

Report of March 3, 2019 bylaw/election work group meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2019, 1 -3 pm at the Fair office. Meeting dates are included on the calendar on the .net site and reports of our work group meetings are posted on the .net site.

We are suggesting the following additions or changes to clarify the bylaws regarding recall of a board member and membership eligibility.

These suggestions need to be approved by a lawyer with expertise in non-profit law before the board makes any decision on them.

Amended Bylaws of the Oregon Country Fair (current language is in *italics*, suggested new language is in **bold**)

Article V. MEMBERS

2. Eligibility and Admission. ~~Eligibility and Admission:~~

(a) *Any individual who subscribes to the purposes and basic policies of the Fair, **including the Guidelines and the Code of Conduct**, abides by the terms and conditions of these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation and any amendments thereto, and acts in accordance with the decisions made by the Board of directors, is eligible for membership if the individual is registered with the Fair and (1) has either received a **Fair issued** wristband, or other Fair camping pass or verifiable worker day pass in one of ~~two~~ **three** previous years, or (2) is a verifiable elder. To remain a member, an individual **also** must vote in at least one annual membership meeting every three years.*

Article VI. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1. Annual Meetings. *An annual meeting of the members shall be called by the Board of Directors at a date to be fixed by the Board, but in no case later than October 30. The purpose of he annual meeting shall be*

*to elect the Board of Directors, to present the members with a financial statement for the fiscal year then ending, and to consider any other business that the Directors may determine to be appropriate. Agendas for the annual meeting shall be set 55 days prior to the meeting. Items may be placed on the agenda for the annual meeting upon the petition of ~~25~~ **100** or more of the members, by presenting the petition to the Secretary at least 55 days before the annual meeting, or at such earlier time as the Board of Directors may designate.*

Article VII. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3. Removal of Directors. A director may be removed from office with or without cause, only by a vote of the membership at the annual and/or special meeting called pursuant to the requirements of notice as set forth in Article VI-3. The Board may suspend a director with or without cause (requiring 2/3 of the Board's votes) for a maximum of 60 days or until voted on as provided in this article or cleared of any charges. The director in question shall be excluded from such a vote. If a Board member or alternate misses three meetings in a row, the Board may declare that seat vacant.

Members who wish to recall a director must turn in a petition with at least 200 signatures of registered members, to the secretary at least 55 days before the annual meeting. A recall at a special meeting requires a petition for a special meeting (see Article VI-2) and a petition for a recall. Petitions must include member signatures with the name also legibly printed and the member's fair affiliation. The outcome of a recall election will be decided by majority of votes cast on that issue.