

# Ann Rogers



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I am asking for your vote for election to the Board of Directors of the OCF. I have been encouraged to run for the Board by many people across the Fair demographic. I am an Archaeology Crew member and serve on Path Planning, Elders, Archaeology, and Diversity Committees. I routinely attend LUMP meetings.

My work experience includes over 30 years of natural resource planning, conservation of archaeological sites, and tribal consultation. During this time I provided training in environmental planning, archaeology, and working effectively with American Indian tribes. I have had input on national and state environmental and conservation planning efforts. I bring these experiences, perspective, and professionalism as an outgrowth of my education and background and a skill set in which land stewardship holds a special place. I have worked with many types of people including tribes, private landowners, non-profit landowners, and state and federal land managers.

My non-profit experience includes a previous term on the OCF Board as well as on the Boards of the Association of Oregon Archaeologists (AOA), Our Community Free Reporting, and the Trail Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation.

I support the DEI consultants' recommendations from 2021. It is time for the Board to come together and begin the implementation. In addition to my OCF involvement, I am also on the Diversity Committee for the AOA. There we have established a fund to assist tribal members in attending national meetings thus reducing barriers for marginalized groups. DEI can be effectively incorporated into OCF planning and projects once barriers are recognized and removed. Coming from a Spanish speaking background, I recognize many cultural barriers.

In all the planning I have been involved in at OCF, a pandemic was never part of our discussions. The pandemic years have been life changing in many ways. The 2022 Fair fulfilled our NCU requirements. The population cap made us remember the enjoyment of smaller crowds, however, this is not sustainable. It is realistic to plan for our goals within our parameters as a non-profit educational organization. Creative decisions including belt tightening, will allow us to appreciate our volunteers, steward the land, and maintain our philanthropy. Our horizon includes future health alerts, climate change, our carbon footprint, and threats to our land including the emerald ash borer.

With my life and professional experiences, I feel qualified to assist the OCF in overcoming challenges and moving forward.