

**ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES-** Draft 3 approved at 2/26/26 meeting

**DATE:** Thursday, January 22, 2026

**LOCATIONS:** Online via Zoom and OCF Office

**MEETING TIME:** 6 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON-LINE:** Synnove Abrahamsen, Diane Albino, Ann Bennett-Rogers, Anna Brown, Lisa Cooley, Jain Elliott, Heather Kent, Kay Kintzley, Eric Nicholson

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:** Nancy Hafner, Michael James Long, Robert "Mouseman" McCarthy

**PRIMARY BOARD LIAISON PRESENT ON-LINE:** John Davis, Jon Steinhart

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alex Zabala

**OTHERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:** Mike Barkhuf, Tom Boyatt-Facilitator, Katie Cousins, Kehn "Mambo" Gibson, Jenny Wilson

**OTHERS PRESENT ON-LINE:** Roberta Austin, Georgia Bartlett, Steven Berkson, Brian Burke, Darlene Colborn, Michael "Coyote" Connelly, Jeff Eichen, Jeannine Emery-Scribe, Vickie Grek, Carolyn Gsell, Jeanette Hardison, Percy Hilo, Paxton Hoag, David Hoffman, Jerry Joffe, Roy Lisi, Chuck Masi, Jon Vote, Eric Williams

## **AGENDA**

- Approve agenda
- Quorum
- Announcements
- Approve Draft 2 of November 2025 Minutes
- Vetted applications- Roberta & Jenny
- Counterculture History Coalition new project update- Jerry Joffe
- Approve Jeannine Emery & John Davis for ECOCF listserv- Carolyn
- Chair/point-person for committee- Kay
- Annual Report responsibility- Kay
- Responsibility for forming an agenda- Carolyn
- Redefine Website Subcommittee- Carolyn
- Board Member Q&A

**APPROVE AGENDA:** The committee approved the agenda with the addition of a board report at the end of the meeting. It was also noted that Katie Cousins will most likely be able to facilitate the February meeting in Tom's absence. If she is unable, she will find a substitute.

**QUORUM:** All 12 committee members were present; thus, a quorum was established.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- George Braddock passed away. He was very special to the Fair. We will keep him in our hearts.
- Kay gave a Teddy Bear Picnic song update – This is developing into a pop-up event to include OCF musicians. We will pass out printed lyrics at the picnic.
- A new wine steward volunteer is needed to work with John Higby at this year's Meet and Greet.
- The presence of the 3 new committee members recently approved by the BOD were acknowledged: Synnove A., Anna B., and Lisa C.

**APPROVE DRAFT 2 OF NOVEMBER 2025 Minutes:**

Nancy Hafner made a motion to approve the minutes. Mouseman seconded. The motion passed 11 – 0 with Anne abstaining.

**VETTED APPLICATIONS- Roberta & Jenny**

Ian Belmont-Hardwick	David Farrow	David Hicks
Devin Newman	Tracy Powell	Pamela Monrow
David Swanston	Edward Michael Bradley	Jahnette Hoglan
Stacey Stevenson	James Meacham	Scott Landeck
Amanda Kelly	Janet Franklin	GeniLu Morrow
Catherine Jenkins	Shari Rose	Stanford Janger “Chips”
Jennifer Reynolds	Laura Kemp	Ray Hessel
Lynda Gingerich	Sandi Herb	David Margulies

Jain E. made a motion to approve the 24 vetted applications. Kay K. seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

There was a brief discussion about making age exceptions for individuals dealing with health issues. The Elders Committee does not make these exceptions. If someone is looking for an age exception, they need to make the request to the Executive Director. A “Compassion Pass” is only good for the 1 year it is conferred.

**Counterculture History Coalition (CHC) new project update- Jerry Joffe**

Jerry reviewed his association with the Counterculture History Coalition. This is an international organization dedicated to preserving Counterculture history. The group made presentations in 2024 and 2025 at Spoken Word and the Magical History Tour Theater in the Still Living Room.

This year the coalition would like to do a presentation that is focused on a panel discussion of Gen Zer’s and their thoughts on carrying on the spirit of the Counterculture. The purpose of bringing this up is to see if Elders could reach out to any of their grandchildren (Gen Zer’s) to see if they would be interested in a panel discussion with the CHC at the 2026 Fair. The contact person is Paolo Stuppia. His contact information is [paolo.stuppia@yahoo.fr](mailto:paolo.stuppia@yahoo.fr).

**Approve Jeannine Emery & John Davis for ECOCF listserv- Carolyn**

Mike L. made a motion to add Jeannine Emery and John Davis to the listserv. The motion was seconded by Nancy H. The motion passed by unanimous consent (12-0).

**Chair/point-person for committee- Kay**

Michael James Long, Mouseman, and Kay have volunteered to be point people for the committee as a triumvirate. To answer questions and provide information for inquiries that come from the OCF office about elders.

Carolyn will continue to be point person to Alex in the office for Elders communication. She will forward questions and inquiries to the appropriate people or group at OCF, or the triumvirate. The triumvirate for

Elders questions is Mike L., Mouseman, and Kay as the primary. Carolyn will continue to attend meetings and report the information to Elders' committee.

**Annual Report responsibility- Kay**

Lisa Cooley has volunteered to do the Annual Report.

**Responsibility for forming an agenda- Carolyn**

Lisa Cooley has volunteered to form an agenda for the meetings.

**Re-define Website Subcommittee- Carolyn**

The Elders Website Subcommittee has been renamed as The Elders Communications Subcommittee.

**Board Member Q&A – John Davis & Jon Steinhart**

John Davis reported from the Board and acknowledged the work of Jon and Sandra. He congratulated Anna, Synnove, and Lisa as new members of the Elders committee.

Jon Steinhart reported that he would like input how to get more volunteers and workers. There is a special board meeting on Monday to go over the budget. The board has two motions for the next board meeting. The first is to have the board control its own spending. The second is to make board appointed committee members have three-year renewable terms. There is no term limit for board appointed committees. There is a board meeting on March 9, 2026, to discuss changing the bylaws. There was a discussion about the membership applications and changing the bylaws about membership on the website.

Comment that Elders intended to work with a Teen Crew and increase volunteer workers at fair but there weren't enough teens on teen crew.

Comment that membership has always allowed that people can use an assumed name.

Comment that Jon Steinhart is working to deal with tough issues including: fair exceeding expectations in attendance, membership into the computer era, and making the bylaws up to date with the times.

**Late announcement:** Kim Langolf is the new event manager.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:50 p.m.

**Review of motions passed:**

- Draft 2 of November 25, 2025 minutes was passed by unanimous consent (11-0) with Ann abstaining.
- 24 vetted Elder applications were approved by unanimous consent (12-0)
- Jeannine Emery and John Davis were approved for ECOCF listserv