



OMA Annual Membership Meeting

October 20, 2021 | 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

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AGENDA

- A. Welcome & Roll Call** (*Beth Wytoski*) -
- B. Consent Calendar** (*Beth Wytoski*) -
 - 1. Minutes of the October 14, 2020, Annual Membership Meeting
 - 2. Current Financial Report
- C. Upcoming Summer Conferences** (*Beth Wytoski*) -
 - 1. 2022 OMA Summer Conference – Newport
 - 2. 2023/24 OMA Summer Conference RFPs
- D. Election of Officers and Directors for 2022** (*Beth Wytoski*) -
 - 1. Nominating Committee Report
 - 2. Election
 - 3. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members
- E. Proposed Amendments to OMA Constitution/Bylaws** (*Beth Wytoski*) -
- F. Adjournment** (*Beth Wytoski*) -



OMA Board Annual Membership Meeting

October 14, 2020 | 11:00 am – 11:45 am

League of Oregon Cities

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Voting Board Members:

Steve Callaway, President - Present
Beth Wytoski, Vice President – Present
Brian Dalton, Past President – Present
Allan Duffy, Director – Absent

Jeff Gowing, Director - Present
W. John Moore, Director - Present
Hank Williams, Director – Present
Carol MacInnes, Director - Present

Staff:

Executive Director, Mike Cully - Present

Jenna Jones – Present
Patty Mulvihill – Present

Kelly Richardson - Present

Other: There is a registration report attached showing other members present.

A. Welcome

11:15 am

President Steve Callaway called the meeting of October 14, 2020, to order at 11:15 am. The roll call was completed through the registration process and is attached to these minutes. President Callaway then recognized Dale Kunce with the American Red Cross.

Mr. Kunce addressed the membership and provided a report of current activities in and around the state with regard to the recent fires. He then took questions from the floor. Following his brief report President Callaway continued the meeting.

B. Consent Calendar

The consent calendar consisted of the September 26, 2019, Annual Membership Meeting minutes and the current financial report. There were no comments from the membership. Both the minutes and current financial report were included in the packet associated with this meeting.

It was moved by Mayor McArdle and seconded by Mayor Clark to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously, and the poll report is attached for the record.



C. Upcoming Summer Conference

President Callaway informed membership of the 2021 and 2022 Summer Conference schedule and locations. The packet associated with this meeting contains a memorandum on this topic.

D. Election of OMA Board Members for 2021

Mayor Dalton presented the 2021 slate of Board members.

- **Officers –**
Jeff Gowing, Cottage Grove; *President-Elect*
- **Directors –**
Sandy Toms, Boardman
Rod Cross, Toledo
Jim Trett, Detroit
Henry Balensifer, Warrenton

No nominations were made from the floor.

It was moved by Mayor Clark and seconded by Mayor Axelrod to approve the 2021 slate of Board members as presented. The motion passed unanimously, and the polling report is attached for the record.

After the election was completed, outgoing board members were recognized for their outstanding service to the OMA. Those recognized included: Mayor Dalton; Mayor Moore; and Mayor Williams.

E. Proposed Bylaws Amendments

President Callaway informed members of the proposed Bylaws amendments and gave a brief overview of the same.

It was moved by Mayor Toms and seconded by Mayor Cross to approve the 2020 Bylaws update as presented. The motion passed unanimously, and the polling report is attached for the record.



F. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

G. Adjournment

President Steve Callaway adjourned the October 14, 2020, Annual Membership Meeting at 11:50 am.

APPROVED by the Oregon Mayors Association Membership on October 22, 2021.

ATTEST:

Mike Cully, Executive Director

Beth Wytoski, President



MEMORANDUM

To: OMA Membership

From: Patty Mulvihill, OMA Staff Liaison & LOC General Counsel

Date: October 12, 2021

Re: Current Financial Report

The OMA remains in sound fiscal health.

To date, the OMA has received \$87,549.17 in income this year. The bulk of this revenue comes from three sources: (1) membership dues; (2) conferences/trainings; and (3) sponsorship dollars. For membership dues, the OMA has received \$15,450.00, this amount is lower than the budgeted amount of \$22,000. Regarding conferences and trainings, between both the Spring Symposium and the Summer Conference (excluding sponsorship dollars), the OMA has earned \$50,349.17, this amount exceeds what was anticipated in the adopted budget. Sponsorship dollars earned the OMA \$21,250.00.

The largest expenditures for the OMA have been the OMA Summer Conference (just under \$41,000) and the fees paid to the LOC for acting as the Association's administrative support. Other nominal expenditures include the Directory and Student Contest. The only notable deviation from the adopted budget is the expenditures related to credit card fees. OMA estimated it would expend \$600 in credit card fees this year and it has actually expended approximately \$1,200.00 this year (this is attributable to the OMA taking membership renewals via credit card for the first time this calendar year).

Attached herein you will find a Budget Versus Actual document prepared by LOC's Finance Director.



Oregon Mayors Association

Budget vs. Actuals: CY_2021 - FY21 P&L

January - December 2021

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	REMAINING
Income			
4-4001 Membership Dues	15,450.00	22,000.00	6,550.00
4-4660 Silent Auction	6,310.00	2,700.00	-3,610.00
4-4700 LOC/OMA Symposium	12,288.17		-12,288.17
4-4753 Fall Workshop		5,500.00	5,500.00
4-4754 Summer Conference	31,751.00	25,000.00	-6,751.00
4-4760 Mayor's Sponsors	21,750.00	12,000.00	-9,750.00
General Fund			
4-4755 Scholarship Fund		1,200.00	1,200.00
Beginning Cash		75,308.00	75,308.00
Beginning Scholarship Fund		10,672.00	10,672.00
Total General Fund		87,180.00	87,180.00
Total Income	\$87,549.17	\$154,380.00	\$66,830.83
GROSS PROFIT	\$87,549.17	\$154,380.00	\$66,830.83
Expenses			
4-5000 Cost of Events			
4-5301 OMA Summer Conference			
4-5302 Administration	350.00		-350.00
4-5304 Activity Fees	2,216.59	800.00	-1,416.59
4-5307 Hotel-Catering	24,239.10	21,800.00	-2,439.10
4-5310 Postage / Printing	421.20	1,000.00	578.80
4-5313 Speakers	10,118.16	5,000.00	-5,118.16
4-5318 Transportation		500.00	500.00
4-5390 Conference Scholarships	3,640.85	5,000.00	1,359.15
Total 4-5301 OMA Summer Conference	40,985.90	34,100.00	-6,885.90
4-5400 Fall Workshop		5,000.00	5,000.00
4-5401 Speakers Fall Workshop		5,000.00	5,000.00
Total 4-5000 Cost of Events	40,985.90	44,100.00	3,114.10
4-6000 Operating Expenses			
4-6010 Copy, Fax, Printing		100.00	100.00
4-6013 Directory	829.52	500.00	-329.52
4-6017 LOC Services	18,749.99	25,750.00	7,000.01
4-6018 Mayor's Board Expense		2,500.00	2,500.00
4-6023 Mayor's Contest	2,700.00	3,500.00	800.00
4-6025 Miscellaneous	1,443.47	600.00	-843.47
4-6028 Newsletter		2,500.00	2,500.00
4-6030 Postage		1,000.00	1,000.00
4-6033 Supplies / Marketing	420.00	1,000.00	580.00
4-6040 WEB	3,100.00	4,500.00	1,400.00



Oregon Mayors Association

Budget vs. Actuals: CY_2021 - FY21 P&L

January - December 2021

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	REMAINING
4-6041 Listserv		750.00	750.00
Total 4-6000 Operating Expenses	27,242.98	42,700.00	15,457.02
Total Expenses	\$68,228.88	\$86,800.00	\$18,571.12
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$19,320.29	\$67,580.00	\$48,259.71
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STRENGTH IN UNITY

MEMORANDUM:

To: OMA Membership

From: Beth Wytoski, OMA President & Mayor of Dayton, Oregon

Date: October 8, 2021

Re: Upcoming Summer Conferences

In 2022, the OMA Summer Conference is slated to occur in Newport, Oregon between August 11, to August 13. The Conference will be held at the Best Western Agate Beach Resort. In early 2022, the OMA Board of Directors, along with the OMA Conference Planning Committee, will begin working with the city of Newport to plan another exceptional conference for the membership.

For calendar years 2023 and 2024, the OMA Board recently authorized the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP that was authorized for release is one which specifically targets cities and venues in regions of the state the OMA has not recently used as a conference location. Over the last several years, most of the OMA Conferences have been hosted along the I-5 corridor or in coastal communities. For calendar years 2023 and 2024, the OMA Board of Directors is committed to hosting the Annual Summer Conference east of the Cascade Mountain Range. To that end, the Board is intentionally limiting its submission of this RFP to cities who are located in eastern, central and south central Oregon. Specifically, the OMA Board is submitting the RFP to the following cities:

- Hood River, Oregon;
- Hermiston, Oregon;
- Pendleton, Oregon;
- Baker City, Oregon;
- Ontario, Oregon;
- Redmond, Oregon;
- Bend, Oregon; and
- Klamath Falls, Oregon.

These cities have been identified as having conference facility space large enough to host an OMA conference.

The RFP is being released on October 27, 2021. Responses are due by December 1, 2021. The OMA Board of Directors will review all submitted responses during a meeting on December 3, 2021.



STRENGTH IN UNITY

MEMORANDUM:

To: OMA Membership

From: Beth Wytoski, OMA President and Mayor of Dayton, Oregon

Date: October 8, 2021

Re: Election of 2022 OMA Board of Directors

The OMA Board of Directors is comprised of nine members, three of whom are officers.

Officers include the: President, President-Elect, and Past-President. All officers serve one year terms. The President-Elect automatically assumes the position of President and the President automatically becomes the Past-President.

The remaining six positions are classified as Director positions. Each Director position is a three-year term.

Pursuant to the OMA Constitution and Bylaws, persons interested in serving on the OMA Board of Directors is to submit an application to the OMA Nominating Committee. This year, all such applications were due by September 20, 2021. The Nominating Committee is meeting on October 14, 2021, to review all submitted applications and will present a recommended slate of candidates to the OMA Board of Directors for the Board's review and approval. The Board will review the Committee's submitted slate of candidates during a meeting on October 22nd (said meeting will occur immediately preceding the OMA Annual Membership meeting).

Because the Nominating Committee has not yet met, its recommended slate of candidates cannot be provided. Once the Nominating Committee has finalized its slate of candidates, the slate will be circulated to all members. Please note that the slate presented by the Nominating Committee is not definitive, the Board of Directors must first approve the slate. If the Board modifies the Committee's slate, the membership will be so advised during the Annual Membership meeting.



STRENGTH IN UNITY

MEMORANDUM

To: OMA Membership

From: Beth Wytoski, OMA President and Mayor of Dayton, Oregon

Date: October 8, 2021

Re: Support for Proposed Constitutional & Bylaws Amendments

The OMA Board of Directors recommends the Association's Constitution and Bylaws be amended in two key manners. Both amendments are discussed generally herein. A copy of the current Constitution and Bylaws is attached, with proposed changes identified as follows:

- Newly proposed language is identified by text highlighted in yellow; and
- Current language proposed for deletion is identified by text using the ~~striketrough~~ feature.

Proposed Amendment #1 - Taking Positions on Legislative/Administrative Actions

As President of the OMA, I was approached by the LOC Executive Director on March 26, 2021, asking if the OMA would take a position on a pending piece of state legislation. At the time, it was not clear from the Constitution and Bylaws what authority, if any, I had to take a position on behalf of the OMA. While the OMA, including its President and Board, should not take positions on legislative matters without understanding how the membership generally feels on an issue, the OMA Board of Directors and I believe there should be a way for the OMA to quickly comment on important legislative matters that impact cities across Oregon.

The OMA Board of Directors propose amending the Constitution and Bylaws to create a new Article VIII, entitled Foundations of Home Rule and Civic Responsibility (all remaining Articles will be renumbered accordingly). This new Article VIII will have four sections.

Section 1. This section restates the purpose of the OMA and provides the Board, or its Officers, the power to take proactive and defensive positions on legislative or administrative matters that impact the foundations of home rule or civic responsibility and engagement with the Governor's office, State legislature and Oregon's federal delegation.

Section 2. This section defines the Foundations of Home Rule, of which there are three.

- Local Control;
- Fiscal Stability; and
- Funding Opportunities.

Section 3. This section stipulates the OMA is committed to supporting initiatives that encourage civic engagement and education for citizens of all ages so that each person understands how the democratic process works.

Section 4. The final section provides the Officers, at their sole discretion, the authority to take positions on a proposed state or federal piece of legislation, administrative rule, or policy, provided that the position taken is:

- Nonpartisan in nature; and
- Consistent with protecting and preserving the foundations of home rule; and/or
- Promotes the important of civic responsibility an engagement.

***Proposed Amendment #2 - Explicitly Expanding the Membership
of the OMA Nominating Committee by Two Persons***

During the January 14, 2021, OMA Board Meeting, when appointments were being made to various committees, the Board discussed the makeup of the Nominating Committee. The Committee, and its makeup, is described in Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution. That Section states that the Committee shall “consist of the immediate past president as chair, regardless of elected capacity, and two past presidents who are still serving as mayor.”

There is a limited number of persons who can meet these three requirements. In essence, the Committee can only be comprised of male mayors who reside in the Metro or Mid-Willamette Valley regions of the state this year. A non-diverse Nominating Committee could unconsciously and unwittingly result in a non-diverse slate of candidates for open Board positions. A decision was made to interpret Article VII, Section 1 as the minimum requirements for who could serve on the Nominating Committee.

The Board of Directors wishes to expand the Nominating Committee to a five-member Committee. It is to be comprised of the same current roster, but will also include two additional members of the OMA who are not currently serving on the OMA Board and who are not past presidents of the Board. This new configuration would mean the Nominating Committee could potentially be more comprised of mayors from all regions of the state, and allow for broader representation from traditionally underrepresented groups.

The proposal from the OMA Board of Directors is that the five-member Nominating Committee be comprised of the following:

- Immediate past president, regardless of elected capacity, serves as chair;
- Two past presidents who are still serving as mayor; and
- Two OMA members who are currently serving as mayor and who are not members of the OMA Board or past presidents of the OMA Board.

Proposed Motions

The two amendments will be voted on separately. Proposed motions have been provided for ease of reference.

1. Amendment #1 – Taking Positions on Legislative/Administrative Actions

I moved to amend the Constitution and Bylaws regarding the OMA's ability to take positions on legislative and/or administrative actions as proposed by the OMA Board of Directors and more specifically described in the packet associated with the 2021 OMA Annual Membership meeting on October 22, 2021.

2. Amendment #2 – Expanding the Makeup of the OMA Nominating Committee

I move to amend the Constitution regarding the makeup of the OMA Nominating Committee as proposed by the OMA Board of Directors and more specifically described in the packet associated with the OMA Annual Membership meeting on October 22, 2021.

OREGON MAYORS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I Name and Purpose

SECTION 1

NAME: The name of this Association shall be the Oregon Mayors Association (referred to herein as OMA).

SECTION 2

ORGANIZATION: OMA is an unincorporated association of persons serving in the position of mayor in Oregon cities. OMA shall be based at the League of Oregon Cities located at 1201 Court St. NE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97301

SECTION 3

PURPOSE: The purpose of the OMA shall be to increase the knowledge and ability of persons serving in the position of mayor in Oregon cities; to promote the exchange of information and ideas among mayors; to provide opportunities for mayors of Oregon cities to meet and discuss special functions of the office of mayor; to provide strong, collective efforts for influencing state programs and legislation; and to further the programs and objectives of the League of Oregon Cities by functioning as a recognized affiliate organization.

ARTICLE II Membership

SECTION 1

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP: Any person who is the duly elected or appointed mayor of an Oregon city shall be eligible for active membership in the association. Such a person shall become a member by submitting an application and payment of the membership fee for the current year to the secretary/treasurer.

SECTION 2

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP: A person shall cease to be an active member of the OMA upon termination of service in the office of mayor or failure to submit payment of the membership fee for the current year.

SECTION 3

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: Honorary members may be granted or retracted as the board of directors may determine. Upon approval of the board, any former mayor who has contributed in widely recognized and significant ways to the OMA and to their communities as mayor may be granted honorary membership. All past presidents of the OMA become honorary members upon

leaving the office of mayor. Honorary members shall pay no dues and carry no voting privileges as long as they are not serving in the office of mayor.

ARTICLE III

Officers, Directors and Committees

SECTION 1

OFFICERS: Officers of the OMA shall be active members of the OMA in good standing and shall consist of a president, president-elect, and immediate past-president. The immediate past president may serve their term as past president even if they no longer hold an elected office.

SECTION 2

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The board of directors shall consist of the president, president-elect, immediate past-president and six directors who are active members of the OMA.

SECTION 3

SECRETARY/TREASURER: The office of secretary/treasurer shall be non-voting and shall be filled ex-officio by the Executive Director of the League of Oregon Cities, or the Director's designee. The secretary/treasurer shall transact the necessary financial business of the OMA, keeping a complete record of all transactions, which shall be submitted for auditing to the annual membership meeting of the OMA.

SECTION 4

TERMS OF OFFICE:

- a) Terms of office for officers with the exception of the secretary/treasurer, shall be for one year. After serving as an officer of the board, a member may not serve on the board again for at least one year. The president-elect shall succeed to the office of president the following year. The president shall be the immediate past president the following year.
- b) Terms of office for directors shall be for three years.
- c) Officers and directors shall be elected at the annual membership meeting held during the annual conference of the League of Oregon Cities.

SECTION 5

VACANCIES:

- a) Any vacancies occurring among the six director seats known within a reasonable period prior to the annual membership meeting shall be filled through the Nominating Committee process. All other vacancies occurring among the six director seats may be filled by appointment by the board of directors for the remainder of the term.
- b) In the event of a vacancy of one or more officer positions, other than the office of president, the board shall fill the vacancy by appointing a replacement from those currently serving on the board for the remainder of the term.
- c) In the event of a vacancy in the president position, the president-elect shall succeed to the office of president for the remainder of the current term as well as the term as president for which he/she was scheduled to serve.

SECTION 6

DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: The officers shall exercise the usual powers and duties incident to their offices. The board of directors shall have general supervision over all the affairs of the organization subject to the will of the organization expressed at any duly-called meeting.

SECTION 7

COMMITTEES:

- a) The president shall make appointments, with the approval of the board of directors, to the following standing committees: Conference Planning Committee, Student Contest Selection Committee, Nominating Committee and Leadership Awards Review Committee. Each committee shall be chaired by an OMA member appointed by the President.
- b) The President shall create, with the approval of the board, such ad hoc committees as the majority of the board may deem advisable. The President shall make committee appointments, with the approval of the board of directors. Each committee shall be chaired by an OMA member appointed by the President.
- c) All members are eligible to participate in committees and with the board's approval, additional people may be appointed. d) The President shall assign board members as liaisons to committees to monitor committee activities and provide reports to the board.

ARTICLE IV
Finance

SECTION 1

FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year shall date from January 1 to December 31. Membership dues, as determined by the board of directors, shall be payable annually on or before January 1.

SECTION 2

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Active members shall pay dues as provided by the board of directors. The board is authorized to determine a fee for membership dues in an amount sufficient to pay the administrative costs of maintaining the association, plus such other programs and activities as the board of directors may from time to time determine.

SECTION 3

ANNUAL BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: The board shall adopt a budget annually at the first meeting of the board of directors. The secretary/treasurer shall present a financial report to the board at each meeting and to the membership at the annual membership meeting.

SECTION 4

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: The board shall enter into a contract for services to provide for administrative and financial support services with the League of Oregon Cities, or other qualified provider.

ARTICLE V
Board Meetings

SECTION 1

REGULAR MEETINGS: The board, during its annual business meeting, shall approve an annual meeting schedule including the time and place for the holding of regular meetings without other notice. This schedule shall be posted in the OMA newsletter; and/or the OMA website; and/or the OMA listserv.

SECTION 2

SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings of the board may be called by or at the request of the president, or any two directors.

SECTION 3

NOTICE: Written notice of any special meeting, or rescheduled regular meeting of the board shall be posted in the OMA newsletter; and/or the OMA website; and/or the OMA listserv at least three (3) business days in advance of the meeting.

SECTION 4

QUORUM: A quorum of five voting board members shall be required for the board to conduct business.

SECTION 5

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: A board member shall be deemed to be present if such board member participates in the meeting by conference telephone or by similar communications equipment through which all persons participating in the meeting may communicate with each other and all participants are advised of the communications equipment and the names of the participants in the conference are divulged to all participants.

SECTION 6

MANNER OF ACTING: Except as otherwise required by law or this Constitution, the act of the majority of the board at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the board. The President shall rule on all matters of procedure in conduct of the meeting. Voting by proxy is not permitted.

ARTICLE VI
Annual Membership Meeting

SECTION 2

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: The regular annual membership meeting of the OMA shall be held at the same time and place as the annual conference of the League of Oregon Cities. Other membership meetings may be held at such times and places as the board of directors may determine.

SECTION 2

NOTICE: Membership meetings shall be noticed in the OMA newsletter; and/or the OMA website; and/or the OMA listserv.

SECTION 3

QUORUM: Those active members present at any meeting of the association, provided the notice requirements have been met, shall constitute a quorum. Two-thirds of those present and voting shall be necessary for approval of any question before the association.

ARTICLE VII Election of Officers and Directors

SECTION 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: A **five-person** nominating committee shall be appointed by the president and shall consist of the immediate past president as chair, regardless of elected capacity, **and two past presidents who are still serving as mayor, and two OMA members who are not serving on the OMA Board and who are not past presidents of the Board.** If one or more past presidents are unable to serve, the president may appoint other mayors, subject to the board's approval. The nominating committee shall prepare a slate of officers consisting of president, president-elect and six directors, all of whom are active members of the association. Insofar as possible, the slate shall represent the state's various regions as well as cities of varying sizes. The committee may also consider other characteristics.

SECTION 2

ELECTION PROCESS: Applications to serve on the board must be submitted in writing to the secretary/treasurer at least 30 days prior to the annual membership meeting held during the annual conference of the League of Oregon Cities. The slate shall first be presented to the OMA board for their review and consent prior to the OMA's annual membership meeting during the annual conference of the League of Oregon Cities. Additional nominations shall be accepted from the floor of the annual membership meeting prior to votes being cast for the slate. The geographic location and city size shall be disclosed at the time of nomination from the floor.

Article VIII

Foundations of Home Rule and Civic Responsibility

SECTION 1

PURPOSE: **The OMA is committed to securing and defending the foundations of home rule. Home rule is best protected when communities and citizens have a strong education in and understanding of civic responsibility and engagement. To that end, the OMA, through its Officers and the Board of Directors, may take proactive and defensive positions on legislative or administrative matters that impact the foundations of home rule or civic responsibility and engagement with the Governor's office, State Legislature and Oregon's federal delegation.**

SECTION 2

FOUNDATIONS OF HOME RULE: **There are three foundations of home rule of which the OMA is particularly concerned about securing and defending.**

- a) **Local Control. Preserve and protect the ability of cities in Oregon to enact local legislation and policies concerning local affairs and oppose any state or legislative action that preempts local authority.**
- b) **Fiscal Stability. Support legislation and policies that promote fiscal stability, predictability, financial independence, and preserve the revenue bases of cities throughout Oregon and**

ensure maximum local control over local budgeting. Oppose legislation and policies that shift local funds to special districts, counties, the state or federal government and/or make cities more dependent on special districts, counties, the state or federal government for financial stability, such as unfunded mandates.

- c) Funding Opportunities. Support opportunities that allow Oregon cities to compete for their fair share of regional, state and federal funding.

SECTION 3

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND ENGAGEMENT: The OMA is particularly concerned about promoting the importance of civic responsibility and engagement. Support initiatives that encourage civic engagement and education for citizens of all ages so that each person in Oregon will understand how the democratic process works, as well as how they themselves can engage in this process and participate in civic life.

SECTION 4

AUTHORITY OF OFFICERS: A majority of the Officers may, at their discretion, take a position, on behalf of the OMA, on any proposed piece of state or federal legislation, administrative rule, or policy, provided the position taken is:

- a) Nonpartisan in nature; and
- b) Consistent with protecting and preserving the foundations of home rule; and/or
- c) Promotes the importance of civic responsibility and engagement.

Any positions taken by the Officers shall be made known to the Board of Directors within seven days and to the full membership within 60 days of the position being taken.

ARTICLE VIII IX Amendments

SECTION 1

AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be amended or repealed by two-thirds vote of the active members of the association present at a membership meeting, provided that all members shall be notified of the time and place for the meeting. Five active members of this association may, by petition to the secretary/treasurer, initiate a desired change which shall become effective upon ratification of two-thirds of the active members present at any membership meeting.

Constitution originally adopted November 12, 1972. Includes amendments approved July 1978, November 1984, November 1986, August 1989, August 1990, November 1991, August 1992, November 1995, November 1999, November 2001, August 2006, September 2011, September 2014, September 2015, and October 2020, and October 2021.