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# Colorado State Grange Master/President's Newsletter

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## Initiative 16 (PAUSE)

The Colorado Supreme Court voted 7-0 against Initiative 16, and determined that it did not meet the single subject requirement for a citizen ballot initiative.

Coloradans for Animal Care is a coalition of state agriculture leaders and their organizations formed to oppose initiative 16, a 2022 ballot initiative that would ask voters to criminalize commonly accepted veterinary and animal care practices in Colorado. It would also ban the slaughter of livestock that have not yet lived more than one-quarter of their anticipated lifetime, a standard far longer than consumer and foreign markets demand.

The coalition challenged the Title Board's ruling to approve the initiative for signature collection, claiming it addressed multiple subjects and included inflammatory language. After losing the Title Board challenge, the group appealed to the Colorado Supreme Court.

If the proponents wish to continue pursuing the measure, they will have to rewrite and file another title with the Title Board, beginning the process again. Any signatures that were collected are now void.

Coloradans for Animal Care was created to support any initiative that would protect safe, commonly accepted animal care practices and oppose any initiative that would lessen animal care. The coalition will continue to defend the agriculture industry from extreme measures like this one, whether it comes from these proponents or others. Support for the coalition grew throughout the challenge process and is expected to continue growing if other initiatives are filed.

For more information visit: [www.ColoradansforAnimalCare.com](http://www.ColoradansforAnimalCare.com).

## Colorado State Grange Constitution Article III – Voting

The representatives from the Subordinate Granges and the Pomona Granges of Colorado to the annual convention shall be two (2) delegates from each Subordinate or Pomona Grange in the state, to be elected from each Grange and shall be the only members entitled to vote. A delegate representing a Pomona Grange cannot also represent a Subordinate Grange. One Youth Delegate as selected by each **Pomona** or Area be given full constitutional rights to voting privileges at the Colorado State Convention.

## Colorado State Grange Convention

September 23-25, 2021

Masonic Lodge

421 Turner Drive, Durango

I hope your Grange is making plans to send delegates to the State convention this year. There are numerous motels/hotels in Durango with a wide variety of prices, so start looking for the best prices now.

This is a full election of officers year. Renee Caldwell has informed us that she will not be available to serve as the State Grange Secretary due to health conditions of her husband Alan. Also our current State Lecturer, Elizabeth Hiner and Assistant Steward, Dean Hiner will be moving to Hawaii.

According to the Colorado State Grange Constitution:

Article II Officers – Section 2

*“In the Colorado State Grange the officers shall be elected once in two years, on the odd numbered years. All elections shall be by ballot and a majority of all ballots cast shall be necessary to a choice. The Officers of the Colorado State Grange may be elected to the same position no more than four consecutive terms (three terms for Executive Committee)”.*

Therefore at this time none of the officers have reached their term limit. Next election will be a different story.

### **VOTING DELEGATES at State Convention**

Subordinate and Pomona Granges must have paid their second quarterly dues prior to the first day of the opening of the State Grange meeting in order to have voting delegates.

Granges with less than 13 members are entitled to only one (1) voting delegate, all others with 13 or more members are entitled to two (2) voting delegates.



As a host for this convention Colorado has many opportunities to have volunteers help out. Volunteers are needed in the following areas.

We do have the hospitality room on Wednesday and the signup form on line are all for Wed. and there are some places volunteers are needed on Saturday. Of course one can fill in on other days.

**National office** – 2 (two four hour shifts)

**Session Door Guard** – 5 time slots with two hour shifts for two people each shift.

### **National Grange Convention. Wichita, KS – November 9-13, 2021**

Hyatt Regency Wichita - 400 W. Waterman, Wichita, KS 67202 - \$127.87/night

Early Registration is now open, until September 6. The cost is \$40.00 per person. Junior member registration fee is \$10.00

Registration September 7 to Oct 1, fee goes up to \$45.00 per person. Junior member registration fee is \$15.00.

Late registration October 16-convention, fee is \$50.00 per person. Junior member registration fee is \$20.00

11/09/21 - Advocacy Luncheon	\$35.00
11/10/21 - Salute to Agriculture Luncheon	\$35.00
11/11/21 - Past Delegate Luncheon	\$35.00
11/11/21 - GROW Club Reception	\$35.00
11/13/21 - Celebration Banquet (Adult/child)	\$50.00 / \$20.00

The Menus are listed on the National Grange website. [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org)

11/09/21 - Open of 155th Session	FREE
11/10/21 - Quilts of Valor Presentation	FREE

**National convention opportunities continued**

**Hospitality Room** –three hour shifts for two individuals – 5 shifts

**Showcase Setup** – three four shifts – 2 individuals each shift

**Host office** help – four hour shifts for one person – There are four shifts.

**Registration Desk** – three hour shifts for two individuals. There are 4 shifts with an additional shift on Saturday

**Sixth Degree Room door guard** – Saturday. One shift for two people (Must be sixth degree members)

**Seventh degree Room Guard** – one shift for two people for 2 hours. (must be seventh degree members)

**Showcase clean up** – Saturday a.m. for 4 hours

**Sixth degree officers-** Saturday morning: 12 positions still open at this writing. KS, NE, OK, TX and CO will fill offices.

**Celebration Banquet** set up from 3-5 p.m.

*We hope you will consider helping out. The State Grange has set aside some money to help with expenses at the convention for individuals attending from our state.*

11/11/21 - Past Delegates Recognition	FREE
11/11/21 - Memorial Service	FREE
11/11/21 - Peterson Brothers Workshop for Youth & Jr's	FREE
11/11/21 - Peterson Brothers Concert w/ Registration	FREE
11/11/21 - Peterson Brothers Concert no Registration	\$25.00
11/11/21 - Peterson Brothers Meet & Greet	\$15.00
11/12/21 - Junior Activities Day	\$20.00
11/12/21 - General Tour - Visit Wichita	\$30.00
11/12/21 - Youth Tour - Botanica	\$30.00
11/12/21 - Junior & Youth Opening	FREE
11/12/21 - Grange Honors Awards Ceremony	FREE
11/13/21 - Seventh Degree Conferral	\$30.00
11/13/21 - Junior Tour - Exploration Place	\$30.00
11/13/21 - Evening of Excellence	FREE

There are many other events and workshops that will take place during the week so please make plans to join us for the full week.

Be Aware that National is charging a 5% processing fee on all registrations this year.

**There are a minimum of 58 volunteer opportunities listed! The need for help is great! Please consider attending the convention to help out. If individuals take more than one shift then that will reduced.**



## FELLOWS APPLICATIONS

*By Kennedy Gwin, National Grange Communications Manager*

Any Grange member interested in participating in a rigorous, hands-on training program in communications, with additional resources for membership, programming and engagement, is invited to apply for the 2021 Communication Fellows program.

This program, is made possible thanks to generous funders, but there are a limited number of spots available. Fellows receiving the bulk of their training during a 9-day experience at the 155th Annual National Grange Convention, held this year Nov. 5-14 in Wichita, Kansas. Those selected also are expected to make time for several teleconferences between July and October, as well as a few brief assignments prior to the start of National Convention.

This year, Fellows will hear from the National Master, National Grange Staff and Officers, other communications professionals and more. Fellows will produce content for the daily convention newsletter, interviews and content for our social media channels and stories/elements for Good Day!™ magazine, livestream events – and much more.

This is a hands-on training with a support from many of the more than 45 previous Fellows who have participated in the program since 2012. Those previous Fellows now hold many significant offices and jobs in their State and National Grange and often credit the program with providing them insight into the differences across State Granges and the opportunities and challenges to the organization, as well as great motivation for being part of our next 150+ years of service.

Any Grange member in good standing may apply, but all applicants must have a nomination letter from a State President/National Delegate; National Officer; National Grange Staff Member or past Communication Fellow.

The deadline for all materials to be submitted by email to the National Grange Communications Department via email ([kgwin@nationalgrange.org](mailto:kgwin@nationalgrange.org)) is PRIOR to “start of business” (9 a.m. Eastern) Thursday, July 15th.

We strongly encourage those who have not participated in the program previously to apply and will be given the highest priority.

If you have any questions about the program please contact [kgwin@nationalgrange.org](mailto:kgwin@nationalgrange.org)

### Colorado State Grange By-Laws. Article IV – Delinquent Granges



Section 1. The Secretary of the Colorado State Grange shall require that the quarterly dues of Subordinate Granges and the annual dues of Pomona Granges are promptly paid; and in case the dues of a Subordinate Grange are not paid for two (2) quarters the delinquent Grange shall be reported to the Master of the State Grange. On receiving such notice, it shall be the duty of the State Master to warn the delinquent Grange; and if such dues are not forwarded in a reasonable time, it shall be the duty of the Master of the Colorado State Grange to suspend the Charter of the delinquent Grange.

*Delinquent Granges are not entitled to voting delegates at the Colorado State Grange Convention.*