

Lane Economic Committee Bylaws Subcommittee Report March 4, 2003

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The Bylaws subcommittee met on February 4 and again on March 4, 2003.

Objective

Review the existing LEC Bylaws to determine if changes should be made to Article III: Membership.

Recommendation

The Bylaws Subcommittee recommends no changes at the present time.

Comments

The existing bylaws provide general guidelines for the composition of membership. There was some discussion last year that we might want to amend the Bylaws to provide more specific guidelines. The subcommittee examined this issue closely and discussed numerous criteria which could be used. However, the subcommittee ultimately determined to leave the Bylaws unchanged for the following reasons:

- The existing LEC size of 15 members is appropriate to allow diverse representation while still being small enough to get things done. The subcommittee was concerned that adding additional specific guidelines could require a larger LEC.
- The subcommittee determined that a primary objective for the LEC should be to choose the very best candidates that are available, as long as we maintain the appropriate level of diversity for the group as a whole.
- The subcommittee determined that the LEC Nominations committee take even greater responsibility to select and recruit, if necessary, persons from underrepresented or important Lane county constituencies.

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The Bylaws Subcommittee suggests that the Nominations Committee consider the following expanded factors when evaluating potential new members:

1. At least 1 member from each of the following regions:
 - Rural North Lane county
 - Rural South Lane county
 - Rural West Lane county
 - Rural East Lane county
 - Eugene
 - Springfield

2. The following entities are key players in economic development and should be considered strong candidates for membership:
 - Lane County commissioner
 - City of Eugene
 - City of Springfield
 - University of Oregon
 - Lane Community College
 - Lane Metro Partnership
 - CVALCO
 - Chambers of Commerce
 - State of Oregon Economic and Community Development Department
 - Lane Workforce Partnership
 - U.S. Forest Service