May 2021 Newsletter



82nd Annual Meeting Recap

The 82nd Annual Meeting was held virtually on April 19th. Seventy-one members attended via zoom. The meeting included an update on finances and board elections. The evening's program, The Power of Fire Preparedness, OCEC's Wildfire Mitigation Efforts was well received by the membership in attendance. Dr. Susan Pritchard and Michael Liu discussed wildfire management, assessments, conditions and ecology of the local area. David Gottula and Samuel Israel followed by discussing OCEC's current and future fire mitigation efforts and David introduced the new Fire Safety Shutoffs segment of the OCEC Fire Mitigation Plan.

The June newsletter will contain more information on OCEC's fire mitigation plan and the possible use of Fire Safety Shutoffs.

82nd Annual Meeting Election Results

There were two open positions on the Board of Directors for the 2021 elections. Both positions are for three-year terms.

The voting tally was completed on April 21, 2021. The results of the 2021 election were:

> Alan Watson – 509 votes Michael Murray - 511 votes 5 Write in votes received

525 Ballots Received

40 Ballots Disqualified (void due to missing, incomplete or inaccurate signature or membership information)

Hours:

Monday - Thursday 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM

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Prepare your property, help your community, get entered to win a \$300 prize



Wildfire Ready Neighbors is a collaboration between Washington State Department of Natural Resources and local wildfire experts to help everyone in our region prepare for wildfires.

Reducing wildfire risk starts with our community. That's why we have partnered with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Okanogan Conservation District and local fire departments to help everyone take action to get wildfire ready.

Everyone in Okanogan County who signs up at WildfireReady.com by May 28th will receive a FREE step-by-step Wildfire Ready Plan and be entered to win a \$300 ACE Hardware gift card.

Join your neighbors in reducing wildfire risk at WildfireReady.com -- 1-877-WA-READY