

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-038

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO ESTABLISHING A HONORARY POET LAUREATE POSITION AND ESTABLISHING A NOMINATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, it is known that the arts bridge our differences and help build communities; it is the bricks and mortar of imagination, creativity, and cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, a poet laureate is an officially appointed poet who is charged with the promotion of the art of poetry and seeks to raise local consciousness to a greater appreciation of the reading and writing of poetry; and,

WHEREAS, Ouray County has a long and vibrant history of interest in the arts and poetry and the establishment of such an honorary position would bring additional recognition and support of the arts in our area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners received several written letters of support for the creation of such a position in Ouray County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That a Ouray County Poet Laureate Program is established as an honorary position for a two-year term; and
2. The Board of County Commissioners establishes a nomination review committee comprised of members of the various arts associations and organizations in Ouray County for the purpose of reviewing laureate applicants and making recommendations;
3. Nomination and selection guidelines have been established by and through "Ouray County Poet Laureate Nomination Guidelines and Responsibilities" attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

Adopted this 23rd day of OCTOBER, 2018.

Voting for: Commissioners Batchelder, Peters + Tisdell
Voting against: NONE

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO

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Don Batchelder, Chair

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John E. Peters, Vice-Chair

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Ben Tisdell, Commissioner



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Michelle Nauer, Clerk and Recorder
By: Hannah Hollenbeck, Deputy Clerk of the Board



Exhibit A

Ouray County Poet Laureate Nomination Guidelines and Responsibilities

Nomination Guidelines

Ouray County is seeking candidates to serve as Ouray County Poet Laureate, an honorary position to promote the art of poetry and seek to raise local consciousness to a greater appreciation of the reading and writing of poetry. The two-year position was established by the Ouray County Board of County Commissioners via Resolution 2018-038.

Requirements

To be considered for the position, the applicant must reside in Ouray County, be at least 18 years of age and be available for public activities, as requested, throughout the term of service. An applicant may be self-nominated or nominated by others.

Selection

The Poet Laureate Selection Committee, made up of one member from the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild, Weehawken Creative Arts Program, Open Bard Poetry Series, Poetica, the Sherbino Board of Directors, and the Wright Opera House Board of Directors will facilitate the selection process and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for final designation. The laureate will be chosen by the criteria of: quality of work; distinguished achievement; perceived ability to advance poetry among the public; and an understanding of the public responsibility of the position.

Term

The Poet Laureate is an honorary two-year position without compensation.

The Poet Laureate may be requested to participate at public gatherings and educational settings throughout the term of service. The Laureate shall represent and celebrate the diversity and history of Ouray County throughout the term of service and may be asked to highlight the people, places, and traditions of Ouray County at various public events.

Nomination

Please submit a complete Nomination Packet. The items may be returned upon request.

1. Resume or biography
2. 3-5 Work samples
3. One-page statement describing the role of the Ouray County Poet Laureate and how the nominee would fulfil this role.

Deadline

Deadline is _____, 2018 to either to the physical, mailing, or email addresses below.

Mail Nomination Packets to:

Mailing:

Ouray County Administration
P.O. Box C
Ouray, CO, 81427

Physical:

Ouray County Administrative Services Office
112 Village Square West, STE 220
Ridgway, CO 81432

Email:

hhollenbeck@ouraycountyco.gov