CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE OSBA Board of Directors

Name:	Christine Cronin	Region: Eastern
District/ES	D/CC: _Grant ESD Board of Directors	Position #: 1

I certify that if elected I will faithfully serve as a member of the OSBA Board of Directors. My nomination form has been submitted to OSBA (or is attached to this document) as evidence.

Christine Cronin		_		9/7/2022
	Name	[Date	

Be brief; please limit your responses to 50 words per question.

1. Describe in your own words the mission and goals of OSBA.

OSBA serves students, board members and school districts all over Oregon by providing information, expertise, support, training and advocacy at the regional, state and national levels. OSBA provides services such as board leadership training, legal assistance, policy review, and legislative advocacy.

2. What do you want to accomplish by serving on the OSBA board of directors?

I want to continue to be a voice for small, rural school districts and ESDs as we discuss how best to advocate for and to serve all Oregon students. I look forward to working with educational leaders as schools and students begin to recover from the effects of the pandemic. There is much work to be done to promote and ensure student academic success and social and emotional well-being.

3. What leadership skills do you believe you bring to the board of directors? Give an example of a situation in which you demonstrated these skills.

I encourage robust discussion with many voices. The best decisions are made after hearing from all stakeholders. I chaired our board as our district sought student, staff and public input as we established a student health center, began student drug tests, hired a Resource Officer, and searched for a new Superintendent. Because we included all stakeholders, those efforts were successful and supported.

Immediately, the OSBA's greatest challenge is assisting districts and boards as their students and staff recover from the effects of the pandemic. Schools will need resources and funding for years to come in order to help students make up for learning losses and the impacts on student mental health and well-being.

OSBA also has a role to play to unite district school boards, staff, superintendents, students and parents to work together toward common goals. The disruptions to our communities in the past two years have created cultural and political divisions that are negatively affecting students.

5. What do you see as the two most challenging issues faced by your region?

Both of the issues stated as challenges for the OSBA are also challenges faced by my region.

Also, recruiting and retaining qualified teachers, staff, and administrators remains a huge challenge, made even more difficult by the pandemic, especially in our mostly remote Northeastern Oregon school districts.

6. What is your plan for communicating with boards in your region?

I regularly update regional board members via the OSBA list serve. I attend (and encourage board members in my region to attend) OSBA events such as the Fall Regionals and the summer and fall conventions. I am always accessible via phone or email.

CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME OSBA Board of Directors

Name: _Christi	ne Cronin	Date: September 7, 2022			
Address:	215 Franke Drive				
City / ZIP:	John Day, OR 97845				
Business phone):				
Residence phor	ne:	Deadline: Sept. 30, 2022, 5 pm Please send your picture (head shot). A			
	-620-1280	high-resolution digital photo is preferred but a print is acceptable.			
E-mail: croninvi	lle@gmail.com	E-mail to: <u>OSBAelections@osba.org</u> or mail to: Oregon School Boards			
District/ESD/CC	: Grant County ESD	Association, 1201 Court St NE, #400,			
Term expires: J	une 2023Years on board:2	Salem, OR 97301			
Work or servic	e performed for OSBA or local district (include	committee name and if you were chair):			
Grant School Di	istrict #3 (John Day) Board of Directors: July 1, 20	013-June 30, 2021			
Board Chair: 6	years				
Grant County E	SD Board of Directors: appointed May, 2021				
Other educatio	on board positions held/dates:				
Grant County E	SD Budget Committee: 2016-2021				
EOU Board of T	rustees, appointed July 1, 2022 (4-year term)				
Rural Caucus:	OSBA Liaison				
Occupation (In	clude at least the past five years):				
Employers: Eas	tern Oregon University	Dates: 1993-2017			
Regional Cente	r Director, John Day (retired)				
Schools attend	led (Include official name of school, where and w	hen):			
High school: E	Burns High School, Burns, OR 1966-1970				
College:	Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio – 1970-1971				
	Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR – 1971-1972				
	University of Oregon, Eugene, OR – 1972-1973				
	University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, No	orth Dakota – 1978-1979			
	Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, OR	– 1992-1993 (distance learning)			

Degrees earned: Bachelor of Science in Education, 1979, University of North Dakota

Education honors and/or awards:

Magna Cum Laude Beta Sigma Phi Distinguished Administrative Professional 2017, Eastern Oregon University

Other applicable training or education:

Graduate credit in Education from Eastern Oregon University OSBA board development in Roles and Responsibilities, Community Engagement, Board Leadership

Activities, other state and local community services:

Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation City of John Day Fire Station Advisory Committee City of John Day Project Advisory Committee City of John Day Budget Committee EOU/BMCC College Advisory Committee

Hobbies/special interests:

Exploring and enjoying Oregon outdoors via hiking, camping, & regular beach trips Gardening Book club member 25 years Travel – US and International

Business/professional/civic group memberships; offices held and dates:

NACADA – (Global Community for Academic Advising) 1993-2017 Beta Signa Phi: 2014-2017 UPCEA (Association of Professional, Online and Continuing Education (2010-2017

Additional comments:

It would be an honor to continue to represent the 37 ESD's and school boards of Wheeler, Grant, Union, Wallowa, Baker and Malheur counties of OSBA's Eastern Region 1. I look forward to supporting the establishment of a Rural Caucus Advisory at OSBA.

Deadline: September 30, 2022, 5 pm

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