

# CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

## OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

Name: Sarah Finger McDonald

Region: Linn/Benton/Lincoln

District/ESD/CC: Corvallis 509J

Position #: 10

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



Name

Sept. 25, 2021

Date

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

1. What do you want to accomplish by serving on the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)?

- Serve as a voice for boards in my region to shape the legislative priorities and agenda of the OSBA.
- build on my relationship with members of the legislature to advocate for Oregon's students and public schools and ensure we have the long term support and resources we need.

2. What leadership skills do you bring to the LPC? Give an example of a situation in which you demonstrated these skills.

I make connections and lead from behind to create opportunities for involvement and advocacy.

Example = Several local organizations were concerned about an issue. I brought the groups together and arranged for Rep. DeFazio's staff member to meet with us in Corvallis and hear the concerns of a diverse group.

3. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by OSBA?

1. Ensuring schools have the support needed to continue providing for our students' education and well-being during and after the pandemic
2. When political divisions are contentious and heightened by the pandemic, keeping the focus on equitable, student centered legislation that builds learning opportunities and prepares students to thrive and contribute to society

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

The challenges to our region are similar to the challenges to OSBA. Our schools need the resources to respond efficiently and effectively to the long term challenge of the pandemic. Political divisions among and within districts in our region distract from our focus on equitably serving and educating all of our children.

5. What is your plan for communicating with boards in your region about legislative issues?

I have built an email list for our member boards and will share updates, issues, and advocacy opportunities with board members.

**Deadline: October 1, 2021, 5 p.m.**

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# CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME

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Term expires: Dec. 31, 2021 Years on board: 2

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Please send your picture (head shot).  
A high-resolution digital photo is preferred but a print is acceptable.  
E-mail to [OSBAelections@osba.org](mailto:OSBAelections@osba.org),  
or mail to: Oregon School Boards  
Association, 1201 Court St NE, #400,  
Salem, OR 97301

**Work or service performed for OSBA or local district** (include committee name and if you were chair):

OSBA Legislative Policy Committee  
Corvallis 509J School Board, Vice Chair  
Corvallis 509J Redistricting Committee, liason for the school board  
Corvallis 509J Special Education Advisory Committee, liason for the school board

**Other education board positions held/dates:**

Linn, Benton, Lincoln ESD Budget Committee - 2017 - current  
Garfield Elementary School PTA , vice president - 2015-2016

**Occupation** (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:

Academic Advisor, OSU, Dept. of Horticulture

Dates:

2015-current

**Schools attended** (Include official name of school, where and when):

High school: Yorktown HS, Arlington, VA, graduated 1990

College:

Degrees earned:

BS in Biology, Univ. of Notre Dame, 1994  
MS in Horticulture, Virginia Tech, 2000  
PhD in Horticulture, Oregon State Univ., 2007

Education honors and/or awards:

ARCO Swallow Research Fellowship

Other applicable training or education:

Social Justice Education Initiative training  
Black Minds Matter  
Courageous Conversations  
Legislative advocacy training

As part of Corvallis board -  
Chalkboard - school board training in the  
development of transformative policy  
OSBA Promise Scholarship training  
Diane Efseaff Memorial Scholarship Program

**Activities, other state and local community services:**

Precinct Committee Person  
Neighborhood Leader Program

**Hobbies/special interests:**

Reading  
Kayaking & paddle boarding  
Knitting

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

NCADA = professional association for academic advisors

**Additional comments:**

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