



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## OWC ADOPTS BYLAWS TO ENSURE STATEWIDE ENGAGEMENT – LAUNCHES NEW MEMBER DRIVE

Salem, Oregon – The Oregon Wine Council (OWC) announced today the adoption of formal bylaws, a major step forward for the organization which was launched late last fall. OWC also launched an effort to expand membership outside of the founding members to build upon their success in creating a state association that represents the wine industry statewide.

Co-Chair Elin Miller, Owner of Umpqua Vineyards LLC stated, "The Oregon Wine Council has already achieved a lot for our industry in a short period of time. After successfully defeating anti-competitive wine legislation in the 2019 Session, we ensured that legislation did not reemerge in the short session and have made huge strides in separating the taxpayer funded Oregon Wine Board from a private, industry funded association. Our current membership includes approximately one-third of the wine and grape production in Oregon. As we launch our membership drive, our goal continues to be to unite our industry." OWC's 2019 Accomplishments can be found [HERE](#).

With a mission to protect, strengthen, unify and represent the entire Oregon wine and grape industry, the OWC adopted the following provisions in the bylaws to achieve this mission:

- The Board is designed to include Directors representing all AVA regions of the state elected by members from each region including positions for the Willamette Valley, the Columbia Gorge/Columbia Valley, Umpqua Valley and Rogue Valley.
- Additional Board seats are designed to represent wine industry members of different sizes and business models.
- The by-laws establish a "[President's Regional Advisory Committee](#)" that will bring together regional wine association representatives on a regular basis to discuss and advise the Board on regional issues.
- All Industry Members will be given the option to submit nominations for the Board of Directors in advance of determination of the candidate slate of nominees, for election by the members.
- The by-laws establish a Nominating Committee consisting of all Regional Directors of the Council to recommend directors for the Oregon Wine Board to the Governor pursuant to ORS 576.753.

"We are excited to welcome new members and believe our efforts to rebuild and refocus our industry will appeal to wineries and vineyards across Oregon," Co-Chair Ken Johnston, COO Winemakers LLC said. "OWC is committed to a long-term strategy to bring more accountability, transparency and representation to our industry through member engagement in decision making, information sharing and through proactive legislative and regulatory strategies. We hope other wineries and vineyards will join us today to help shape and achieve our vision."

Potential OWC members can contact [info@oregonwinecouncil.org](mailto:info@oregonwinecouncil.org) for membership materials or a copy of bylaws. They can also obtain more information at [www.oregonwinecouncil.org](http://www.oregonwinecouncil.org) or submit a [membership form](#) to join.