

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 2011

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Here are the statements from the candidates for the Board of Directors elections as submitted to the Elections Committee.

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My name is Saman, I am the owner of the Bangkok Grill. We have been at the fair for last 27 years.

In those years, I married to Sarah and we have 2 sons (Richard 21 and Jack, who drowned in the ocean early this year at age of 17). Both of our sons grew up at the fair. They love the fair very much.

I know this is my time to be part of the fair and help keep the fair safe and enjoyable for all the fair families, young or old. The future of the fair depends on the young energy to keep it going. I know with my experience of running my food booth at the fair all these years, I can be helpful in any that the fair needs. Please consider me.

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Hi Fair Family,

I've been a part of the Oregon Country Fair since the beginning, first in craft and food booths and 20 years on staff, currently on the BOD.

Thanks everyone for this year's great Fair! It was a wonderful year and I appreciate our amazing ability to work together. I will continue to support the booths, crews, entertainers and staff. We all deserve respect; respecting and listening to our youth is as necessary as respecting and listening to our elders.

Committees I am involved with are the Vision Action Committee, Peach Power, Path Planning and Financial Planning. I am also pushing our move towards an interactive internet site that can support many Fair activities. I am working with the survey task force on our current camping survey and with the Vision Action Committee to keep the Fair Goals current and meaningful, and to implement the creative ideas the family brings forth.

We are in the process of developing new camping areas. Fair Neighborhoods with toilets, water, established paths and boundaries will protect our green areas and keep us safe.

Let's move the Fair Kitchen out of the wetlands. I want to see that happen soon. The Kitchen Crews deserve a sanitary and safe kitchen.

Developing Humanure toilets with a composting system is a project I am championing. This is something the Fair can do on the leading edge of sustainability. The project can be started small and scaled up. My goal is to utilize our waste rather than pay to haul it off site.

I will continue to work for transparency in fair operations, openness, communication and full family participation as we move towards our 50th anniversary.

I try to be available to listen to your ideas and concerns and want to continue my work. Please Vote for Me!

**LUCY KINGSLEY**  
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Dear family and friends,

I would appreciate your support in my effort to be elected to the board for the Country Fair. We are a large multi-generational community with diverse needs and interests. Space, light, sound and toilets affect us all. How do we accomodate one another. Hopefully with respectful attentiveness.

I have been to every fair there has ever been. I came to the very first fair as a tourist and have worked in one capacity or another ever since. I have been a crafter, food vendor, coordinated medical services, registration, and have been on the neighborhood response team for many years. I have worked in fair central, was the recording secretary and served as the mother of the lost and found for more than 30 years. (My favorite story involves a 'lost rabbit and a found six year old boy and a grateful mother.) I currently work on the inventory crew. I have also been blessed with being on Culture Jam staff for the last three years. (Prior to that I spent four years in the kitchen washing dishes for CJ.)

Some of my musings about the fair have included such thoughts as having a night of only acoustic music, all staff and vendor parking off site (to leave space for the public), compostable hot drink cups and making Culture Jam have events year round. Anyway these are some of my thoughts. Do you support me?

Lucy Kingsley

**DEANE MORROW**  
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Howdy

I am a returning board member, still happy and proud to serve.

I love the Fair. I am a Charter Member, an Elder, a grandfathered crafter, and a booth rep.

Being a Charter Member means when the Fair needed money to buy the land, I borrowed, and then gave us \$300 for part of the down payment. Being an Elder means I have served the Fair at least 20 years and have reached the fine young age of at least 55. If the Fair is going to continue, we need to make room for our younger Fair Family and also keep the Elders. We need to make it nice for the Elders to step aside, not just get out of the way. If we are lucky we will all get to be Oregon Country Fair Elders.

I am on the Path Planning, and Archaeology committees.

I spoke loudly and often for more clean toilets, and hand washing stations. If you think we need more please send in feedback forms. They get read.

I still want all Fair family to be able to listen to board meetings.

The first sentence of our code of conduct says "We are an association of equals." I believe this.

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From the time I first came onsite, for the 1972 Dead concert, the Fair has held a special place in my heart. For me, it is the last bastion of the original Woodstock Nation, and the seed-stock for its flowering in new generations. The Hippies were right,, on the most essential issues, and the Fair and the way of life it represents is the path to survival for our biosphere. This is why we need to take a Seventh Generation view in guiding the direction of our event and our resources.

I support Path Planning efforts to keep up with changes to our land and to expand our public space. We need the space badly, and the new public areas will add interest for our paying audience. The board's proper role is to stay informed, offer feedback and guidance in a timely manner, and then to support the work of the committee. Likewise I support our Community Center project. It will support year-round opportunities for working, learning, and playing together, and will provide facilities for vital operational needs during the Fair.

Over the years, I've served on Traffic, Lot Security, and Recycling Crews, and the Survey Team. I've also pitched in with a number of other crews, and regularly take part in work parties and our quarterly highway cleanup. My friends are drawn from all sectors of the Fair Family, and I also interact regularly with much of our peace and justice community as a member of the Eugene City of Peace Steering Committee. I see these connections as important. Our Fair is more than just three days of fun. It is a community that has a vital role to play in meeting the pressing challenges facing our planet. More information will be at <http://www.rjnewton.com/ocfboard2011>.

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After experiencing this year's awesomely beautiful Fair I came to a realization. For all of OCF's evolution and growth the essence and feeling that inspired me as a young volunteer in 1970 remains as strong as ever. During the ensuing four decades as a volunteer I have been honored to serve on the Fair's first elected Board of Directors, as a crew coordinator, quartermaster, construction counter helper, all-purpose volunteer and now elder. Two years ago you gave me the opportunity of a second board term, serving as board liaison to the Budget and Elders committees and on the exiting new Evolution Task Force. Our board has grappled with intense challenges as well as fabulous opportunities for our Fair Family. Through these events I have relied on the values and concepts around which our early organizers fashioned our magical, essential event to guide me in stewardship. Their commitment to demonstrating a way of living that emphasizes social justice and the art of living lightly on the land through joyously magical and profound events still forms the heartbeat that will propel our Fair family into its world changing future.

As we consider expanding the Fair's footprint in the next few years, a renewed commitment to preservation of our forests and green spaces and ongoing evolution as a democratic, inclusive organization will be critical in maintaining the magic of our shared endeavor. How we honor each other's needs and aspirations will define our success

I feel that by combining skills gained from my three decade professional career in non-profit management, design, construction management and event production with a comprehensive knowledge of the Fair's operation I have been able to help advance our Fair values and goals. I hope you will enable me to continue this inspiring work in the next board term.

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I'm Michael Richard and I'm running for the Board of Directors. I'm an artist and a retired programmer. Eugene has been my home since 1975, when I began coming to the Fair. I became an Elder this year, and have lived at Random Elements on Shady Lane since 1980. I help with set up and tear down, and spend the Fair enjoying life on the Path.

The Fair has given a lot to me and many others, and I love being part of what makes it all work. It works great, thanks to our topnotch operational staff, crews and crafters. We face challenges, but they are created by success and represent opportunities to excel in both traditional and in new ways.

A lot of people, public and family, want to be at the Fair. We need to increase the both the public and family areas. Things are moving in right direction with this year's creation of a Camping Crew, the new front gate childcare, and planning toward creating more public space. I support these efforts and will continue to work on them as a member of the Path Planning Committee and of LUMP.

We have an exciting event, and could share the experience in ways that go beyond radio. Our media regulations are archaic. People have been making video on the path for years. We could create mobile environment, a fun way to share the experience in a way that protects individual rights and our community values.

The issues involved with growth and media motivate me, but mostly I want the people around me to be happy, both today and into the future, listening to the Family will be my guide as a board member.

## ELLEN SINGER

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Hi, Peachy Fair Pals,

My name is Ellen Singer, and I've once again thrown my name into the ring for your consideration as a member of the OCF Board of Directors.

I've been a member of other boards for over a decade, and I bring a unique skill set, including my background as a lawyer and ombudsman/mediator. I currently serve as President of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Mozart Players, the Northwest's premier chamber orchestra and the best bunch of acoustic musicians you'll ever find. Of course, that Board, like most nonprofits, has to focus on fundraising -- which is not a problem for our own unique organization. I've served on OCF Info Crew for 16 years and look forward to many more. If you are interested in adding me to the OCF Board, vote for me... either way, I'll see you at the Fair!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Peace and Love,  
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## LAWRENCE TAYLOR

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Thank you for allowing me to serve on your Board of Directors for the past 12 years. I would be honored to continue this work.

I attended my first Fair in 1973 as a teenaged sneak-in. Later, I sold crafts and worked in a food booth. Since 1983, I have cleaned the vault ("six-pack") toilets at the Fair as your Sanitation Coordinator.

Each of us has our own unique experience at the Fair which keeps us coming back decade after decade. Music, arts and crafts, food, sustainable technology; all of these are part of the new civilization we are building. My purpose on your Board will be to help maintain what is distinctive about the Fair: a culture built with hands and heart rather than factories and machines. This principle applies as much to the music we enjoy at the Fair (live, not canned) as to the food we eat there or the crafts we wear or otherwise employ.

The Fair has expanded from the Essential Event we all cherish to include a life-changing summer camp and year-round environmental protection efforts. I support this extension of our vision and the accompanying increase of our land base.

Thank you for your love of the Fair. Thank you for the trust you have granted me. And thank you for giving me space to dance.

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Hi, my name is David Walker but many of you know me as Wacko. I came to the fair in the early 90s as a performer in a band playing a pre-fair party. Like many of you, I immediately fell in love so I signed on to work on what was then a small and motley Decon crew. My experience was challenging, magical and very rewarding. Since then I have been an enthusiastic participant in many areas, seeking to broaden my understanding of how this, the festival to launch all festivals, was put together.

You, the fair family, are the heart of the fair. The time and commitment of the volunteers, crafters, board and staff, the wisdom and vision of our elders and the vibrancy and energy of our youth are what will propel our event into its 50<sup>th</sup> year as a shining example of community, volunteerism, creativity, sustainability and celebration.

As a board member I will be open to change and compromise as well as be able to make the difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions. I am committed to this event and its family and I believe I can help you do the work necessary to take the fair into the future.

Some concerns heading into the this decade include growth and expansion of the fair, amplified sound, growth of the elder and youth population, the barter fair, the upland kitchen or community center and ecological stability. I encourage all of you to participate in a unifying conversation intergenerationally, between crews and coordinators, among the board, volunteers and crafters and between the family and its participants.

Please take the time to visit my Facebook open voters' forum page to ask any questions or address any concerns. I am happy to oblige.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Oregon-Country-Fair-Open-Voters-Forum/106507378171>

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Our Fair is at a crossroads. We need a progressive Board — deeply involved with organizational change, financial stewardship, and oversight of our nonprofit's activities, yet able to step back and trust the staff and volunteers of the Fair to manage our events. After a few years when I took time away from Fair leadership to nurture my family and my law practice, I am ready to rejoin the Board and help it move in the right direction.

I was honored to serve on the Board from 2000 to 2008. During that time, I was the Board's liaison to the Financial Planning Committee. I also served on the Vision Quest Committee. For the last two years, I was the facilitator of the Board.

At the Fair, I am a Quartermaster. Before joining QM, I spent six years coordinating the camping project (now Camping Crew) and helping with special sweeps. Before that, I was a cook and food purchaser for the Main Camp Kitchen, both pre- and post-Fair. The Fair is a central part of my life and the relationships I have developed through working and playing there bring me light and meaning in every season of the year.

If elected, I hope to focus on three major projects: (1) Expanding the public paths of the Fair into what is now Crafts Lot in a way that is orderly but — given our dance with the Long Tom — not overly slow, and managing all the chain-reaction effects that will flow from doing so; (2) Developing a community center that will be a vital year-round resource for our Fair Family; and (3) Keeping our finances on the soundest possible footing at all times and for all the good work we do.

Thank you for reading. I would love to have your vote.