

2018-19 OAMR OFFICER CANDIDATES

Candidate Statements and Photos



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2nd Vice-President: Teri Davis, Brookings

Treasurer: No candidate

Region I Director: Kathy Payne, MMC, St. Helens

Region III Director: Karin Johnson, MMC, Independence

Region V Director: Melissa Huhtala, Ashland

Region VII Director: Nancy Parker, CMC, Athena



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April 2, 2018

Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder
OAMR Nominating Committee Chair
City of Ontario
444 SW 4th Street
Ontario, OR 97914

Candidate Statement

Hello, my name is Teri Davis, City Recorder/Management Analyst for the City of Brookings, and I am running for Second Vice President. I have been an active member of OAMR for two years, and am currently working toward earning my CMC. I have participated on the Conference Committee and Education Committee since September of 2016. I have participated on the Newsletter Committee since September of 2017.

Although new to the position of City Recorder, I have over twenty-five years of municipal government experience and hold a Masters of Public Administration degree.

In the past, I have served in a leadership capacity with several organizations such as Cub Scout Pack 434 Committee Chair (six years), Boy Scout Troop 246 Webmaster (two years), Northmont Marching Band Boosters Board Secretary (three years), and Englewood Sister City Club Vice President (two years).

As a recent transplant to Oregon, and being new to the profession of City Recorder, I have received invaluable insights into the career through my experiences in OAMR. I believe the objectives of OAMR should include continued focus on education, mentorship, and support of City Recorders at all levels of experience. I believe the Board should continue to set a tone of inclusion and camaraderie. I further believe OAMR should continue to serve as a resource of expertise with regard to the duties of City Recorder.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

Respectfully submitted,



DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Name Kathy Payne, MMC
Title City Recorder
Employer City of St. Helens
Mailing Address PO Box 278
St. Helens, OR 97051
Position Applying For Region I Director



CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT FOR BOARD POSITION

Name/Title Kathy Payne / City Recorder

Candidate for Position of Region I Director

STATEMENT:

It is with great honor that I submit my Declaration of Candidacy for Region I Director of Oregon Association of Municipal Recordors (OAMR). It is my intention to serve Region I to the best of my abilities.

I have been a public servant since I was 16 years old, working in Oregon and Washington at the state, county, local, and school district levels. I have truly enjoyed my career and have learned so much from my 33 years of experience.

I have been a member of OAMR for 10 years, joining in 2008 after my promotion to City Recorder at the City of St. Helens. I also joined the International Association of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) the same year. In 2009, I began taking Professional Development courses with the goal to become IIMC certified. I achieved Certified Municipal Clerk designation on November 9, 2011, and Master Municipal Clerk designation on October 24, 2017, a great professional and personal accomplishment.

OAMR has helped me become the person that I am today. I have learned so much from our members and from all of the valuable training sessions that are offered each year, whether it is at an academy or conference. I would not be as knowledgeable or as resourceful as I am today if it weren't for OAMR.

I have served on a number of OAMR committees, including the Internet Committee (2011/12 to present), Newsletter Committee (2009/10 to present, Chair from 2013/14 – 2016/17), Conference Committee (2010/11, 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18), and Special Projects/Fundraising Committee (2013/14). I have been privileged to attend many conferences and trainings offered by OAMR, with the support of my Council and City Administrator.

As Region I Director, I will lead our area by bringing members together and encouraging members to become more active with OAMR in whatever capacity they are able to. I will endeavor to bring awareness to all members in my Region of the scholarship and educational opportunities available to them. I will also encourage networking, not only within our Region but within all of OAMR and internationally through IIMC. My goals will be to inform, collaborate and help each member enjoy being a part of such a great organization. I think knowledge is key and sharing information is an important part of being a leader.

Since I have been a member, I believe that OAMR has done a fabulous job to meet their objectives which include encouraging members to participate in the organization, providing educational opportunities, informing members of pertinent information, endeavoring to increase participation in the IIMC certification programs, and fundraising moneys to continue a healthy scholarship program. I will work diligently to meet these objectives for my Region.

I am the proud mother of a 21 year old son, Noah, who graduated from high school with honors. I have been a single mom for almost all of his life, so, the majority of my time outside of work has been taking care of him, managing his activities and his schoolwork. Being a single mom has brought many challenges our way but I am happy to say that my son is a good kid and I am proud of the young man he has become. I couldn't ask for a better kid! We have two dogs, Jack and Bella, who bring us so much comfort and joy!

I am a very proud member of OAMR. With all of my experience and skills I have learned over the years, I will be the best Region I Director that I can be if you so choose to elect me to this position. Thank you all for your consideration.



CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT FOR BOARD POSITION

(Nomination Deadline: Friday, March 2, 2018, 5pm)

STEP 2: In accordance with the OAMR Bylaws, Article VI, to complete the nomination filing process, the candidate must submit a completed Declaration of Candidacy, Candidate Statement and the following items listed below to the Nominating Committee by the deadline date to be considered for the election at the annual meeting in September. The following information provided by the candidate will be published in the newsletter and annual conference program.

- Declaration of Candidacy form.
- Candidate Statement form and minimum requirements, include:
 - Number of years as an active member of OAMR;
 - Whether you are currently participating or have completed professional development certification program.
 - List other professional organizations and/or activities in which you participate;
 - List current and past OAMR committees and/or board activities (include dates);
 - Describe leadership abilities and other expertise that you would bring to the position; and
 - State what you believe the objectives of OAMR should include.
- Letter of Support from Mayor or municipality you represent.
- Recent photograph (high quality digital color photograph).
- Attach copies of OAMR Certificates issued for active participation on OAMR Committees for two years, within the past four years.

NAME (as it appears on ballot): Karin Johnson

CANDIDATE FOR POSITION OF: Region III Director

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT:

I have been a member of OAMR since 1999, and completed my professional development education, achieving my MMC in March, 2009.

I have been active in various board positions, including Region III Director, OAMR Treasurer and OAMR 2nd VP, 1st VP and President. I have served on numerous committees over the years (too many to list here, but I have attached a list), and having served both in leadership roles and team member roles will serve our organization well.

I have always felt the primary objective of OAMR is education – providing the members of our profession the tools they need to excel in their jobs. Mentoring goes along hand in hand with this – those of us that have served for several years can – and should – encourage and assist our newer members. I would be honored to be able to continue to be of service to OAMR and my fellow professionals.

Additional pages may be attached.





DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

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Eligibility: In accordance with the OAMR Bylaws, Article V, Section 3, only active members of the Association, in good standing, shall be eligible to hold office. Candidates must have actively participated on an Association committee for two years, within the past four years, prior to taking office.

PLACE MY NAME IN NOMINATION FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICE OF THE 2018-2019 OAMR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

NAME (as it appears on ballot): Melissa Huhtala

TITLE (CMC/MMC): City Recorder

MUNICIPALITY: City of Ashland

MAILING ADDRESS: 20 East Main Street

E-MAIL ADDRESS: Melissa.huhtala@ashland.or.us

CANDIDATE FOR POSITION OF:

- SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:** Four-year term of office commitment.
- TREASURER:** Two-year term of office
- REGION I DIRECTOR:** Two-year term of office
Clatsop, Columbia, and Tillamook Counties
- REGION III DIRECTOR:** Two-year term of office
Benton, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, and Polk Counties
- REGION V DIRECTOR:** Two-year term of office
Coos, Curry, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, and Lake Counties
- REGION VII DIRECTOR:** Two-year term of office
Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler Counties

Submit Candidacy Packet by Friday, March 2, 2018, 5:00 p.m., to:

Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder
OAMR Nominating Committee Chair
City of Ontario, 444 SW 4th Street, Ontario, OR 97914
541-881-3232/541-889-7121
E-mail: tori.barnett@ontariooregon.org

Candidate Statement

- I have been an active member of OAMR since 2011.
- I have completed Professional Development 1 in June 2012.
- My application was just approved to become a Rotarian in the City of Ashland.
- Currently I am on the Conference and Internet Committee for OAMR.
- 2011 I was on the Conference Planning Committee.
- 2012 I was on the Internet Committee.
- 2013 I was on the Nominating Committee.
- 2014 I was on the Nominating Committee.
- 2015 I was on the Mentoring Committee.

I have experience in planning events. For 7 years I was chair of the Annual Talent Harvest Festival where I ran all the meetings as well as coordinated the event. Both in the City of Talent and the City of Ashland I was the coordinator for the annual volunteer celebration. Being the coordinator of events takes a lot of leadership skills which I think is an asset to be a Regional Director.

I work well with people and try to make things as fun as possible. This has been a very helpful and encouraging group during my time as a City Recorder. I think the objectives should be to get as much involvement as possible with other City Recorders while learning as much as possible. I also think keeping up to date with all things such as Public Records Laws and Elections is very important. If I am appointed for Region V Director I will be looking into training to keep everyone up to date.





March 13, 2018

OAMR Region VII Statement for Candidate
Nancy Parker,
City Recorder
City of Athena

I am pleased to submit my statement of candidacy for Region VII Director. I have served as Region Director the last four years, and would love to continue promoting the region and the work we have begun.

I have been an OAMR member for seven years, attended Professional Development I, II, III and IV; have earned my CMC and am working toward my MMC. I have enjoyed serving on the following committees, some for numerous years: Special Projects/Fundraising; Membership; Scholarship; Education; Conference; and Chairman of the Mentoring Committee the past three years. I have also attended and presented at various OAMR workshops.

It has been my honor to serve in various leadership capacities in every job I have held, as well as church, civic, and community organizations, including: Athena Chamber of Commerce, Beta Sigma Phi (both local and city wide chapters), Athena Weston Livestock Supporters and the local PTA. I served on the Board of Sunset Housing, which built 14 much needed apartments for senior citizens living in Athena. I was also a founding member and officer for ALFA - Athena Library Friends Association, which built a new library in Athena debt free.

I strongly believe in OAMR and the educational opportunities it provides, but more importantly the support and camaraderie of its members. We are a diverse group working together to promote the role of municipal clerk.

It has been my privilege to serve as Region VII Director the last four years, and if elected I look forward to promoting OAMR and the many benefits it has to offers our members.

Thank you for considering my application.

