

**Oregon Country Fair Elections Committee**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**Wednesday, April 16th 2025, 6:30pm**  
**OCF Office - Zoom Call**

**Attendance:** Jeffrey Rames, Heidi Doscher, Merrill Levine, Jen-Lin Hodgden, Michale Schulze, Laura Lunn, John Govsky

**Quorum:** Quorum met

**Agenda:**

- Introduction of New Membership Secretary - Jeffrey Rames
- Election Committee Norms
- Unfinished Business
- Election Committee Annual Report
- Hybrid Voting Project
- 2025 Elections
- Next Steps
- Assignments

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** None

**The Main Points:**

Introduction of New Membership Secretary - Jeffrey Rames

Jeff Rames introduced himself and talked a little about his past and why and how he became OCF's Membership Secretary. Each attending Committee member also introduced themselves with a focus on their time and different ways they have participated and supported the fair.

Jeff discussed that this meeting will be pretty informal, really just an introduction and a review of any critical issues that the vacant MS position may currently have.

Election Committee Norms

> How often - Jeff asked what the norms have been as far as committee meetings. Seemed that this committee usually met to deploy the OCF's elections, and that task generally set the committee's meeting schedule. Group discussed what 2025 might look like for the committee, focusing on the Sunshine Database conversion, the Hybrid Voting Project and the 2025 Elections. Jeff stated that he needed to do a little more work on this set of tasks and get back with group on how to structure the group's meeting approach.

> Structure - The group discussed a bit how the committee functioned in the past. The committee usually functioned around tasks, mainly the election process. Jeff stated that he needed to further his knowledge of the OCF's norms around committee structure and expectations. Would discuss with group at next meeting.

Unfinished Business

> Application backlog - Team discussed Application process. There seemed to be a bit of confusion where it stood. There was no indication of any major backlog. Group suggested to take look at Membership mail slot and the Elections Gmail account. Jeff said he would follow up on those. He also stated that a better and consistent process needs to be established.

> Sunshine Database Cleanup - Team had a good conversation about the Sunshine database conversion. There seemed to be some views that the current database should be kept and

maintained. Jeff stated that it was his understanding the Fair has made the decision to move Membership data to Sunshine and that that conversion has already taken place. Jeff committed to getting more details on this to better understand where the database conversion stands and how it will impact the Election Committee and the upcoming election.

#### Election Committee Annual Report

Jeff asked if anyone present had any involvement in submitting the Committee's Annual Report. Group stated that task was generally the responsibility of the Membership Secretary. Jeff stated he will follow up and either get OK to not submit report due to vacancy, or pull a report together with the help of Stephen D. And committee members.

#### Hybrid Voting Project

Jeff shared with group an initial and very high level view of the Hybrid Voting Project. John Govsky discussed his involvement and the Board's work and expectations. Team had a varied discussion about process, concerns, risks, and the amount of work involved with such a task. The group had further conversation about Committee's role, balancing this project with the general Elections tasks. John Govsky volunteered to conduct a On-Line Voting example at next Elections Committee meeting. Jeff committed to further detailing project so that Committee could better understand task and figure out how to structure team roles and assignments.

#### 2025 Elections

Group had short conversation about the 2025 Election. Had conversation about critical dates to ensure none were be missed. There seemed to be no critical issues or dates being missed, but group did discuss that we were quickly going to need to start preparing for fall elections, especially with the possible Hybrid project impacts. Jeff committed to detailing a critical dates document and trigger work as soon as possible.

#### Next Steps

Group raised concerns about the amount of work coming towards committee. Everyone had busy lives and only so much time. Jeff agreed to further detail tasks and will work with committee next meeting to align group around the best possible fit for everyone. Focus needed to deal with Election "Committee" roles and Elections "Team" structure and challenges.

#### Assignments

Jeff to further detail task list and will work on assignments next meeting.

**Voting Results:** None - No votes taken

**Reports and Documents Introduced:** None

**Future Action Steps - Tasks - Calendar or Due dates:** See above meeting notes.

**Ending Time of Meeting:** 7:45pm

**Record of Motions Made:** None

**Draft Agenda for Next Meeting:** See above meeting notes