



**Oregon & SW Washington Chapter**  
February 17, 2021, 11:30am - 1:00pm  
via [Zoom Meeting](#)

## **AGENDA**

### **Announcements and Updates**

#### **President**

Welcome/Introductions

March 12th is Grant Professionals Day!

#### **Scholarships:**

##### **Local Scholarships:**

Our locally funded Michael Wells Memorial conference scholarship for Oregon and SW Washington members will be open June 1 – July 31, 2021.

<https://grantprofessionalsfoundation.org/conference-scholarships/>

**National Scholarships:** The Grant Professionals Foundation offers three types of scholarships.

- Conference scholarships are accepted from June 1st-30th.
- Grant Professionals GPC Exam are accepted May 15-June 30th
- Membership Scholarships - offered two times per year in the Spring and Fall (dates TBD)
- See here for more info: <http://grantprofessionalsfoundation.org/available-scholarships/>

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Our balance as of Jan. 3 is \$5,570. No new expenses, a lot of income from membership dues. Our stable membership helps our financial outlook.

#### **VP/Membership**

We are now at 50 members.

### **Program**

**Grants in Uncertain Times:** Kris Ashley led a discussion about how our grants work is adapting and changing in these uncertain times, as nonprofits and funders try to address the ongoing pandemic, racial injustice, and the political landscape.

- Did you receive support for COVID-19 related programs, and are wondering if that support will continue?
- Are you finding it harder to find grant opportunities for your programs, or harder to get funding, especially if your mission isn't human health or social services?

- What you have heard from funders, how you have gotten (or not gotten!) funding, and what do you see happening in the future?

Grant staff and consultants had a wide variety of responses based on their experience representing different sizes and types of nonprofits.

- Jodi Tanner-Tell observed that many of the organizations she writes for have had to readjust finances, with some awards made into general operating and some nonprofits using their reserves.
- Lisa Kron shared that at Planned Parenthood, they have communicated more openly about the challenges faced from Covid-19. This has led to funders being more responsive and flexible.
- Maggie and Heather from Oregon Food Bank also found that more funders have stepped up, including previously lapsed donors; however, a concern is how they'll get support without the normal grant process.
- Nicole shared that the Oregon Humane Society provided support for food banks with pet supplies; their larger reserves, though, made it harder for foundations to support them during a time when smaller nonprofits are struggling.
- Arthur Davis noted that for the nonprofit where he consults, housing and basic needs remain top issues, and that it helps for nonprofits to have a good virtual fundraising platform. For programs that had to be canceled, Arthur suggested asking the funder if they wanted to move their award to the following year, reallocate to the Covid response, or return funds.
- Katherine said that while virtual arts events are a way to focus on good content, they aren't always financially sustainable.

### **Positive actions and activities during the pandemic**

- Greater variety of communication: more videos, informal letters about how the pandemic is shaping organizations
- More online groups, which have increased accessibility to programming.
- Opportunity to share with media about the disproportionate impact on the community. For example
- Staying in touch more often with program managers
- Funders are being more flexible, with a focus on DEI and trust with organizations
- Grant writers are shaping their messages using "constructive ambiguity" with estimated budgets open lines of communication during continued uncertainty
- Partnering for more "mutual benefit" with local businesses

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President: Jodi Tanner

Vice President: Lisa Kron

Secretary: Jenny Lind

Treasurer: Maggie Bonjean

### **CHAIRS**

Programming Chair: Darcie Spar

Regional Conference Chair: Arthur Davis

Membership Chair: Jenny Lind

Former President: Heather Ellis

**GPA Advisory Board** - Arthur Davis, Heather Ellis, Rick Horton, Jennifer Mangieri, Darcie Spar and Karen Warr

**Upcoming 2021 Chapter Meeting Dates**

<b>Chapter Meetings</b> <i>11:30 am - 1:30 pm</i>	<b>Executive Committee</b> <b>Mtgs</b> <i>3:30 – 5:00 pm</i>
5/19/21: Maryn Boess: Power Writing for Grants – and More	4/16/21
8/18/21: General topic (exact title TBD): Data/Metrics	7/15/21
12/1/21: Highlights from the GPA National Conference	10/15/21

**COST: \$15 for non GPA members**

*Interested in joining the program or social committees? Contact us at [gpanorthwest1@gmail.com](mailto:gpanorthwest1@gmail.com).*