Bylaws/Elections co-committee report for the June 28, 2020 Board meeting

Thank you to everyone who came to the virtual Bylaws/Elections work assembly on June 15th. The documents are still available on the .net site, https://oregoncountryfair.net/event/board-work-assembly-bylaws-elections/. They include the written presentation, the proposed Bylaw changes (which have changed slightly and will be updated), the lawyer's response to questions, the 2019 OCF election survey report, and the voting age survey results. The recommended Bylaw changes are on the agenda tonight, but will not be voted on until August.

The election survey results are lengthy but interesting. One thing that stood out to us is the difference between the results collected at the 2019 fair and the surveys that were done online after the Fair. Folks who took the survey at the fair tended to be less familiar with board elections, while those who took the survey online tended to know more about it. This was also apparent when looking at responses by age and number of years participating with the Fair, people with less experience knew less about board elections and those with more experience knew more. We feel this supports our recommendation for educational opportunities about the structure of the OCF as a non-profit with an elected board of directors during the Fair. The challenge is how to do that and make it interesting!

Upon direction from the Board at the May meeting, we asked the Fair's attorney to review the bylaws regarding minute keeping for open and closed sessions. The attorney's confidential response was given to the Board and officers.

Reports of all Bylaws/Elections co-committee meetings are also on the .net site under General Info/BOD committees & Work Groups.