

Bylaws Committee Update

After a careful review of one of the Bylaws, we noted that the language describing Conflicts of Interest could use some improvement to ensure that discussions and disclosures were conducted during the meetings and on the record. The protocol for Bylaw revisions required (1) the formation of a Bylaw committee and (2) their work product to be reviewed and approved by the Tillamook County Counsel; and (3) a circulation of the proposed revision at least ten days prior to a meeting and vote requiring a majority approval at a general meeting. The current Bylaw committee includes Mary Pounding, Susan Schomburg and Cameron Nagel. The committee was organized by Vice Chair Larry Glickman. Larry organized the committee and administered its work and communicated with Tillamook County, but do not vote at the committee level. In order for you to evaluate the proposed change, below is a recital of the existing language and the proposed replacement language.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Prior to the start of each meeting, the Officers will be asked to declare any conflicts of interest that may exist regarding action items to be discussed at that meeting. If an Officer votes or proposes a position on a proposition in which the Officer has a direct special or financial interest, the Officer is obligated to disclose the existence of such interest to the membership. This information shall be made part of the record by the Secretary.

The revised Bylaw Committee and County Counsel, Joel Stevens approved language reads:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

After each meeting is called to order and the minutes of the prior meeting are acted upon, but prior to the start of each meetings' agenda of new business, the Officers will be asked by the Chair or Vice Chair to declare any conflicts of interest that may exist, or are perceived to exist, regarding action items to be discussed at that meeting. If any Officer votes or proposes a position on a proposition in which the Officer has a direct, indirect, special or financial interest, that Officer is obligated to disclose the existence of such interest to the membership before voting or proposing a position. All discussions of conflict, perceived or real, shall be made part of the record by the Secretary.