



On May 24, 2019, SB 360, amending Chapter 65 of the Oregon Revised Statutes which govern nonprofit organizations in Oregon, was signed into law. The Act became operative on January 1, 2020.

At the November 2, 2020 Board of Directors' Meeting, the Board unanimously approved the motion directing the Bylaws Committee to perform a comprehensive review and update of the OCF Bylaws.

The Bylaws Committee began to meet on the third Tuesday of each month to take up this Board directive. We created a work plan and started a spreadsheet containing the current Bylaws on the far left column, a column to the right containing links to the relevant ORS 65 statutes, and another column to the right of that for committee suggestions for language changes.

Over the following two years, the Bylaws Committee has met regularly to continue this work. In February of 2023, we submitted our draft to the attorney for feedback, and received that feedback on March 8, 2023.

The committee met on March 21, March 28, and (will meet on) April 6, to process the attorney's feedback and draft our final recommendations to the Board. A Board Work Session has been scheduled for April 17, 2023 at 7pm for the purpose of reviewing the recommended amended Bylaws. The Board and the membership will have the opportunity to review the work of the Bylaws Committee, ask questions, and make recommendations.

Prior to submission of the final draft to the Board for approval, the draft will undergo final attorney review to ensure that the amended Bylaws are sound and comply with the most recent ORS 65 statutes.

We are proud to present to you, the OCF Board of Directors and Membership, the fruits of our labor and work of the heart on behalf of the Oregon Country Fair.

In service,

Diane Albino, Heidi Doscher, Paxton Hoag, Lisa Parker, Palmer Parker, Lawrence Taylor, and our Board Liaisons Ann Rogers and Arna Shaw.

Special thanks to Kimmo Howard and Mark Pankratz for their contributions to this effort.