

Director Elections

Key Points

Eligibility Requirements

- **At-large director requirements:**
 - Must reside within the boundaries of the conservation district; and
 - Be a registered voter.
 - There are no land ownership or management requirements for at-large positions.
- **Zone director requirements: two options are available to an individual.**
 - *Option #1:*
 - Own or manage 10 or more acres of land in the district by:
 - a) Reside within the zone that is represented, and own or manage 10 or more acres in the conservation district boundaries; or
 - b) Reside within the conservation district boundaries, and own or manage 10 or more acres within the zone that is being represented.
 - Be involved in the active management of the property.
 - Be a registered voter.
 - *Option #2:*
 - Reside within the zone that is represented.
 - Have served at least one year as a director or associate director of a district.
 - Have a conservation plan approved by the district.
 - Be a registered voter.

Steps in Election Process

- Determine eligibility requirements for position.
- Complete *Declaration of Candidacy* form.
- Complete *Petition for Nomination Signature Sheet* and collect required original signatures.
- Take the *Petition for Nomination Signature Sheet* to the local county elections official for signature certification.
- File the completed forms by the deadline to the Department of Agriculture.

Things to Remember

- Type or print **clearly** on all election forms.
- Your signature sheet must be certified by the county elections official before submitting to ODA – make sure to leave enough time to do this before the filing deadline.
- If you expect to receive or expend more than \$750, you must file the required forms with the Oregon Secretary of State's office.
- If you wish to be considered as a write-in candidate, you must file the required forms with ODA by the filing deadline.

Resources

SWCD Program Contacts:
Sandi Hiatt 503-986-4704

Oregon Secretary of State, Elections Division
website: <https://oda.fyi/Elections>

Applicable Laws and Rules

ORS 568.560 can be found at:
<https://oda.fyi/ORS568>

ORS 255 can be found at: <https://oda.fyi/ORS255>

Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 199 can be found at:
<https://oda.fyi/OAR199>

District Staff

What can district staff assist with?

- Provide paperwork.
- Answer questions related to election process or district operations.
- Refer potential candidates to ODA for further information.
- Provide the public with non-bias objective information about candidates. (ODA recommends only giving out names and contact information of candidates).

What is it illegal for district staff to do?

- Sign candidate petitions during work hours or in the district office.
- Assist with filling out paperwork.
- Take any paperwork to county elections for signature certification.
- Mail candidate petitions to ODA.
- Provide to the public personal, subjective opinions of candidates.