the conference planning committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Champ Vaughan, Interim Committee Chair