



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & CHANGE TO BYLAWS
Oklahoma Rural Water Association
53rd Annual Meeting
April 19, 2023
1:30 P.M.
Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center
6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133

CHANGE TO BYLAWS – NOMINATION & ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the 52nd Annual Meeting in Norman on April 20, 2022, the ORWA membership voted to amend the organization’s bylaws. Among other comprehensive amendments to the bylaws, a significant change was made to the manner in which the board of directors is nominated and elected. At the 2022 Annual Meeting, as in past years, nominations for directors were accepted on the floor during the Annual Meeting. Member delegates divided up into four regional caucuses, and came up with a nomination for one or more directors to represent their region. Each region announced their nominees and votes were cast in real time during the Annual Meeting.

Beginning this year, in accordance with the new bylaws, **nominations for directors must be made in advance before the Annual Meeting. Nominations for directors must be received at the ORWA office by March 1st!** As before, nominations may only be made by properly designated member delegates. Rather than have “on the fly” caucus meetings of the delegates for each region in real time during the Annual Meeting to develop nominations for directors, delegates must now nominate someone to serve as a director by using the attached form and returning it to the ORWA office no later than March 1, 2023.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR ASSOCIATION

Every ORWA member is encouraged to designate and send a delegate (a voting representative of the member system) to the ORWA Annual Meeting. Prior to the Annual Meeting, each delegate is encouraged to nominate someone to serve on the ORWA Board of Directors to represent their region. **Delegate designations and Director nominations must be made on the attached form and the form must be received by the ORWA office by March 1, 2023!**

PLEASE FILL OUT, SIGN, AND RETURN THE ATTACHED FORM! The first part of the form is where the member system’s chairman and secretary designate their delegate. (This part is the same as in prior years and has not changed.) The second part of the form is where the delegate makes their nomination for a director to represent their region on the ORWA Board of Directors. (This part is new.) This “mail-in” director nomination form replaces the real-time regional caucus meetings that were previously held during the Annual Meeting.

The ORWA Governance Committee will review and vet the persons nominated to serve as directors and will prepare a slate of candidates to be announced and considered at the Annual Meeting. All delegates are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting and support their nominated candidate!!

ORWA DIRECTORS WITH TERMS EXPIRING IN 2023

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4
Jeff McIntosh	Gary McGuire Rick Boone	Dennis Meyers	Robert Moore

For more details on eligibility requirements for delegates and directors, or to see a copy of the new Bylaws, go to our website, orwa.org, and click on “*Delegate and Director Nomination Info*”.

COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS PAGE BY MARCH 1, 2023!!

By mail to: ORWA – Director Nominations, 1410 S.E. 15th St., OKC, OK 73129

By email to: steph@orwa.org, Subject: “Director Nominations”

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DELEGATE CREDENTIAL

NOTE: Each ORWA member system must designate its voting delegate and alternate delegate by credential. That credential should be signed by the member system’s Chairman and Secretary and returned to the ORWA office.

Name of Member System: _____

County: _____

Name of Delegate: _____

Name of Alternate Delegate: _____

The above named delegate or alternate is authorized to make a nomination for a director to serve on the ORWA Board of Directors and to cast the official vote for the above named member system during the ORWA Annual Meeting.

Chairman: _____ Secretary: _____

NOMINATION OF DIRECTOR

Region 3

NOTE: Each properly designated delegate representing an ORWA member system may nominate a director to be considered by the ORWA Governance Committee in preparation of a slate of candidates to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Director nominations must be received by March 1st.

Current Region 3 Director (term expiring): **(Dennis Meyers)**

I nominate for re-election the above named Region 3 Director currently serving.

I nominate the following person to serve as Region 3 Director:

Delegate Signature: _____