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OHEIA NEWSLETTER

The mission of the Oregon Hunter Education Instructors Association (OHEIA) is to continually strive to improve the teaching of safe, ethical and responsible hunting through the Hunter Education program.

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President's Message

Fellow OHEIA Members:

It is hard to believe March is upon us! Before we know it, the Controlled Hunt Deadline will be here.

In Redmond we just survived a short, but intense, winter storm which arrived in time for our early Hunter Ed classes. Fortunately for the students (and instructors) we got a break in the weather and enjoyed a relatively warm, snow-free field day.

Time and activities are moving just as fast within OHEIA. I marvel at how quickly my term as President is winding down, and that I'll soon be "put out to pasture" as your Past President.

It seems like just yesterday I was trying to compose my first address to you, and now I already find myself doing what will be my last one.

Before I move on to the "pasture" there are still important tasks to finish. Chief among those is ensuring the continuity of OHEIA and your Board through our next election cycle.

These elections provide you the opportunity to select your future executive officers.

Elections can offer an opportunity of change, and this one does that. That you

are selecting a new person as your President-Elect is not a surprise, and is the "norm" under our Bylaws.

That has not always been the case with the Secretary and Treasurer positions, where the incumbent can be nominated and re-elected.

That will be the case with Secretary, where our incumbent, Jeanne Littleton, has indicated a desire to continue serving if re-elected. However, that is not the case with Treasurer this year.

Our long time Treasurer, Rich Morgan, has decided after 9 elections, and 18 years of dedicated and excellent service to OHEIA that he is retiring. I have already thanked Rich for his unflagging loyalty and service to OHEIA.

When I was elected as President-Elect, then President Hedge Jarvis indicated I would undoubtedly face challenges, but he assured me none would come with Rich, or with our financial resources and records. This has been true. I have been amazed at Rich's attention to detail, his openness to change and new ideas, and his "can do" attitude.

For many of you, Rich has been the face of OHEIA as he manned our booth selling memberships and OHEIA

merchandise at ODFW meetings and OHEIA banquets and functions.

Rich's presence will be missed and I hope you will personally thank him for his service and contributions.

Please review the enclosed election instructions and candidate autobiographies, vote, and return your ballot.

PLEASE VOTE AND RETURN YOUR BALLOT POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15.

Our next board meeting is April 26, 2014, 11:00 AM, at the Santa Clara Grange in Eugene. In addition to our normal business we will count ballots and report the results. The results will also be announced via our website, email, and at the ODFW regional instructor meetings.

It has been a privilege to have served as your President. Hunter education instructors and OHEIA members are special, and I look forward to continuing my efforts with OHEIA by embracing my new role as "Past-President".

You have my best wishes for successful classes, and positive controlled hunt results!

Brian Ferry
OHEIA President.

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ODFW REGIONAL MEETING DATES

***Insert page from Hunter Ed News sent by ODFW
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BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS**2014 OHEIA Ballot Instructions**

Enclosed you will find:

1. Ballot Instructions
2. Each Candidate's Autobiography
3. A Ballot
4. A secrecy envelope
5. A pre-addressed return envelope

Ballot Instructions:

- Read Candidate's autobiography.
- Select the candidate of your choice and mark your ballot accordingly.
- Place the ballot in the Secrecy envelope and seal.
- Place the Secrecy envelope in the pre-addressed return envelope and seal.
- Stamp and return the pre-addressed envelope.

Ballot must be postmarked no later than April 15 to be counted.

***Thank you for your participation in your
OHEIA election process.***

SECRETARY**DARLENE MARQUARDT
CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY**

Hi - I'm Darlene Marquardt.

I have been involved with Hunter Education for quite a few years now. My husband began teaching several years before I joined him. But I always attended the classes to help, so when there was an opening for an instructor, I was the logical choice. I am your very own OHEIA webmaster and enjoy working with this wonderful group of people.

I am a teacher by profession. I teach Music and have also taught Computer/Business Technology and Careers for Morrow County School District. I have been a teacher since 1970, teaching in both public and private schools. I was also in an administrative position when teaching at private schools.

I have a B.A. in Music Education from Oregon College of Education (Western Oregon University), a Masters in Education from Oregon State University and a Masters in Business Administration from National University. I was honored to spend a year as President of the Oregon Business Education Association a couple of years ago. I was secretary of that group before becoming President-Elect and then President, and currently am representative between my Oregon group and the regional and national groups.

I am currently the Telecommunications Director/webmaster of the Western Business Education Association. I belong to Toastmasters International and have achieved Competent Toastmaster and Advanced Toastmaster bronze. I live in Athena with my husband and kitty cats. I have two grown children and two grandchildren.

If elected, I would do the best job I am able. I have been secretary of a number of different committees and groups over my lifetime and am thorough in my note taking and transcription of the minutes. I would like to serve OHEIA because it is a crucial and essential group that truly keeps the Education of our young hunters a priority for our DFW people and keeps our curriculum current and rigorous.

Thank you for the opportunity to run for this office.

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