

Bylaws/elections committees joint meeting April 28, 2019

The next meeting is planned for May 19th at the fair office, 4 pm.

Bylaws/elections committee reports are posted on the .net site. Comments and questions may be sent by email to elections@oregoncountryfair.org.

Report:

We were a small group today, just 6 of us here. We talked primarily about the survey.

Heidi has been communicating with Wyetta who has expertise on surveys and is on the survey team. She has helped to refine our questions and responses. She suggested that we consider what our overall research questions are. She is also offering advice on how we can get the best sample of responses.

At this time, we are planning to do an online survey. We are thinking about sending an email with a link to the survey, to members that we have an email address for. We can also put it in the Fair Family News, as a link and maybe as a print survey to fill out and send in. Heidi will contact Crystalyn to see if we can ask the survey team to work on this at fair time, to get as broad a sample as possible.

Heidi has talked to Stephanie about using the fair's subscription to Survey Monkey. The subscription includes unlimited responses. Stephanie will work with Crystalyn to get some of our legal questions answered before we administer the survey. Crystalyn and/or Stephanie may also be able to encourage Get Out the Vote to work with us.

The group reviewed the survey questions and decided to delete some of them that might be confusing or that might gather opinions that would have little usefulness at this time. The current draft of the survey will be sent to all committee members, Wyetta, and Stephanie for further review. It is still a work in progress, let Heidi know if you have any suggestions, comments, or questions.

Jim reiterated his belief that there is nothing wrong with our current candidate process and his thinking that we should set no "requirements" for potential candidates. He is agreeable to "suggestions" for candidates. Questions around that part of the NAO recommendations were deleted.

We discussed our research questions and came up with some to run by Wyetta to see if we are on the right track. These questions are also not set in stone, committee members who were unable to make the meeting should feel free to offer suggestions or changes.

- How informed and engaged are the fair family in the process to elect the board of directors?
- How well does the fair family know and understand the bylaws and the elections process?
- Does the fair family see value in changing the current elections process?