



OREGON REPUBLICAN PARTY

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ELECTING REPUBLICANS TO BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ALL OREGONIANS

PERUSING THE PAST, FORGING THE FUTURE

As the dust of 2023 settles into history and the promise of 2024 energizes Republicans everywhere, now is the perfect time to share what ORP committees are doing. Expect more committee reports and county news next month.

Bylaws

Joanna Harbour, Chair

The Bylaws Committee has worked hard in the ongoing project of keeping the ORP Bylaws updated. This requires countless volunteer hours to make the bylaws as clear and concise as possible so that ORP is organized and able to function efficiently.

In 2024, the Bylaws Committee hopes to finish our review of the bylaws of all 34 organized counties as well as those of our 6 Congressional Districts.

Candidate Assistance

Nicole Kalk, Chair

In 2023, the Candidate Assistance Committee initiated the development of **IGNITE** a candidate training program. Ignite is not just a training initiative; it's a platform dedicated to nurturing individuals who aspire to run for local offices—school boards, city councils, parks and rec boards, and more. Ignite strives to be a supportive network, equipping future candidates for success. The inaugural training will be held in March. Contact nicole.kalk@oregon.gop.

We've kept abreast of Republicans filing for state and local races. We're reaching out to first-time candidates, expressing gratitude and providing guidance on accessing state-level resources.

We are seeking a **volunteer** from each county to join the Committee. Our goal is to monitor all county-level races. Please contact your county chair and ask them to contact Nicole Kalk. Your involvement will help us support candidates at the local and state level.

Communications

LaJuana Decker, Chair

Your Communications Team has worked tirelessly keeping the ORP website updated, posting daily to social media, responding to messages, issuing press releases, answering media inquiries, and facilitating the work of other ORP committees by creating and publishing graphics, announcements, & training materials.

With more than 25,000 followers on Facebook, our social media presence is growing. In 2024, we hope to improve our reach on Instagram, Twitter, and emerging platforms. We work closely with our webmaster and marketing firm, as well as with RNC State Party Strategies, who are helping us improve media communications and develop election year promotions, including the Bank Your Vote drive.

The Communications team is looking for **volunteers**. If you have a skill and time to help, or suggestions about improving communications, contact: communications@oregon.gop.

Finance

Dan Mason, Chair

The long-term finance plan for ORP is a work in progress but coming together nicely. We are developing a sustainable revenue program to fund key operations year after year. This has multiple components—a direct mail program, digital fundraising, event operations, and stakeholder relationships—to put ORP on a better financial trajectory for years to come. Stay tuned.

Data

Mark Knowles, Chair

Your new ORP Data Team is excited to share that RNC recently completed a significant phone number data enrichment, which will noticeably improve our phone bank work this election cycle. They also created a "Neighborhood" feature in our data set to help us prioritize our canvassing. We will now be able to sort our precinct walks by "contact per foot." When deciding which walk to do next, we will be able to compare them based on this new metric.

Set aside the headlines and noise for a moment and know that our RNC team in Washington DC is doing some great work to help us win. We're ready to help you leverage their effort, putting it to work on the streets of our great state.

Elections

Tim McCloud, Chair

The Elections Committee has worked to raise concern about the devastating consequences of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). We will continue to amplify the need for a more efficient and transparent elections process. We are also tracking consequential public issues before they arrive on the ballot via the petitions process. We conduct periodic reviews of these issues and provide recommendations to the ORP Executive Committee.

If you have insight or concerns about a petition or an initiative and you would like to provide feedback or raise awareness about it, contact us at: tim.mccloud@oregon.gop.



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MORE NEWS FROM ORP COMMITTEES

Election Integrity

Janice Dysinger, Don Powers, CoChairs

The Election Integrity Committee has been working in these major areas:

- Clean voter rolls. Given past DMV voter registration issues, we will use RNC data to ensure former GOP voters who are newly nonaffiliated intended the change. We'll cross reference this with USPS undeliverable data and pass the info to counties so they can clean voter rolls at precinct level.
- Mis- Dis- & Mal-Information. Oregon's Secretary of State is procuring a contract using third-party foreign tech to identify and track so-called MDM threats by surveilling and tracking US Citizens as MDM threats.
- We are monitoring the state's new ORVIS voting system, which involves cloud hosting to tally votes. Many specifications show the system performing county functions. Counties will access Oregon Votes on the cloud which will connect to their local tally machines, resulting in increased vulnerability. The system's launch is behind schedule, so use of the old system has to be extended.
- We've developed resources to educate Oregonians about Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), coming to your ballot in 2 measures—HB2004 and HB3509.
- We have held educational workshops statewide, including hand-counting ballots, GOTV, voting system integrity, & more.

Rules

Margie Hughes, Chair

In 2023, the Rules Committee worked diligently on preparing special rules for each meeting—election rules, platform rules, and rules for the Convention to Select National Delegates.

In 2024, we will review and update ORP Standing Rules, as well as continue to prepare special rules needed for each meeting.

Energy

Kevin Hoar, Chair

The newly named Energy Committee has been working on the following:

- Identifying and tagging opponents of Eugene's Natural Gas Ban in the GOP Data Center
- Promoting the new Energy plank of ORP's Platform to candidates.
- We hope to develop curriculum for candidates and county parties to harness the energy plank for messaging and voter outreach.
- We hope to invite subject matter experts to engage in development of messaging, curriculum, and possibly instruction for ORP.
- We are highlighting news from recent winter storm related power outages to expose the perils of eliminating energy choices.
- We employ social media to alert voters to energy news involving Biden and Kotek administrations, state legislature, & local measures.
- For updates on efforts to resist the Biden admin's overreach to eliminate gas appliances, we recommend <https://handsoffmystove.com/>.

Prayer Teams

Carol Weddle, Chair

Understanding the great need for prayer, it's been an honor to pray for the Platform Conventions since 2015. Group prayer sessions have resulted in some of the most civil and productive conventions in recent memory. Good work is being done in unified prayer for legislative issues, and we'd like to see this ministry grow further in 2024.

The vision has been to establish a statewide network of Pray-ers who will respond to real-time needs, passing along prayer alerts to their own circles. We're looking for a **volunteer** in each county to help. What might the Lord do when hundreds (thousands?) of voices and hearts are raised in simultaneous prayer?! Will you join us? Contact Carol Weddle – WeddleWorks@gmail.com.

Get Out the VOTE

Connie Whelchel, Chair

Election Season is here, and the GOTV committee is working hard to channel passion into action! We have developed effective and efficient Get Out The Vote strategies and guidelines to help county parties in their efforts. Connie Whelchel conducted a 90-minute GOTV Zoom training to introduce these resources to precinct committeepersons.

Currently, the committee is developing voter registration and ballot harvesting strategies and resources, including a Voter Registration Toolkit to equip ANYONE to execute successful voter registration events in these important months before the Primary Election. If you want to conduct fruitful indoor voter registration drives during the winter, **NOW** is the time to contact and coordinate with venues and event vendors in your area to set up your (non-partisan) Voter Registration booths! Let's register new Republican voters and convert some nonaffiliated voters to join the Republican party!

Precinct Organization

Jessica Davidson, Chair

2023 was just the beginning of our ramp-up of PCP outreach and trainings. We have conducted several trainings you may remember, from RNC trainings to Legislative Day Trainings about how to engage with our legislators.

We will be starting our monthly PCP virtual calibrations this month! Mark your calendars and please join us the last Tuesday of each month, we'll send out a QR code or link for you to participate. Invite friends and family who are Republicans too. Let's win together in 2024!!!

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Meetings, Trainings, and Events, Oh, My!

Last year ORP sponsored a wealth of trainings to help us all in our work to elect Republicans.

- January—New officers training
- February—School board candidate training
- April—Ballot harvesting and voter registration trainings (in collaboration with four county parties)
- May—Our first PCP Legislative Day complete with a PCP Legislative Guide. We also brought RNC leadership to Oregon for several events to connect Oregon Republicans with national party leaders.
- June—Robert’s Rules training
- October—Trainings by both national and ORP trainers in conjunction with our biennial Platform Convention.
- November—Fall PCP Legislative Day and Effective Legislative Advocacy training along with an Open House to show off our new ORP office in Salem.

We also conducted important meetings including:

- 3 Nominating Conventions to fill legislative vacancies.
- 3 State Central Committee meetings.
- 5 major fundraising events featuring national speakers.

In an effort to engage more and more of you in the critical work of your Republican Party, we:

- Sent several county chairs to RNC trainings to bring back valuable information for us all.
- Conducted videoconferences to connect PCPs and legislative leaders so that they could keep us informed about their ongoing efforts in the legislative session. Expect more of these in 2024.
- Recruited industrious volunteers from around the state to serve on ORP committees. These committees are designed to optimize our resources in the most coordinated effort from the party in many years.
- Opened meetings to PCPs that have been closed to them in the past.
- Traveled the state supporting counties and connecting with PCPs to tell them how much we value their efforts.
- Facilitated the reorganization of one of our county parties.
- Recruited more **volunteers** to help us as we work together for the future of our state.

TOGETHER WE CAN WIN IN 2024!

News from House Republicans



Last week Oregon House Republicans introduced a bill to end Measure 110 as we know it.

This is an important step to ending the crises of drug addiction, homelessness, and crime that have plagued our state and have been made worse by this terrible policy.

We believe in making possession of deadly fentanyl, meth, and heroin a Class A Misdemeanor. By doing this, we can get drug users off the streets and into treatment so that they can become healthy, productive members of society.

Our plan favors treatment in place of jail, but there must be a mechanism to get people into the treatment or diversion programs they need to get clean.

Meanwhile, Democrats have refused to engage with Republicans on our ideas, instead shopping their bill around to handpicked insiders and special interests.

Republicans have been transparent about what we stand for because we are on the side of the people of Oregon. It is time to put the Measure 110 nightmare behind us so that our state can begin to heal.

Republican Events



Oregon Legislature’s Short Session
February 5, 2024 - March 10, 2024



Politics of Abortion: Challenging the Narrative
Multnomah County Republican Party/Right to Life
Jan 27, 2024 - 9101 E Burnside, Portland



Lincoln/Reagan Dinner
Deschutes Republican Party
Feb 19, 2024 Seventh Mountain Resort Bend



ORP State Central Committee Meeting
The Mill Casino Hotel & RV Park, North Bend
March 16, 2024



Red Wave Revival Summer Concert
Clackamas County Republican Party
Sept 7, 2024 Clackamas County Fairgrounds



Linn Laughs With Adam Carolla
Linn County Republican Party
September 7, 2024 Albany, OR

The ORP office is open for business! Stop by to sign petitions, grab some swag, learn what it takes to run for office, and get connected.

Mon-Wed-Fri 10-2

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