

## Opportunities to serve the State Grange as Officers, Program Directors, District chairs or Deputies

There are many opportunities to serve at the state level, as Officers, Directors, District Chairs or Deputies.

**State Officers** are elected through a process that starts with nominations at the Subordinate/Community level.

In October of odd-years a form is sent to each Subordinate/Community Grange requesting nominations for each of the 16 officers. The Subordinate Grange has the months of November, December and January to vote on those nominations and return the form to the State Grange.

Following that any person who received a nomination is required to decide if they will accept the nomination. Those who accept the nomination will be allowed to make a statement for the Grange Bulletin and will be placed on the Preferential Ballot that is mailed to each Subordinate/Community Grange in March of even years.

Subordinate Members who are present at their April meeting are given the opportunity to vote for any of the nominees who accepted or to write in a candidate's name. The Subordinate/Community Grange secretary will tally those votes and send in a certified report with the ballots cast. A committee appointed by the State Master will count the ballots submitted by each Subordinate/Community Grange. The candidates who receive a majority of votes for the respective offices will have their name printed on the ballots for the Final Delegate Election at State Session. If no candidate for an office receives a majority of the votes cast, the names of the candidates for that office who receive the highest and next highest vote count will be printed on the ballot.

A detailed description of this process is found in the OSG by-laws starting with 1.8.1 and going through 1.10.9.

**Directors and District Chairs** are appointed by the State Master, but there are many opportunities to serve and any State Master is always looking for volunteers. With 11 different programs to choose from, find your passion and step forward to help.

Each of the following programs has the need of a Director and a District Chair that represents one of the six districts listed below. Committees are typically appointed for a two year term.

These are the Standing Committees for the Oregon State Grange:

- Agriculture
- Community Service
- Deaf Awareness and Family Health
- Education
- GWA (Grange Workers Activities)

Juniors  
Lecturers  
Legislative  
Membership  
Veterans  
Youth

The State Grange in Oregon is split into six (6) districts encompassing the following counties:

District #1	Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine
District #2	Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk
District #3	Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington, Yamhill
District #4	Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah, Sherman, Wasco
District #5	Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake
District #6	Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wheeler

**State and County** Deputies are also appointed by the State Master. The County Deputies are there to help with the Granges in their county. They are asked to visit at least once per year and are occasionally called on to visit at specific times for various projects. It's a good way to learn more about the Grange and to offer help around your county.

Currently we only have one State Deputy, and this is a paid position with the State Grange. The State Deputy is usually called on to visit Granges in need of a little more help, and goes in the name of the State Master.

All of these positions are important to the running of the Oregon State Grange, and each volunteer brings their skills and passion to table. Many Directors have left a lasting impression on the committee they chaired and over the years the State Grange has benefited greatly from all of our volunteers. Please consider one of these rolls and reach out to the State Master!