

January 13, 2023

Hello registered Fair Family member.

I have another update on the Member Action by Written Ballot for you, this time about the **informational meeting** that will take place at 7pm on January 21, 2023.

I am happy to announce that Brett and Rebecca, who do such an amazing job with the Get Out The Vote forum, have agreed to vet and sort out questions from members for the meeting. Al Ullman, the new facilitator of our monthly Board of Directors meetings, will be the facilitator for the informational meeting.

If you have a question that you would like asked at the informational meeting, please send it to [removalquestions@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:removalquestions@oregoncountryfair.org). Questions should be about the removal action itself, and not about the process we are using. We will collect questions until 11pm on Thursday, January 19. They will then be forwarded to Brett and Rebecca for vetting and sorting.

The Zoom link for the meeting is no longer valid, and users will need to use the YouTube link to attend the meeting. That link is attached at the bottom of this message and can be found on the Elections page of the .net website (<https://oregoncountryfair.net/board-elections-2>).

The meeting will begin at 7pm. The format of the meeting will be as follows:

1. The petitioners and the Board Director will each make a 15 minute opening statement.
2. This will be followed by up to 90 minutes of member questions, as compiled by Brett and Rebecca. The facilitator will ask a question on behalf of the members, and the petitioners and the Board Director will each have 2 minutes to respond to the question. We'll alternate the order of who goes first, and the order for the first question will be determined by a coin toss or some other random method right before the start of the meeting.
3. The petitioners and the Board Director will each make a 5 minute closing statement.

We're using the GOTV format for this meeting so that we can get as much information to the membership in the relatively short time that a single meeting can last.

The purpose of this meeting is to answer questions and provide information, not to advocate for one side or the other.

If members wish to make advocacy or other types of statements, or wish to get clarification on the answers to the question, or to ask other questions that do not come up at the informational meeting, they can use the online forum at <https://forum.oregoncountryfair.net>, where we do not have the time constraints that are necessary for a real-time meeting.

I'd like to stress again that this is an action by the membership of the Fair, not by the Board of Directors or Fair operations. They have no role in this action, and it is my role as Secretary of the Fair to conduct the process for the members.

**The online discussion forum is now open for posting.** You must register before viewing topics and posting to the forum. Only registered members of the Fair are eligible to join the forum. To

register you must use your first and last name or your Fair name as your username, and you must use the email address that we have on file for elections. If you do not follow these guidelines, then we will not be able to process your registration. All registrations will be inactive pending verification by Elections. Verification may take up to 48 hours. Your contact information will be hidden on the forum, but your username will not. Forum posts may not include file uploads, as we do not have a method to scan an attachment for viruses at this time. You may copy and paste a document into a forum post or you may link to a document on an external website if you wish to share that document.

The link to register for the forum is <https://forum.oregoncountryfair.net>. This link will also be posted on the elections page of the .net website. When you first visit the forum site, click on the "Register" tab, and register as described above. Members must agree to the Terms of Service before being permitted to register. Those terms will be displayed after you click on the "Register" tab. The Fair reserves the right to moderate or delete members who violate the Terms of Service. We hope we do not have to do so.

**The Fair will not participate in the forum**, other than posting announcements. We are merely hosting the platform for the members to use. We will not be monitoring the forum for membership questions/updates. If you need to update any of your membership information please email [elections@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:elections@oregoncountryfair.org). If you have questions about how to use the forum or to check your registration status please email [elections@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:elections@oregoncountryfair.org). **We will not respond to emails about the content of the forum.**

**Domestic ballots will be mailed** on Thursday, January 19, 2023 so that they will arrive on or shortly after the informational meeting.

**The deadline to register to vote in this member action is January 19, 2023.**

**If you have not received your ballot by January 31**, please email [elections@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:elections@oregoncountryfair.org) to confirm your mailing address so that we have time to mail you a replacement ballot.

**Ballots are due by 8 pm on Saturday, February 18, 2023.** Ballots must be mailed or delivered in person to the Fair office. If you are out of town it would be good to mail your ballot 2 weeks before the deadline to be sure that we receive it by February 18. Postmarks don't count, we have to have your ballot in hand by 8 pm on February 18. If you are local you can return your ballot in the mail slot at the Fair office, 442 Lawrence St., Eugene. **Any ballot received after 8 pm on February 18 will not be counted.**

After the due date for the ballots, we will count the votes and announce the results. We hope you can attend the informational meeting and that you will return your ballot to vote on this matter.

**If you lose or spoil your ballot**, please email [elections@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:elections@oregoncountryfair.org) or call the office at 541-343-4298 to obtain a replacement ballot. Note that after February 8 there will not be enough time to mail replacement ballots, so any replacements after that date must be obtained in person at the OCF office by appointment with the Secretary. The office staff do not have access to ballots.

Please vote and return your ballot!

Stephen Diercouff, Secretary of the Fair

