

January 9, 2023

Hello registered Fair Family member.

I have another update on the Member Action by Written Ballot for you.

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.

We have a mechanism for getting information to the members now. I have set up an online discussion forum where the petitioners, the Board Director being recalled, and the membership can post topics, ask questions, respond to other posts, and otherwise share information. The forum will be open both for viewing and posting only to registered members of the Fair. It is open now for registration. It will be open for posting at 8pm on Thursday, January 12th.

To register you must use your first and last name, or your Fair name, as your username, and you must use the email address 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 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. We will be confirming registrations between now and Thursday evening, and at 8pm on that day all users whose registrations have been verified will be able to post topics. 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 (<https://oregoncountryfair.net/board-elections-2>). 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. If you have questions about how to use the forum or to check your registration status please email elections@oregoncountryfair.org. **We will not respond to emails about the content of the forum.**

International ballots were mailed today, January 9, 2023.

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

Details about the informational meeting, to be held at 7pm on January 21st, will be sent in another email.

If you have not received your ballot by January 31, please email 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 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

