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It's difficult to believe that we have been in action for nearly ten years. But, amazingly, 2022 is our tenth anniversary! We **will** celebrate and invite everyone to join us – details to be determined. More information will come in our Broadcasts.



In 2011/2012 many of us were concerned that the region, despite its environmental reputation, did not have a grassroots climate action organization. We remedied this oversight in 2012 when SOCAN was born. Following a climate program at SOU in August we held our inaugural meeting at the Medford Public Library on September 28th. We continued library meetings on the last Tuesday of the month until COVID struck whereupon we took to ZOOM. Though there's no substitute for in person meetings, ZOOM has provided us with an opportunity to keep our monthly meetings and project activities going – even to the point that some activists actually prefer the ZOOM approach.

Throughout the decade we have focused on the two main prongs of our mission statement: promoting awareness and understanding of the science, and motivating individual and collective action to address the existential climate crisis. The first prong is realized through presentations and the Master Climate Protector (MCP) course. In February 2022, MCP will be launched for the seventh time with an adjusted format based more heavily on expert guest presenters. Meanwhile, the second prong is realized by the ongoing efforts of the Federal and State Project team engaging with the state legislature on climate-related proposals, and state agencies as they develop programs resulting from Governor Brown's 2020 Executive Order 20-04.

In response to SOCAN strategic planning suggestions, we formed a County and City Project that has now established Action Teams in Grants Pass, Jacksonville, Medford, and Talent that are engaging with those administrations to promote climate action at the local level. Additionally, the Ashland Climate Action Project encourages action in that city to actualize the 2017 Climate and Energy Action Plan. We encourage area residents to join us in these ventures. You can read more about our statewide and regional successes (HB2021, the Climate Protection Program, local action teams) in the respective project reports below.

During 2021, we reorganized our 22 projects each into one of five Program areas: Education, Government, Natural Resources, Transportation, and Community Outreach. Since many of our web pages were out of date, we also undertook a website update resulting in project pages that are consistent and more reflective of current activities and status.

After the depression of the previous four years, 2021 offered opportunities to engage and contribute to positive motion in the state. We anticipate continued progress in 2022, and recommit to doing what is necessary to ensure that local communities, the state, and the nation move forward on climate action. We hope readers will join us in making the same personal commitment.

We thank all our friends for their support throughout 2021 and encourage you to join or rejoin us as 2022 unfolds.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Journet Kathy Conway". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alan Journet & Kathy Conway, Co-facilitators

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SOCAN Board of Directors

The SOCAN Board comprises seven members: Kathy Conway (Treasurer), Ellie Cosgrove, Bill Gorham, Alan Journet (President), Dagoberto Morales, Liz Olson (Secretary), Hogan Sherrow. This Board is ably supported by a Panel of Advisers currently comprising Attorney Roger Pearce, Representative Pam Marsh, and Regenerative Agriculture expert Ray Seidler.

Alan Journet has been on the board since we incorporated in 2014. His scientific background and inquisitive mind contribute to the “Science-based” focus of SOCAN. In addition to being Co-facilitator and Board President, Alan makes numerous presentations and contributes energy to SOCAN testimony submissions to the Oregon legislature and state agencies. Additionally, he is part of the Master Climate Protector planning team and leads the Media Corps, Oregon Legislative & Congressional Districts, and Rapid Response as well as shares responsibility for the Federal and State project with Hogan Sherrow. Alan completed the Climate Reality Leadership Training with Vice President Al Gore in 2020.

Kathy Conway is Co-facilitator and serves as Treasurer of the Board on which she has served since 2014. Kathy and Alan initiated SOCAN back in the day. Kathy is part of the Master Climate Protector planning team and serves as the organizing guru around which SOCAN operates, and without whom

SOCAN would be chaos. Kathy’s skills are largely the reason our general meetings and website are effective.

Hogan Sherrow joined the board in 2017, working largely with the Federal and State project. A Native Southern Oregonian, Hogan is an Evolutionary Anthropologist who has worked on three continents studying everything from humans, through grizzly bears, to chimpanzees. He was a Fulbright Scholar, earned a Ph.D. from Yale University, and has completed the Climate Reality Leadership Training with Vice President Al Gore. Hogan is also the energy behind, and Director of, the Rural Oregon Climate Political Action Committee (ROCPAC), established in 2019.

Dagoberto Morales joined the board in 2017. Dago came to the Rogue Valley from the State of Michoacan, Mexico, in 1988. He founded Unete Center for Farmworker Advocacy in 1996, where he now serves as Director. He has been active in the social justice arena ever since. Dago brings a profound concern for social justice to the SOCAN Board that augments our environmental justice focus.

Liz Olson joined the board in 2018. She started volunteering with SOCAN after being inspired by our Rogue Basin Climate Summit in 2015 and is a graduate of the first Master Climate Protector course in 2017. Liz is ordained by The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco – our country’s

first interfaith and interracial congregation started during World War II. Rev Liz now serves as a clinical chaplain at Providence Hospital in Medford. Liz has created street theater projects and booth displays for SOCAN, assisted with grant writing, and, most notably, was the instigator and leader for the Voices of the Valley documentary and display project and coordinates with Ken Deveney our Sustaining Climate Activists effort.

Bill Gorham joined the board in 2020. After several years as marine biology faculty member at the University of the Virgin Islands and California Lutheran University, and a 30-year career as an environmental consultant, Bill Gorham retired in 2017 and moved to Brookings. Bill is the leader of Coastal SOCAN in Curry County and has completed the Climate Reality Leadership Training. He has taught a variety of classes at Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC) on climate change, while presenting lectures and short talks to high school and college classes, community groups, Coastal SOCAN monthly meetings, and informal events at local pubs. Bill is also involved with the OCEAN project seeking to bring offshore wind electricity generation to Southern Oregon.

Ellie Cosgrove grew up on a small farm in Eugene, Oregon, developing her love for nature at a very young age. This love and respect for the natural world drove her to pursue a BS in biology at Portland State University, where she discovered her passion for conservation, climate action, and education. In 2017, she moved to the Rogue Valley to earn her MS in Environmental Education from Southern Oregon University and fell in love with the area! Ellie currently works as the

education program manager for Rogue Valley Farm to School and when she can't be found in the school garden, she is usually out in the woods exploring with a plant ID guide in hand. Ellie is also the Administrative Coordinator for the Master Climate Protector project.

SOCAN Advisory Panel

Roger Pearce serves as our General Counsel. Roger proved invaluable in guiding us through our early incorporation and offering wise counsel in legal matters over the years since then. We appreciate his contributions immeasurably.

Pam Marsh has lived in Southern Oregon since 1994, when she and her husband, Diarmuid McGuire, moved their four children from Palo Alto, California, to the mountains east of Ashland. Pam was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives, District 5, in November 2016 after four years as a member of the Ashland City Council. Pam is a climate and environment champion and quickly ascended to a leadership role with the Oregon House majority caucus and now chairs the influential House Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Pam advises us on Legislative issues.

Ray Seidler

Ray serves as an adviser and consultant on issues relating to regenerative agriculture and soil health. Ray earned a BS in Biology and a PhD. in Bacteriology. In 1970 he began employment at Oregon State University and later with the US Environmental Protection Agency in Corvallis. Ray has been a

teacher and an environmental research scientist spanning over 40 years. Ray was instrumental in the successful effort to exclude GMO crops from Jackson County and has become an expert in promoting regenerative agriculture as a means of restoring and maintaining soil health on which he advises us.

SOCAN Moving Forward

Like many non-profit organizations with which folks are probably familiar, according to its articles of incorporation, the SOCAN Board is the organization. While most of the activities undertaken by SOCAN are developed and managed by our enthusiastic and energetic volunteer activists, we do not have members. The team of volunteer activists, therefore, are what makes SOCAN tick; their leadership is what allows the projects to continue. The Board is infinitely grateful to all the volunteers who have contributed over the years to our becoming a well-known and well-respected entity both throughout Southern Oregon, and the state.

Since our inception, SOCAN has been led by volunteer co-facilitators and co-founders Kathy Conway and Alan Jounet. We recognize that even if major adjustments occur in the way the world manages its atmospheric greenhouse gases, we are not likely to reach 350 ppm carbon dioxide equivalent within the next couple of years. This means a long-term existence for SOCAN will be necessary. Thus, in recognition of the reality that these co-facilitating spring chickens are moving at least into summer chicken status – if not beyond – the Board has recognized that the current organization of SOCAN requires revisiting to develop a structure that can withstand the slings and arrows of long-term existence.

Strategic Planning

This realization led the SOCAN Board in 2021 to undertake a serious strategic planning activity. Conducted with the consulting agency ‘Solid Ground Consulting’, the goal is to move SOCAN through the next few years and transition to more diverse leadership and paid staff.

Towards the end of the year, the Board decided to adjust its meeting schedule from quarterly to monthly to address this Strategic Planning campaign. To facilitate planning, the Board established the following long-term goals:

1. SOCAN is recognized as a go-to resource for climate change information and education throughout Southern Oregon, with a strong statewide reputation.
2. SOCAN is seen as a leader in the region for forming, building, and maintaining partnerships and collaborations with community organizations and individuals.
3. SOCAN’s Government relations, at every level, are credible and effective.
4. SOCAN is in a sustainable financial position, with a diversified, reliable funding base.
5. SOCAN’s Board of Directors, leadership, and participants are representative of the diversity of Southern Oregon.

The Board is also seeking an increased presence on social media, especially by adding Twitter.

Review of 2021

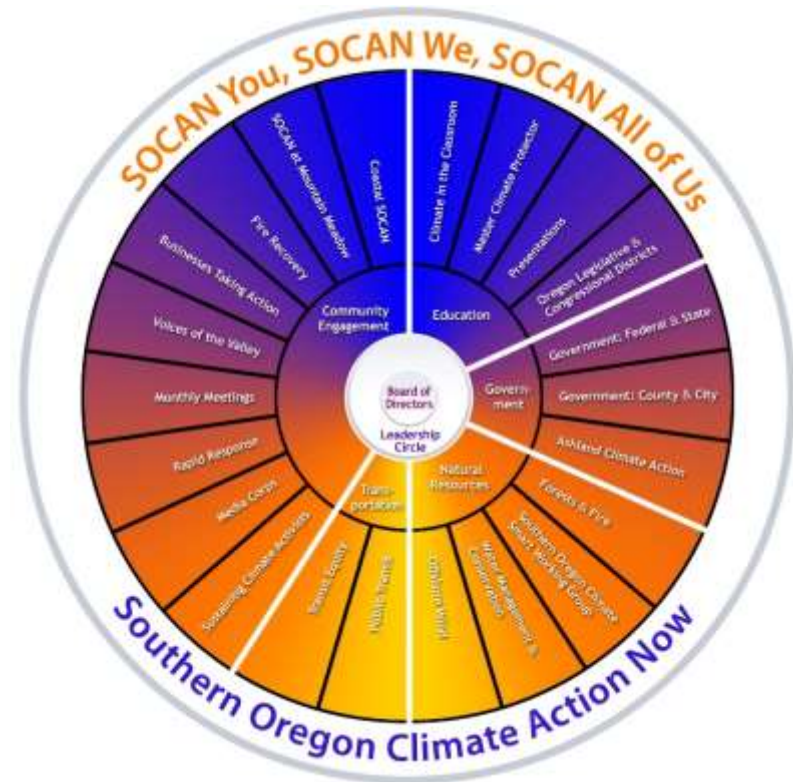
SOCAN Mission

The mission of Southern Oregon Climate Action Now (SOCAN) is to promote awareness and understanding about the science, causes, and consequences of climate change. We work with individuals and organizations in Southern Oregon, statewide, nationally, and internationally to advocate for both personal and governmental actions that reduce the emissions and atmospheric concentration of greenhouse gases.

SOCAN Projects

Our projects are the essence of our existence. It is through these that we achieve our Mission. All that is required to start a project is for someone to have an idea that relates to the SOCAN mission and identify a project leader and a few volunteers with similar interests. The project wheel represents SOCAN's 2021 programs and projects. It is one of the many design and technology contributions of Steve Vermie.

Program Reorganization: To clarify our organization we recently reorganized our projects into 5 programs, hence the organization below:



Education Program

Climate in the Classroom – *Leader: Ellie Cosgrove*



This project was not active during 2021 due to COVID-19 since teaching during that crisis already represented challenge enough for our teachers. Plans are underway to restore our Teacher Conversations where area teachers have an

opportunity to share success stories and the challenges they experience when teaching about Climate Change. A Teacher Workshop on climate science will be restored to our planning agenda for 2022.

Master Climate Protector – A Primer for Action - Administrative Coordinator: Ellie Cosgrove



This project is designed for those who seek greater understanding of the science of climate change and its impacts on the key areas of energy, construction, transportation, agriculture, water, weather, terrestrial systems, and human health, population and

consumption. The course uses an interactive format to help participants from different backgrounds understand the material.

The six courses offered from 2017 through 2021 have generated 92 graduates, 44 of whom have completed 20 hours of service and achieved Certified Master Climate Protector status. Additionally, 41 recertifications have been awarded for graduates who performed the additional 20 hours of service annually. The next course starts Wed, February 9, 2022. It will be conducted via Zoom so can be accessed from anywhere on the planet. The classes will be prepared and taught by the Master Climate Protector Team: Kathy Conway, Ellie Cosgrove and Alan Journet with the assistance of Guest Presenters: Cynthia Holm, Jim Hartman, Liz Olson, Ray Seidler, and Julie Smitherman. Registration is open <https://socanmcp.eco/registration/>

Presentations – *Leader: Alan Journet*



During 2021, presentations on climate change issues were offered to the American Association of University Women (AAUW - Medford), Oregon Congressional District 2 Indivisible Group (ORD2), Southern Oregon University's

Oregon Student Public Research Interest Group (SOU-OSPIRG), An Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) course on fire and forests, Lithia Motors Green Week, Climate Reality Portland Chapter (CR-PDX) on legislative activities, a bilingual program for the Rogue Valley Chapter of Unite Oregon (UO-RV). Our best estimate suggests these programs collectively reached some 240 individuals. In addition, Alan Journet offered climate focused programs to a High School in Nipomo and a school science camp in Milpitas, CA through the

national Skype-A-Scientist program reaching some 120 students.

Oregon Legislative & Congressional Districts – Leader: Alan Journet



We now have five of the six Oregon Congressional District climate summaries posted with plans to complete the sixth and update the remainder following redistricting adjustments by

March 2022 so they will be ready for the 2022 election cycle. Following redistricting, we will also update the Oregon Legislative (Senate) District summaries.

Government Program

Federal and State – Leaders: Alan Journet & Hogan Sherrow



Throughout 2021, The Federal and State Project team members were focused on two state areas:

1) Actions in the state legislature (2021 long session).

During the session we supported 6 bills that passed and opposed 6 bills that failed. Most important among those we supported were HB2021, requiring that electrical generation for retail in Oregon shall be 100% clean by 2040, and SB762 actualizing much of what was proposed in the report of the 2019 Governor's Council on Wildfire Response.

2) State agency responses to Governor Brown's 2020 Executive Order 20-04 charging agencies to use their authority to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions 80% below the 1990 level by 2050. Notable among the agency proposals was the Department of Environmental Quality's Climate Protection Program. The initial draft of this was substantially inadequate. However, some 7,620 + public comments were delivered, many from SOCAN activists, urging a stronger program. As a result, the Environmental Quality Commission insisted DEQ strengthen the program. DEQ then recast its proposal so the program now reduces emissions from fossil fuel suppliers to 90% below the average of 2017-2019 levels by 2050. For Alan Journet's Guest Column in the Medford Mail Tribune and Eugene Register Guard, visit: [Oregon's Climate Protection Program Restores Our Reputation.](#)

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Members of the team also held conversations with Senator Jeff Merkley's Natural Resources policy advisor Ben Schreiber. Meanwhile, throughout the year, SOCAN activists appeared at Townhalls to ask our representative critical questions.

County and City - Leader: Lorrie Kaplan



This project was established in 2021 and has worked to develop action teams in regional communities. The focus of the action teams is on assessing the current activities, opportunities, and obstacles in the area of climate action in

regional communities. Teams are active in Ashland (see project immediately below), Talent, Medford, Grants Pass, and

Jacksonville. We are excited to learn that Grants Pass has established a Sustainability and Clean Energy Task Force which boasts a SOCAN ex officio representative, and Medford has a Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency Planning committee with a SOCAN representative on the Steering committee. Within the CCARP, a Wildfire Adaptation committee incorporating three SOCAN representatives is developing plans to address the problem of wildfires.

Ashland Climate Action – *Leader: Lorrie Kaplan*



The Ashland Climate Action Project (ACAP) was formed in late 2019 to ensure that climate action is a top priority in Ashland.

This project is working actively to move action forward on the

2017 council approved Ashland Climate and Energy Action Plan CEAP. This was accompanied by a bi-weekly column (Spotlight) in the Ashland Daily Tidings until that paper folded. This will likely re-emerge in ‘Ashland.News’.

The Ashland Climate Collaborative is being developed to bring together Ashland commissions, institutions, large businesses, and some non-profits working on climate change. Though this is not a SOCAN project, we are represented.

ACAP monthly Zoom Conversations during 2021 addressed the following topics: Spotlight on Local Food; Other Side of the Hill (video); Natural Gas: The fuel you came to love; Ashland’s Climate Action Plan: Are We Making Progress; Electric Landscaping Tools: All You Need to Know;

Rethinking Streets; Collaborative Conservation; Community Driven Leadership; After the Summer of 2021: Checking in with local growers. Over 500 participants were reached on Zoom with an additional 122 YouTube views.

Natural Resources Program

Forests & Fire – *Leader: Gary Clarida*



During 2021, this project team members joined with SOCAN’s Federal and State team in monitoring efforts being undertaken by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and the Oregon Global Warming Commission (OGWC) towards promoting greenhouse gas emissions reduction and carbon

sequestration. This included our submitting comments on the OGWC draft Natural and Working Lands Plan and Oregon Dept of Forestry draft Climate Change and Carbon Plan. Additionally, representatives of this group attended Board of Forestry Commission and PGWC meetings to offer oral comments. Since three members of this project team are also part of the Southern Oregon Climate Smart Working Group (see below), the team also engaged OGWC Chair Catherine Macdonald in a conversation about the developing OGWC Natural and Working Lands Plan. This resulted in our submitting a summary of what climate smart management means. This summary then appeared in abbreviated form in the

Natural and Working Lands Plan and constitutes the first acknowledgement among state agencies involved in forestry – who consistently pay lip-service to the concept of climate smart – of exactly what the concept means.

Southern Oregon Climate Smart Working Group (SOCS) –
Liaison: Gary Clarida



The SOCS Group operates as a collaborative effort among representatives of SOCAN, KSWild, USFS, Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative (SOFRC) and the Rogue Basin Partnership

(RBP). Though initiated as a SOCAN project, members felt it more appropriate and easier to justify engagement if the group separated from SOCAN and operated as an independent collaboration. Nevertheless, the SOCS web page is included on the SOCAN website. See Collaborations below.

Water Management & Conservation – ***Leader: Eric Dittmer***



This project engages with other groups in our region to monitor and report concerns regarding water availability and conservation.

Offshore Wind – ***Leader: Bill Gorham***



The coastal zone between Coos Bay in Oregon and Mendocino in California has been described as the Saudi Arabia of wind. SOCAN is collaborating with the Oregon Coastal Energy Alliance

Network Board, on which SOCAN Board member Bill Gorham serves. They promote the development of offshore wind generation capacity to benefit the region economically. See Collaborations below.

Transportation Program

Transit Equity – ***Leader: Louise Shawkat***



SOCAN joins with organizations across the nation to commemorate the birthday of Rosa Parks by declaring that public transit is a civil right. We make the connection to this act of resistance to highlight the rights of all people to high-quality public transportation

run on clean/renewable energy. In 2021 a panel discussion included representatives from the Rogue Valley Transportation District and Board, an RVTB rider; Chair of the City of Ashland Transportation Commission; and representatives from Oregon Department of Transportation. Additionally, RVTB

reserved a front seat for Ms. Parks (a life size image) all week on all buses.

Public Transit – *Leader: John Limb*



This group is engaging with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Transportation Commission to promote an effective response by the department and commission to Governor

Brown's Executive Order 20-04 demanding statewide reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. We recognize that transportation is the sector of our economy exhibiting the largest proportion of regulated emissions and that reduction in greenhouse gas emissions involving support for multi-modal transit and electrification of transportation is critical.

Community Engagement Program

Fire Recovery – *Leader: Gary Clarida*



We recognize that it is critical to build back from the 2019 fires that swept through the region with construction plans that acknowledge fire in this Mediterranean climate with

global warming is inevitable. This project helps regional entities as they supervise the restoration of the livability of the

region by offering advice on how to incorporate fire resiliency into the planning.

Rapid Response – *Leader: Alan Journet*



This project represents a team of area residents who are willing, upon request, to sign petitions or send messages to agencies or individuals who could benefit from sage climate conscious advice. Team

members share items they consider relevant to our mission.

Monthly Meetings – *Leader: Kathy Conway*



SOCAN continued holding monthly meetings via Zoom during 2021. Although we missed seeing each other in person, we appreciated the opportunity to host three speakers from outside our region. Speakers offered

information about issues related to climate change and our mission. Topics in 2021 included:

- Prospects for Climate Action in 2021
- Climate Conscious Fire Recovery
- Bringing Social Equity to Climate Advocacy
- State Climate Updates
- The Water Smart Generation: Love Your Water – Use It Wisely

- Climate Change Communication: Challenges & Opportunities
- Preparing for Wildfire
- Impact of Climate Change on Species of Concern
- Businesses Taking Action
- Grassroots Community Solar Projects You Can Plug-in To
- Master Climate Protectors Taking Action

Attendance at monthly meetings in 2021 totaled 382, ranging from 23 to 48. Additionally, the presentations recorded on YouTube resulted in 298 views. These programs can still be viewed on YouTube. [Link to our listings](#)

Businesses Taking Action – Leader: Kathy Conway



Developed by OSU intern Gabriela Safay, this project recognizes - by displaying them on our SOCAN website, businesses that are exemplifying or adopting a day-to-day business model and conduct that addresses sustainability and social justice.

Critically, this is not geared towards businesses that are conventionally considered to work in the climate arena (such as solar panel installation, water conservation, electric vehicle/equipment sales). Rather, the target is any business that operates with sustainability and social justice as values guiding its day-to-day conduct. Business owners are invited to complete and [submit the form](#) on our website and supply a logo we can display. SOCAN does not evaluate the answers

provided by business owners, merely provides these answers for visitors to the web page to evaluate.

Coastal SOCAN – Leader: Bill Gorham



Coastal SOCAN comprises primarily concerned individuals who live on the Oregon Coast and generally focuses on issues related to that region. Through monthly meetings, talks to local groups, letters to

the editor and guest columns, and interactions with other environmental groups along the coast, they seek to educate people, especially those in Curry County, on the causes, current negative effects, and accelerating negative effects of greenhouse gas emissions.

During 2021, Coastal SOCAN held 8 monthly programs: Other Side of the Hill (video); Regenerative Agriculture; The Psychological Toll of Climate Change; Recycling in Curry County and Beyond; Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative in Support of Climate Change Reduction; Opportunities in Climate Change; Eat Locally to Fight Greenhouse Gas Pollution; Climate Action: Federal & State Perspectives. These programs reached over 100 participants with an additional 76 YouTube views.

Voices of the Valley – Leader: Liz Olson



This project culminated in a video that is available on the SOCAN website, this project gave voice to an array of individuals affected by climate change who generally do not have an opportunity to express themselves. Consideration is

underway to produce a follow-up video that addresses climate change issues for other audiences.

Media Corps – Leader: Alan Journet



This team comprises individuals willing to write letters and guest opinion columns to media outlets locally and statewide. Team members also accept invitations to undertake media

interviews on issues germane to the climate crisis. Though compromised in its productivity in 2021 by changes in policy in the local media outlet, Media Corps activity resulted in over 90 appearances in 2021.

SOCAN at Mountain Meadows – Leader: Kathy Conway



This group is made up of individuals who live at Mountain Meadows as well as others living in Ashland and other nearby towns in the Rogue Valley. Only one meeting was held this year due to COVID 19. We look forward to being able to meet in 2022.

Sustaining Climate Activists – Leaders: Liz Olson and Ken Deveney



Sustaining Climate Activists is a support group for those engaged in climate action addressing their oft-experienced distress as well as exploring ways to keep ourselves resilient. The

facilitators are Liz Olson (Clinical Chaplain) and Ken Deveney (Trainer of Re-Evaluation Counseling). The group has not been meeting much during 2021, but smaller groups are checking in and meeting as needed.

Events

Due to COVID-19 in person activities were limited during 2021.

Earth Day at Providence Hospital: We were invited to participate in Earth Day at Providence Hospital. This involved sharing information with Providence Hospital employees about SOCAN and actions that we all can take to address climate change.

Rogue Valley Earth Day EcoQuest Adventure: We participated in the Rogue Valley Earth Day EcoQuest Adventure. It was designed to make sure that our community had the opportunity to celebrate and engage in eco-friendly stewardship. Community members were invited to join in covid-safe activities at home, outdoors or onsite, The activities were organized by EcoHosts like SOCAN. Participants signed up to join the EcoQuest and track their activities in an online app. SOCAN featured “What is my Climate Footprint?”

Collaborations

As can be seen from our list of Projects (above) several of our activities involve collaborations with other organizations or individuals not part of SOCAN. We are strongly committed to the principle that ‘we are all in this together’ and must engage with others to solve the crisis. When others are leading, SOCAN tries to support in whatever way we can. Following are some of these activities from 2021:

Oregon Statewide Climate Coalition

SOCAN collaborates extensively with the statewide coalition promoting the Oregon Climate Action Plan that results from Governor Brown’s Executive Order 20-04. SOCAN also works tirelessly with the same statewide climate activist coalition promoting or opposing climate-related legislation.

Southern Oregon Climate Coordination

SOCAN actively facilitates quarterly meetings during which area groups involved in activities related to climate change discuss what they are doing and how we can support and help one another. In the past year, these have grown to include representation from Ashland and Talent city staff. Seventeen regional organizations are actively represented.

Rogue Basin Partnership

The Rogue Basin Partnership (RBP) exists to help its member organizations work more collaboratively, strategically, efficiently and effectively in our collective efforts to conserve and restore the 3.3-million-acre Rogue River Basin. RBP provides members “backbone” support through networking, coordinating, fundraising, grant administering, progress tracking, and celebrating collective successes.

The Southern Oregon Climate Smart Working Group (SOCS)

Led by Charisse Sydoriak, SOCS established initially as an effort by the SOCAN Forestry and Fire Project. Currently represented on the Working Group are SOCAN, KS Wild, The Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative, the USFS, and the Rogue Basin Partnership. SOCAN collaborates with this inter-organizational working group to promote climate smart forest management. Thanks to leader Charise Sydoriak, the Oregon Global Warming Commission Natural and Working Lands Plan includes a summary statement identifying what Climate Smart means. Future plans include the development of a regional climate smart guide with local case studies.

The Oregon Coast Energy Alliance Network (OCEAN)

OCEAN is based on the Southern Oregon coast as a consortium promoting offshore wind turbine installation along the coast of Curry and Coos Counties as a means of generating wind energy for California and Southern Oregon. While stimulating local economies, this project, if successful, will contribute to greening our electricity grid. SOCAN Board member Bill Gorham, leader of our Coastal SOCAN Project, serves on the OCEAN Board.

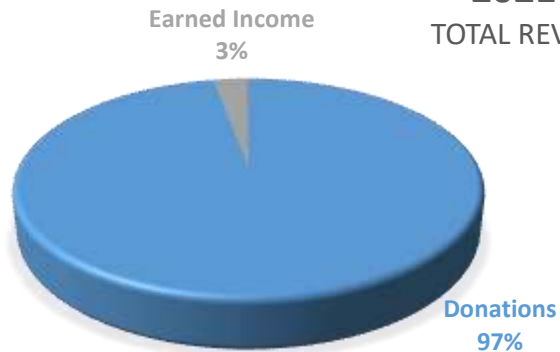
Community Support for SOCAN



During this year SOCAN was supported by the Ashland Food Coop’s, ‘**Change for Good**’ Program. Customers were invited to round up at the cash register to support a local organization. In November 2021, SOCAN was the grateful recipient of the coops’ Change for Good program.

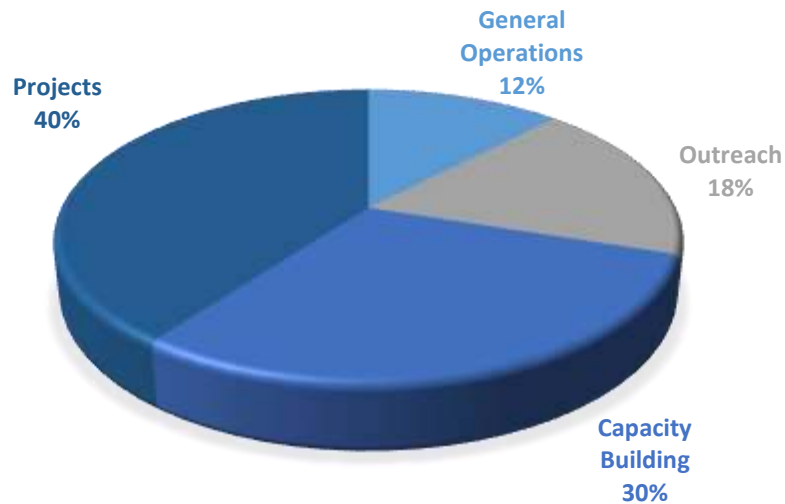
SOURCES OF 2021 INCOME

TOTAL REVENUE \$43,770



EXPENSES FOR 2021

TOTAL EXPENSES \$19,914



SOCAN is a grassroots volunteer organization devoted to addressing the critical issue of global warming and its climate change consequences. As a largely volunteer organization that has no permanent full-time staff, SOCAN engages very few individuals on paid contracts. Thus, the organization can accurately claim that almost all moneys contributed are allocated to SOCAN projects with only 12% assigned to general operations (which includes consultant stipends, required state fees and insurance). Although outreach accounts for 18% of the annual expense, this is allocated to promoting our mission and projects. As described in the Board section, SOCAN began medium/long range strategic planning. The goal is to build SOCAN's capacity through establishment of salaried staff positions. This requires increasing SOCAN's income and financial reserves.

What SOCAN can promise, therefore, is that a substantial proportion of your generous donation is allocated to projects and achieving the SOCAN mission.

We urge you to consider making a contribution to SOCAN.

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