



# OCR P NEWS

February 2025

## *Championing Liberty, Inspiring Change!*

### **Congratulations to our 2024-2026 elected Executive Board members!**

**Stacy Storm** - Chair  
**Michael Blake** - Vice Chair  
**Mary LaVelle** - Secretary  
**Wayne Turner** - Treasurer  
**Isaac Taylor** - State Committeeman  
**Suzy Taylor** - State Committeewoman  
**Trinity Stucker** - 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative Dist.Cmt.  
**Ray Campbell** - 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative Dist.Cmt.  
**Anthony Jenkins** - 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative Dist.Cmt.  
**Kim Frey** - Area 1 Chair  
**Kelly Knapp** - Area 2 Chair  
**Nick Timm (not pictured)** - Area 4 Chair  
**Yvette Hill** - Area 5 Chair  
**Tina Holan** - Area 6 Chair



### **Okanogan County Commissioners**

Nick Timm, District 1  
Andy Hover, District 2  
Jon Neal, District 3  
509.422.7100

### **Okanogan County Assessor**

Larry Gilman  
509.422.7190

### **Okanogan County Auditor**

Cari Hall  
509.422.7240

### **Okanogan County Coroner**

Dave Rodriguez  
509.422.7221

### **Okanogan District Court Judges**

Chancey C. Crowell  
Charles D. Short  
509.422.7170

### **Okanogan County Prosecutor**

Albert Lin  
509.422.7280

## **Coming to YOUR neighborhood in 2025!**

For the past two years at OCRP, we've been fortunate to have centrally located headquarters in Okanogan for our monthly meetings, as well as a space to host speakers and events.

However, the time has come to move on from renting that space. Our decision is driven by two key factors: First, we want to be good stewards of the generous donations we receive from fiscally conservative Republicans throughout our community, and maintaining the headquarters was a significant expense. Second, we want to bring our meetings to different locations throughout the county, supporting local restaurants and businesses while connecting with conservative-minded people in various communities.

To ensure efficiency, we are renting a storage unit for signs and supplies at a much lower cost. Moving forward, we will hold our meetings at no-cost or low-cost venues throughout the county.

We look forward to seeing YOU and more of our beautiful county!

### Okanogan County Sheriff

Paul Budrow  
509.422.7200

### Okanogan Superior Court Judges

Robert W. Grimm  
Kathryn Burke

### Okanogan County Treasurer

Pam Johnson  
509.422.7180

### 7th Legislative District Representatives

Hunter Abell  
360.786.7988

Andrew Engell  
360.786.7908

### 7th Legislative District Senator

Shelly Short  
360.786.7612

### 4th Congressional District Representative

Dan Newhouse  
North District Office  
509.433.7760

### 4th Congressional District Senators

Maria Cantwell  
Spokane Office  
509.353.2507

Patty Murray  
Spokane Office  
509.624.9515

#### Steps to testify on bills being heard in WA Legislature:

- 1) Go to [leg.wa.gov](http://leg.wa.gov)
- 2) Enter bill number & click search
- 3) Select Sign Up to Testify/Submit Written Testimony
- 4) Select which type of testimony you would like to participate in:
  - In person during the hearing
  - Remotely
  - Would like position noted for the legislative record
  - Submit written testimony
- 5) Fill out form
- 6) Click on: Submit Registration Button

\*Due to high usage, remote testimony options are being shut down approximately an hour prior to the public hearing time.

## Did you know....

Washington State's legislative budget cycle is biennial, meaning it takes place every two years. The budget year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> of an odd-numbered year to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following odd-numbered year. The budget cycle is designed to authorize state agencies to spend taxpayer dollars and reflect the Legislative Body's priorities.

**It's 2025 and a BUDGET YEAR, so hang on to your wallets!**



Lighting the Path  
to Liberty

# Lincoln Day Dinner



**Saturday, March 8, 2025**  
**Omak Elks - 110 Ash St. N**  
**4 p.m. Social Hour**  
**6 p.m. Prime Rib Dinner**

Speaker:  
**Glen Morgan**  
Founder of We the Governed  
Property Rights Advocate  
Citizen Activist

**Seating is Limited - Reserve NOW**  
**Suggested Donation \$60**

For info or to make your reservation:  
Stacy Storm: 509.429.7287  
Wayne Turner: [wturner1328@gmail.com](mailto:wturner1328@gmail.com)

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Snapshots of the WAGOP State Meeting 1/31-2/1/25

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**Join your Okanogan County Republican party leadership at the LAST Central Committee Meeting to be held in our Okanogan Headquarters and bring a conservative friend or neighbor.**

**February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Potluck starts at 5:30 PM**

**Central Committee Meeting starts at 6:00 PM**

**Location: 647 ½ South Second Ave, Okanogan 98840**

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**The OCRP Communications Committee is a new addition to our local party structure!**

The Communications Committee is committed to increasing community outreach and contact with fellow conservatives. We welcome YOUR VOICE and want to hear from YOU about the issues impacting you and your families.

We are working hard to update our OCRP website and are also on Facebook and X bringing you the issues impacting Okanogan voters. Like, follow, friend and share our posts to help get your friends and neighbors engaged and participating in the Legislative process!

Please contact us through our social media platforms or email us at: [ocrpcoms@gmail.com](mailto:ocrpcoms@gmail.com)

**Committee members:** Tina Holan, Chair; Suzy Taylor; Marcia Butchart & Trinity Stucker

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## State Committee Report

-by Suzy Taylor, OCRP State Committeewoman

The WAGOP / Washington State Republican Party State Committee Meeting was January 31st - February 1st in Vancouver, Washington.

All 39 Counties send their Chair, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman, who were elected by each Republican County Central Committee, to meet no less than three times annually at a State Committee Meeting.

This particular meeting was the State Organizational Meeting, that happens every two years, in January of the odd number year. The State Committee elects the State Chairman and State Vice Chairman for a two year term.

The State Committee members were also just newly elected in December and January Organizational Meetings in each of their Counties.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman must be of opposite sexes. There were two candidates for Chair and three candidates for Vice Chair.

Jim Walsh, who is our current WAGOP State Chairman was elected again. Michelle Belkot was elected as the new WAGOP Vice Chair.

The election of the Executive Board Members also took place. Here, the State Committee members caucus separately in their regions 1-7, to elect members to represent their respective regions.

Okanogan County is in Region 4 and elects 3 members with both genders being represented. Region 4 includes Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas, Okanogan, Yakima and Klickitat. The newly elected representatives are Nino Kapitula Benton County State Committeewoman, Candy Erickson Grant County State Committeewoman, and Col. Rick Hunt Kittitas County State Committeeman.

The meeting included adopting meeting rules and WAGOP Bylaws and adopting the WAGOP Budget for 2025. All of the newly elected County Chairs had a meeting, discussing what they are doing in each of their Counties. Finally, there was a meeting of the newly elected WAGOP Executive Board.

It was a very productive weekend, with many dedicated people who want the WAGOP / Washington State Republican Party and Washington State to be the best it can be.

# Low Republican Voter Turnout Impacted Stevie's Bid for PUD Commissioner Race

-By Marcia Butchart

The OCRP Newsletter from November 2024 predicted that the 1500 new registered Democrats in the Methow Valley would be "highly motivated to bring their agenda to Okanogan County." That turned out to be true. As a result, Conservative Okanogan County ended up with a PUD Commissioner, Lauren McCloy, who was Governor Inslee's Senior Energy Advisor on his power policy board.

So, here are the details of how we got a commissioner who supports the Governor's and former-President Biden's energy agenda, with goals that include breaching the dams on the Lower Snake River. An article about the election published in the Methow Valley News, December 25, 2024, boasted, "High voter turnout helps Methow Valley voters have their say." Journalist Marcy Stamper calculated just how Lauren McCloy won.

While a precinct in the rest of Okanogan County had as little as 67% voter turnout, the Methow Valley had a precinct with over 90%. In the rest of Okanogan County, McCloy won by 4 votes; but in just the Methow Valley, she got 962 more votes than Stevie. Adding all votes together, she won with 52.5% of the vote. Stevie only received 46%. (MVNews 12-25-2024)

According to the Auditors records dated 11-26-2024, county-wide only 78.46% of registered actually voted. That left 21.54% who could not or would not vote. As a result, we elected a PUD commissioner who believes in breaching the dams that have provided the irrigation that made this region the top apple, pear and sweet cherry-growing area in the U.S. (<https://nwhort.org/industry-facts/apple-fact-sheet/#:~:text=Washington%20is%20the%20top%20U.S.the%20nation's%20organic%20apple%20crop.>)

There were 26,644 registered voters. Of those, only 20,904 voted; 5,740 did not vote. That is a little over one-fifth of the voters. It is likely that most of those non-voters preferred conservative values and could easily have moved the bid toward Bud Stevie, a man that shares our values.

Times have changed. It is more important now than ever that we value the privilege we have in this country to have a say in our local elections and vote; or we can find ourselves, like the Native Americans before us, governed by people who do not share our values.



**Thank you Kit Arbuckle,  
Teagan Levine, Larry Gilman  
and Bobby Penney for your  
service to the Okanogan  
County Republican Party.**

*"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."*

*~Edmund Burke*

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