

# **OREGON EMERGENCY NET BY-LAWS**

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## ***ARTICLE 1. REQUIREMENTS TO BE AN OEN VOTING MEMBER....***

Sec. 1--The member must hold an OEN certificate.

Sec. 2--The member must "check-in" to the net a minimum of ten times in a period of thirty days prior to the election.

## ***ARTICLE 2. DIVISION OF THE STATE INTO VOTING AREAS...***

Sec. 1--For election purposes the mobile area map included in the OEN Booklet will be used. (See attached). In case of question to the exact location of election area lines, rely on county boundary lines.

## ***ARTICLE 3. PERCENTAGE OF VOTES NECESSARY TO ELECT...***

Sec. 1--The percentage of votes necessary to be cast by the OEN voting membership to decide any issue or election shall be a majority, except when voting on candidates wherein no one person receives a majority of votes. In this case the person receiving the greater number of votes shall be judged elected.

## ***ARTICLE 4. AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS...***

Sec. 1--There shall be elected by the OEN membership an executive board of seven members to serve as the OEN Board of Directors.

Sec. 2--Five members of the board shall be elected, one each, from the five designated areas of the State.

Sec. 3--Two members of the Board shall be elected from the State at large.

## ***ARTICLE 5. ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATE....***

(See Schedule)

***ARTICLE 6. QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO BECOME A BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATE....***

Sec. 1--The candidate must have been a member of the OEN two years prior to the nomination and hold an OEN certificate.

Sec. 2--The candidate must have "checked-in" to the net at least twenty times over the past three month period prior to nomination.

Sec. 3--The candidate must be a resident of the area from which he is chosen to represent.

***ARTICLE 7. NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS...***

Sec. 1--The net manager will prepare, or have prepared, a list of calls of eligible net members. He/She will then, by not less than two announcements during regular net sessions and by having the same list of calls printed in the "Netter", and Home Page, make this information available to the OEN voting members. The announcements, "Netter", and Home Page printing shall be made not less then ten days prior to the business meeting for the purpose of nominating.

Sec. 2--Nominations for Board of Director members will be made by the voting members at large at a business meeting on the air at a time set by the net manager. No endorsements are needed for nomination.

***ARTICLE 8. ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION....***

Sec. 1--After all nominating has been completed in open business meeting, the nominations shall be closed and each nominee shall advise the net manager in writing or by e-mail of his/her acceptance or rejection. Nominees shall have seven days to make written, or e-mail, acceptance or rejection, beginning with the close of the business meeting, of his/her nomination.

***ARTICLE 9. ACTION IN CASE OF ONLY ONE NOMINEE....***

Sec. 1--If there be only one nomination received from an area, that nomination shall be acted on in the same manner as area nominations containing multiple calls, and carried through the normal election procedures of the net.

***ARTICLE 10. ACTION IN CASE OF NO NOMINEE...***

Sec. 1--If no nominations are received for an area, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member to fill the office for the area in question. If there is no eligible person available in the area, the Board of Directors shall fill the vacancy by appointment, from, eligible

material from the State at large. The appointee will serve the normal term of office scheduled for the area.

***ARTICLE 11. NUMBER OF NOMINEES PERMISSIBLE....***

Sec. 1--There shall be no limit placed on the number of nominees offered for the consideration of the OEN voting membership.

***ARTICLE 12. GENERAL ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS...***

Sec. 1--Not more than twenty-one days after the close of the nominating business meeting the net secretary shall declare a general election to be conducted by mailed ballots and e-mail ballots by the OEN membership. Ballots will be printed in the "NETTER" prior to election, and also available on Home Page, or on request, from the net secretary if a stamped self-addressed envelope is supplied.

***ARTICLE 13. LEGAL VOTING BALLOTS...***

Sec. 1--No ballots, regular mail or e-mail, will be counted unless it contains the voter's OEN membership number. No other signature is required or necessary.

***ARTICLE 14. PLACEMENT OF CALLS OF NOMINEES ON VOTING BALLOT...***

Sec 1--The calls of the nominees will appear on the official ballot and Home Page in the same order in which the nominations were originally made.

***ARTICLE 15. COUNTING AND TABULATING VOTES...***

Sec 1--When votes have been cast, they will be mailed to the net secretary, who after tabulating and counting the votes, will forward them to the net Chairman or any Board Member for a second tabulation. The net secretary will announce the results of the voting to the net. In case of a miscount, or disagreement, the votes will be checked by the OEN Board, providing, however, that the miscount actually effects the results of the election.

***ARTICLE 16. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNING CANDIDATES...***

Sec. 1--The successful candidates shall be announced to the net without reference to the number of votes cast: however, the number for each candidate shall be available to any voting member of the OEN if he/she so requests, and supplies a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the net secretary.

***ARTICLE 17. AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS...***

Sec. 1--The Board of Directors shall be the final authority in determining the policies and operational procedures of the net.

***ARTICLE 18. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPLACEMENT WHEN MOVING FROM AREA OF REPRESENTATION....***

Sec. 1--Should the member move from his elected representative area the Board of Directors shall declare the office vacant and will appoint a qualified person to serve the unexpired term.

***ARTICLE 19. PERCENTAGE OF VOTES NECESSARY FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION..***

Sec. 1--When the Board of Directors consists of an eight-member board, it shall be necessary to have six votes in favor of a question before it can legally be passed.

Sec 2—When the Board of Directors consists of a seven member board, it shall be necessary to have five votes in favor of a question before it can legally be passed

Sec 3--Proxy votes may not be held or exercised by any member of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4--Absentee votes in writing submitted to the chairman of the Board of Directors by the absentee member will be considered a valid vote.

***ARTICLE 20. CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS..***

Sec. 1--Within thirty days after the announcement of the election results, the secretary shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors to select a Chairperson of the Board.

Sec. 2--The net manager shall not be eligible to fill this position.

***ARTICLE 21. THE OFFICE OF NET MANAGER....***

Sec. 1--The seven elected members of the Board of Directors shall have authority to appoint a net manager from the elected group or at large.

***ARTICLE 22. AUTHORITY OF NET MANAGER....***

Sec. 1--The net manager shall have equal voting privileges with the elected members of the Board of Directors on executive matters acted on by the board.

Sec. 2--The net manager shall have authority to make decisions of a minor and temporary nature concerning the operations of the net.

***ARTICLE 23. NET MANAGER-REMOVAL FROM OFFICE...***

Sec. 1--Inasmuch as the office of net manager is an appointed position executed by the Board of Directors, the holder of the office may be replaced by vote of the Board of Directors.

***ARTICLE 24. THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY AND/OR TREASURER...***

Sec. 1--The office of secretary and/or treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors after approval by the net manager of the appointee.

***ARTICLE 25. QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO HOLD OFFICE OF SECRETARY AND/OR TREASURER...***

Sec. 1--The member must have been a member of the OEN three years prior to the time of appointment.

Sec. 2--The member must hold an OEN certificate prior to the time of appointment.

Sec. 3--The member must have "checked-in" to the net at least 20 times over the last three months prior to appointment.

***ARTICLE 26. SECRETARY AND/OR TREASURER REMOVAL FROM OFFICE...***

Sec. 1--The secretary and/or treasurer-may be removed from office by the net manager with the approval of the Board of Directors.

***ARTICLE 27. BUSINESS MEETINGS...***

Sec. 1--At least quarterly, on a time and date set by the net secretary, he/she shall turn the meeting over to the Chairman who will hold a business meeting with the OEN members over the air.

Sec. 2--These meetings may be held in lieu of a regular seven o'clock roll call.

***ARTICLE 28. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS...***

Sec. 1--At least twice a year the chairman of the Board of Directors shall hold a meeting of the Board of Directors.

***ARTICLE 29. AUTHORITY OF THE OEN BOOKLET...***

Sec. 1--Except for the policy changes brought about by the recommendations of the steering committee and accepted by the OEN membership, the OEN Booklet shall govern the operations and policies of the net.

***ARTICLE 30. THE OREGON NETTER...***

Sec. 1--The Oregon Netter is the official non-profit publication of the Oregon Emergency Network and, as such, its editorial policies shall reflect the operational and executive procedures as set forth in the OEN Booklet or determined by the Board of Directors.