

IOCTA Spring Meeting 2026

Attending: Travis Boley
Jim & Dawn Fazio
John Briggs
Don Wind

Dave & Sharon Price
Jim Hardee
Mike & Jan Gurr
Sarah Skaar & husband

Kent Schaufelberger
Jerry Eichhorst
Lisa Arreola & Mary Rohlfing
Aldis Garsvo



Saturday, May 23, 2026

10:00 am

Perkins Restaurant, Burley, Idaho

2026 IOCTA SPRING MEETING

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AGENDA

- ✖ 10:00 Chapter Meeting
 - ✖ Old business
 - ✖ New business
 - ✖ Burley Convention Review and Planning
- ✖ 12:30 Lunch
 - ✖ Sacajawea of the Salmon River Valley

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- ✖ Meeting of October 25, 2025
- ✖ Sent out to Leadership Team and approved via email
- ✖ Now on website

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FINANCIAL REPORT – MAY 23, 2026

Previous Meeting Checking Balance	\$9,792.59
Checking Deposits	
Membership Dues – 6 deposits	\$1,030.00
Mountain Home DAR Donation	\$500.00
Total Deposits	\$1,530.00
Checking Withdrawals	
Fall meeting lunch – Idaho Pizza Company	\$302.80
Transfer to special projects account (chapter match)	\$2,000.00
Web hosting	\$144.00
DAR headstone project	\$250.00
Total Withdrawals	\$2,696.80
Checking Net Increase / (Decrease)	(\$1,166.80)
CHECKING ENDING BALANCE	\$8,625.79
Previous Meeting Total Balance	\$10,187.59
Current Checking Account	\$8,625.79
Current Business Share Savings Account	\$295.52
Current Special Projects Account \$6,192.07 to IHT	\$0
Current Total Balance	\$8,921.31
Difference from last meeting	(\$1266.28)

**Vote to
approve?**

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Approved

BOARDMAN TO HEMINGWAY (B2H)

- + After many, many years...
- + General Mitigation Agreement from Idaho Power has been finalized
- + Compensatory mitigation payment received by National OCTA
- + Chapters will have to budget for and request those funds in the future

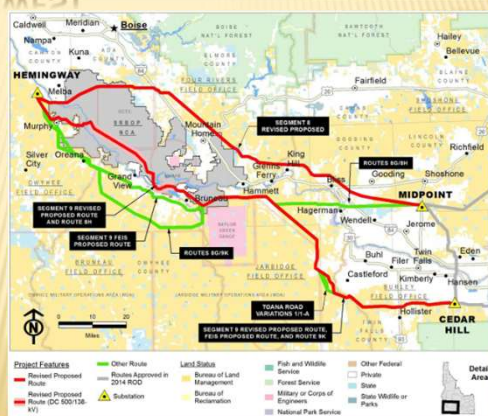
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BOARDMAN TO HEMINGWAY (B2H)

- + Idaho Power is forming a Mitigation Working Group including the NPS Trails Office and BLM to help guide the implementation of projects identified in the PSMMP
- + Initial focus will be on the I-84 Fruitland Rest Area, Birch Creek, and Vale area site improvements

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GATEWAY WEST



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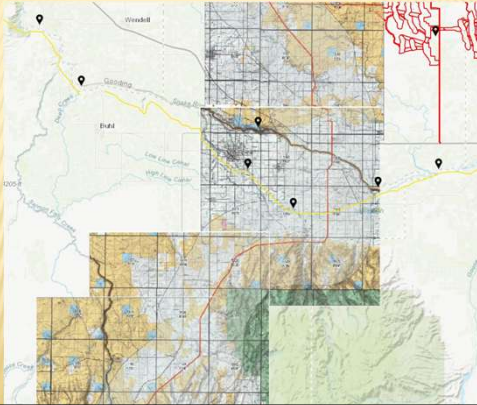
GATEWAY WEST

- + HPVEA process reviewed and approved
- + Viewshed analysis underway. A field trip with the BLM, SHPO, and Idaho Power scheduled for June 8 to review suggested KOPs
- + IOCTA requested the project to update their maps of the trail, particularly along the route of the NAOT

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Dave and Jerry discussed extensively

SOUTHWEST INTERTIE PROJECT (SWIP) NORTH



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SOUTHWEST INTERTIE PROJECT (SWIP) NORTH

- + Nevada portion of SWIP-N is nearing final approval
- + HPTP has been completed and approved, OCTA is being asked for concurrence
- + No word yet on the Idaho portion

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OTHER PROJECTS

- + Bluebird II Solar Project – Bonneville Point
- + Clenera Solar Project – northwest of Mountain Home
- + Desert Ridge Wind/Solar – east of Mountain Home
- + Appaloosa Wind/Solar Project – east/southeast of Mountain Home

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OTHER PROJECTS

- + Blue Springs Solar Project – Twin Falls County
 - × Withdrawn and mothballed for now
- + Geothermal projects
 - × East of City of Rocks on Raft River just north of the Narrows
 - × North of Magic Reservoir
 - × Southeast of Birds of Prey area

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SIGN PROJECTS

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| + Ada County | David Gibbs |
| + Eagle | Jerry Eichhorst |
| + MOTBCB | Jerry Eichhorst |
| + Historical Markers | Jerry Eichhorst |
| + Soda Springs Marina | Don Wind |
| + Lander Road Salt Works | Don Wind |

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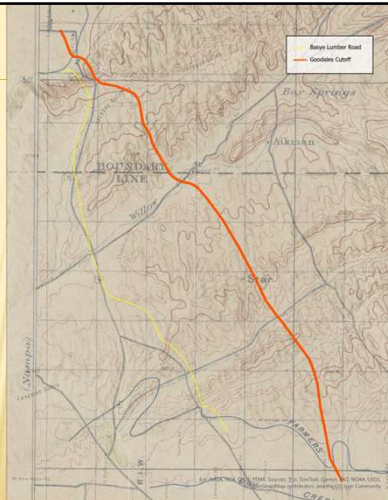
ADA COUNTY

- + Trying to add Oregon Trail historic signs to obelisks through town
- + Encountering ownership issues
- + NPS will help with new interpretive signs in parks along the Boise River and road signs
- + Ada County and ACHD are saying "No" to signs along major roads

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EAGLE

- + City of Eagle has developed a GIS map of the routes



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MAIN OREGON TRAIL BACK COUNTRY BYWAY

- + Directional Signs
 - ✗ Working with BLM and ITD to inventory and repair/replace signs
 - ✗ Replacement mapboard sign has been developed
- + Interpretive Signs
 - ✗ Working with NPS Trails Office to remake signs
- + Activity slowed through the winter

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ISHS HISTORICAL MARKERS

- + Replacing all large historical marker signs on state highways
- + Jerry involved with reviewing and modifying all Trail related signs
- + Jim Hardee involved with fur trapper signs
- + Added a sign for the North Alternate Oregon Trail at the Hagerman Historical Museum

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BIRCH CREEK CLEANUP

- ✦ Members of Idaho and Northwest chapters cleaned up an illegal dump site on Birch Creek near Farewell Bend



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MODEL A CAR TOUR

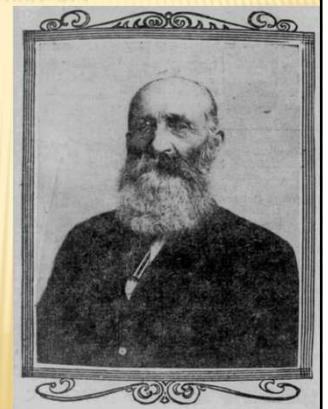
- ✦ This year's tour will be Saturday, June 27
- ✦ Tour will go from Parma to Vale, Oregon



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LORENZO WEST MONUMENT

- + Lorenzo West was an early freighter who brought the first mule team into Boise River Valley for the building of Fort Boise
- + IOCTA donated \$250 to the DAR project to create a headstone for West in the Morris Hill Cemetery



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PRESENTATIONS

- + February 18, 25, March 4 – Community Ed Classes
- + March 26 – Meridian Historic Preservation Council
- + April 14 – Professional TrailBuilders Association
- + April 22 – North Idaho OCTA group
- + May 4-7 – BSU OSHER class (Jim Hardee)
- + May 15 – Owyhee County Historical Society

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Jerry gave various presentations this year.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- + Boise – City parks and road signage, DAR chapters
- + Eagle – City Historian and Museum Director
- + Hagerman – Historical Society and Museum
- + Meridian – Historical Preservation Committee
- + Mountain Home – DAR chapter
- + Owyhee County – Historical Society and Museum
- + Pocatello – Bannock County Museum
- + Soda Springs – Historical Society
- + Star – Historical Preservation Committee
- + Weiser – Architectural Preservation Committee

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- + BLM – Idaho, Nevada, Oregon
- + City of Rocks
- + Idaho Heritage Trust
- + Idaho State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO)
- + Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS)
- + Idaho State University Archives Collection
- + Idaho Transportation Department (ITD)
- + Massacre Rocks State Park
- + National Forest Service
- + National Park Service Trails Office
- + Three Island Crossing State Park

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- + Burley Best Western Inn and Convention Center
- + Fairfield Inn, Burley
- + Idaho Power Company
- + JR Simplot Company
- + Walmart Program Good

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Dave and Don have been working with Idaho Power
Walmart Program Good has not been implemented yet.

NATIONAL OCTA

- ✖ Travis Boley, OCTA Manager, visiting to see the Burley Inn Convention Center
- ✖ National seeking volunteers for Director, Membership Committee, Awards Committee
- ✖ Symposium in Independence just finished
- ✖ Convention in Chico – September 13-18

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OTHER OLD BUSINESS?

- ✖ Is there any other OLD business?
- ✖ If not, on to NEW business

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no old business

NEW BUSINESS

- ✖ What is new in the chapter?
- ✖ Motion for lunch to be paid for by the chapter?

27 motion passed

OLD STAGE STATIONS

- ✖ A landowner north of Hagerman wants assistance on finding information about a possible old stage station on their property
- ✖ The landowner of the Desert stage station west of Twin Falls is seeking assistance to restore the building

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STAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- ✘ Want to develop large-scale trail center about the Oregon Trail in Star
- ✘ Trying to temper their expectations

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CALIFORNIA TRAIL BYWAY

- ✘ Follows California Trail from City of Rocks to Thousand Springs Valley (Highway 93)
- ✘ Idaho chapter helped the BLM develop the byway about 30 years ago
- ✘ A byway driving guide was supposed to be developed, but it never was
- ✘ Project to develop the guide will start next year or the year after

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OCTA GIS MAPPING APPLICATION



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UPCOMING IDAHO CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

- ✘ Annual Model A Tour June 27
- ✘ Fall Chapter Meeting October 17
- ✘ Annual Byway Tour April 17, 2027
- ✘ Burley Convention September 13-17, 2027
- ✘ Toano Road tour TBD
- ✘ Other outings TBD

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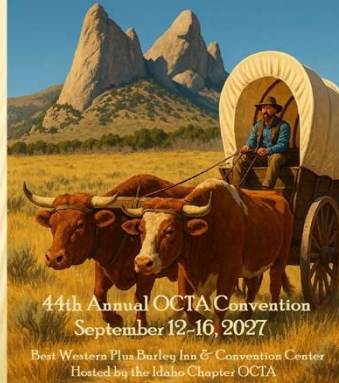
NEW BUSINESS

- ✧ Any other NEW business?

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no new business

EXPLORING NEW HORIZONS



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CONVENTION PROGRESS

- ✧ Dates and activities determined
- ✧ All speakers arranged
- ✧ All tours mapped and most tour leader guidebooks developed
- ✧ Convention book nearly complete
- ✧ Tour training runs partially completed
- ✧ Idaho Humanities Council grant applied for
- ✧ Arranged for Conestoga wagon to be brought for display
- ✧ ***We all need to get serious now!***

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CONVENTION SCHEDULE – DAY 1

Sunday	September 12
7:45 am	Pre-Convention Tours meet
8:00 am	Pre-Convention Tours Leave
9:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 pm	Registration Table Open
6:00 pm	Welcome Reception & Author's Night

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Jerry passed out a copy of the convention book and many took a look. Much was discussed.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE – DAY 2

Monday September 13

7:30 am	Registration Table Open	1:15 pm	Speaker – Jim Hardee
8:00 am	Auction and Raffle Rooms Open	2:15 pm	Break
8:00 am	Opening Ceremony	2:30 pm	Speaker – Jay Buckley
8:15 am	General Membership Meeting	3:30 pm	Break
10:30 am	Break	3:45 pm	Speaker – Don Wind
10:45 am	Keynote Speaker – Randy L Teton	5:30 pm	No Host Bar Opens
12:00 pm	Lunch	6:00 pm	Awards Dinner

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CONVENTION SCHEDULE – DAY 3

Tuesday September 14

8:00 am	Registration Table Open	1:15 pm	Speaker – Steve Dayley
8:00 am	Auction and Raffle Rooms Open	2:15 pm	Break
8:30 am	Speaker – Nicholas Lowe	2:30 pm	Speaker – Jerry Eichhorst
9:30 am	Break	3:30 pm	Break
9:45 am	Speaker – Trenton Durfee	3:45 pm	Chapter Meetings
10:30 am	Break	5:30 pm	No Host Bar Opens
11:00 am	Speaker – Eric Bedke	6:00 pm	Auction Dinner
12:00 pm	Lunch		

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CONVENTION SCHEDULE – DAY 4

Wednesday September 15

7:30 am	Load buses
8:00 am	Bus tours leave
4:30 pm	Bus tours return
5:00 pm	Evening on your own

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CONVENTION SCHEDULE – DAY 5

Thursday September 16

7:30 am	Load buses
8:00 am	Bus tours leave
4:30 pm	Bus tours return
5:00 pm	Silent auction and raffle ends
5:30 pm	No Host Bar Opens
6:00 pm	Closing Event BBQ

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Speakers first 2 days, then bus tours Wednesday and Thursday.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE – DAY 6

Friday	September 17
7:45 am	Post-Convention Tours Meet
8:00 am	Post-Convention Tours Leave

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2027 CONVENTION PERSONNEL

- ✦ Chairman Jerry Eichhorst
- ✦ Financial John Briggs
- ✦ National
 - + Travis Boley (Association Manager)
 - + Charlie Dodge (Western Regional Representative)
 - + Chip Ashby (Digital Media Manager)
 - + Helen Hankins (President until 2027)

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SPEAKERS – DAY 1

- ✦ Randy'L Teton – Keynote – The True Story of Sacajawea
- ✦ Jim Hardee – First Explorers of the Area
- ✦ Jay Buckley – Snake River Expeditions
- ✦ Don Wind – Father De Smet's Connection to the Oregon and California Trails

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RANDY'L TETON

- ✦ Jerry attended her presentation on Sacajawea on April 16
- ✦ Covered the tribal history of Sacajawea as well as a lot of stories about Randy's experiences as the model for the Sacajawea dollar coin
- ✦ Should be very interesting to convention attendees



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SPEAKERS – DAY 2

- ✖ Nicholas Lowe – 1849 Artists on the Trails
- ✖ Trenton Durfee – Managing The City of Rocks
- ✖ Eric Bedke – Ranching on the California Trail
- ✖ Steve Dayley – Peg Leg Smith
- ✖ Jerry Eichhorst – North Alternate Oregon Trail

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PRE-CONVENTION TOURS

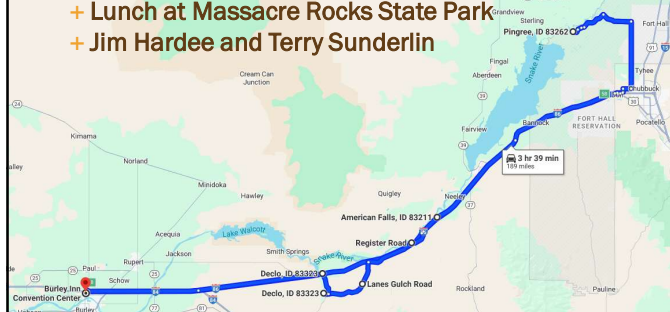
- ✖ Raft River to Connor Junction
 - ✖ Don Wind and Mike Gorringer
- ✖ Birch Creek to Record Bluff
 - ✖ Paul Dinwiddie

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There will be no dual presentations

OREGON TRAIL FROM THE EAST

- + Fort Hall site, American Falls, Massacre Rocks State Park, Raft River Parting of the Ways
- + Lunch at Massacre Rocks State Park
- + Jim Hardee and Terry Sunderlin



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OREGON TRAIL TO THE WEST

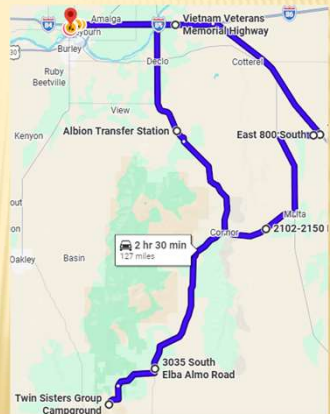
- + Milner Ruts, Stricker Ranch, Thousand Springs, Salmon Falls, OT Overlook, Malad River crossing
- + BBQ Lunch in Hagerman by HVHS
- + Jerry and Connie Eichhorst



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CITY OF ROCKS

- + Follows the route of the California Trail
- + Camp Rock, Register Rock, Pinnacle Pass
- + Lunch at COR Visitor Center
- + Don Wind and Kent Schaufelberger
- + John and Nancy Briggs



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HIKING TOUR

✖ City of Rocks

- + Pinnacle Pass in the morning – 1.2 miles
- + Circle Creek Canyon in the afternoon – 1.6 miles
- + Paul Dinwiddie and Jenny Miller

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POST-CONVENTION TOURS

- ✖ California Trail Byway
 - + Paul Dinwiddie and Mike Gorringer
- ✖ North Alternate Oregon Trail
 - + Jerry Eichhorst

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2027 CONVENTION RESPONSIBILITIES

Task Category	Primary Responsibility
Auction & Raffle	Chapter
Merchandise Sales	
Tours	
Volunteers	
Communications	National
Exhibitors & Sales Rooms	
Facilities	
Meals & Drinks	
Registration	
Risk Management	
Transportation (buses)	
Entertainment	Shared Between National and Chapter
Finances	
Programs & Speakers	
Publications	
Sponsors	

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CHAPTER TASKS UNDER CONTROL

- ✕ Entertainment
- ✕ Finances
- ✕ Programs and Speakers
- ✕ Publications
- ✕ Tours

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CHAPTER TASKS NEEDING ASSISTANCE

- ✕ Auction & Raffle
- ✕ Meal Support
- ✕ Merchandise Sales
- ✕ Registration
- ✕ Sponsors & Fund Raising
- ✕ Tour Support

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Jerry stressed how important it is for all of us to volunteer

AUCTION & RAFFLE

- ✕ Collect items and bring to the convention
- ✕ Staff rooms during the convention
- ✕ Current Volunteers
 - + David Gibbs

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MEAL SUPPORT

- ✕ Assist National on arranging meals, note special dietary requests and ensure they are handled properly
 - + Nancy Briggs
- ✕ Food Line Badge Verification
 - ✕ Jenny Miller
 - ✕ Linda Gibbs

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MERCHANDISE SALES

- ✖ Develop products to be sold for the convention. Proceeds go to the chapter.
- + Mike Gurr
- + Dan Dunne

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REGISTRATION

- ✖ Compile registration packets for attendees
- ✖ Check in attendees and distribute packets
- ✖ Staff registration table during the convention
- ✖ Current Volunteers
 - + Shannon Gorringer
 - + Jenny Miller
 - + Dave Price
 - + Linda Gibbs

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SPONSORS & FUND RAISING

- ✖ Develop a letter seeking sponsorship and a list of potential sponsors
- ✖ Solicit sponsorships and arrange for proper notification in convention book, etc.
- ✖ Current Volunteers
 - + Mark Seyb
 - + Lynelle Perry

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TOUR SUPPORT

- ✖ Gather plastic jugs and ice chests or tubs, and bring them to the convention
- ✖ Gather bottles of water, snacks, and garbage bags for tours and bring them to the convention
- ✖ Fill the jugs with water and freeze them in the hotel kitchen for tours
- ✖ Load ice jugs, ice chests and tubs, lunches, bottled water, snacks, and trash bags on the buses before the tours

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TOUR SUPPORT - CONTINUED

- ✖ Remove ice jugs, ice chests, etc. at the end of the tour day, refreezing the ice jugs after the first tour day for reuse on the second day
- ✖ Ensure ice chests and tubs are returned to the proper people. Share leftover snacks and water bottles.
- ✖ Current Volunteers
 - + Mike Gorringer Jenny Miller*
 - + Dave Price Terry Sunderlin*

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stressed the need for 4-8 people to load buses

WHAT'S NEXT?

- ✖ Jerry and John have regular planning meetings with National
- ✖ Regular Teams® Meetings for groups
 - + Guidance to help group understand what they need to do
 - + Groups begin planning and taking actions as needed
 - + Review at chapter meetings in October and May

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CHICO CONVENTON

- ✖ Who is going to the Chico convention?
- ✖ Someone will need to take a flyer about the Burley convention to be placed near the registration table and be available to answer questions.
 - + The flyer may be able to be printed and delivered by National.

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there will be a day rate for the convention regardless of membership with OCTA

MEETING WRAP-UP

- ✖ We need your help. Please volunteer to help the chapter with the convention.
- ✖ Questions
- ✖ Adjourn

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COMING NEXT

- ✕ Lunch
- ✕ Sacajawea of the Salmon River Valley
 - + Idaho Public Television video debuted a few weeks ago
 - + Stars Randy'L Teton and Leo Ariwite

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Adjourned at 11:43 after which we watched Sacajawea of the Salmon River Valley and a video of a large wagon collection located in Jordan Valley, OR to be donated to the Murphy Idaho Museum. Mike and Jerry transporting some on June 2.