



# ICRP Newsletter - November 2024

## Chairman's Brief



What an election! Now it is time we think about what went right and what did not. First thing to know is this was a statewide loss. We were lucky to keep the incumbents we had. With that said we have room to do better. We need to work on voter turnout and messaging.

On the bright side, Trump is president! An Electoral landslide and a decisive popular vote victory. Our 1.7 million votes helped and we should be proud of that.

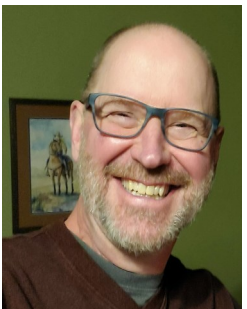
Back to Washington state and what we need. WA is going to get more expensive, crazier than ever with the new Domestic and extremism task force as well as plenty of other terrible liberal policies. With that said, as WA cannibalizes itself from the top down we need to be ready with a strong positive message of hope. The pendulum has reached its far left swing, soon it will start its return to normalcy and the center right. This is the way our nation had flourished in since it's inception. Be Ready!

I have had a great experience working with and for you all. I hope that the hard work, outreach and dedication can continue on with the next administration here in the ICRP.

Thank you!

Timothy S Hazelo (USN Ret)  
Chairman ICRP

## Message from the editor



For this issue, we have information on the upcoming ICRP Organization meeting, a 10K ft analysis of elections that affected us locally and a small look ahead to 2025.

This will be my final newsletter as it is time to pass this along to the next worthy owner. I have managed to produce 17 issues and had them all appear before the end of the month. I would like to thank the following people who contributed over the months: Sandi Peterson, Catherine Boland, Tracy Abhul, Nicole Vartanian and Jessica Thompson for their contributions to various issues produced. I also want to show appreciation to the Executive Board for support with data and editorial feedback. Finally, I also want to give a shout out to Peggy Shekem for her kind feedback on style.

Also a big thanks to any and all of the faithful readers of this newsletter.

To help with your plan to attend the next set of Central Committee meetings, here are the dates and locations:

- Dec 7th:**            **Organization meeting - Best Western Inn**  
                              **33175 State Route 20, Oak Harbor, Washington**
- Jan 4th:**            **8820 Viking Way, Stanwood (Tentative)**
- Feb 8th:**            **Deer Lagoon Grange #846, 5142 Bayview Rd, Langley (Tentative)**

Jim Spoltman  
Chair, ICRP Communications and Outreach

# Let's Get Organized!

With the end of elections it is time to get the new band together and set the ICRP up for success going forward. The Organization meeting on Dec 7th is an important one as the Precinct Committee Officers are officially seated for the 2025—2026 term. New officers will be elected: Chair, Vice Chair, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman. In addition, updated Bylaws will be reviewed and adopted.

This is one of the most important business meetings for the ICRP as it sets the tone for moving forward. All PCOs are HIGHLY encouraged to attend this meeting to vote for the Officers and Bylaws. The public is welcome to view the action as well. If you're curious about how this works, feel free to drop in and observe.

## What to expect

This meeting is very focused. Outgoing Chairman Tim Hazelo will kick off the meeting and then a temporary Chair is selected to run the meeting until a new ICRP Chair is elected. There will be a set of meeting rules to be approved and then election of officers will take place.

For election of officers, there will be a slate presented by the Nominating Committee with their recommendations for each office. Starting with the Chair, there will be a call for nominations from the floor. If there are none, the recommendation of the Nominating Committee is approved by acclamation. Expect that this position will be contested this year, so when nominations from the floor are completed, each candidate or their representative will get a chance to speak. Then the voting begins. This is secret ballot, so ballots are passed out to the elected PCOs and they make their selections. The ballots are collected and a group, called tellers, will tally the results. The requirement to win the election is a simple majority of 50% + 1.

If there are more than two candidates it is possible a majority may not happen with the first ballot. Depending on the number of PCOs attending, there is a chance for a tie as well. In this event, people supporting their candidates will get time to speak and a new vote will take place. This process continues until one candidate succeeds in receiving a majority vote. This same procedure will take place for each of the officers being elected.

After officer elections are complete, the review and acceptance of the Bylaws will then commence. This part is important as the Bylaws are the governing rules of the organization. Think of them as the ICRP Constitution. Vital to get these correct.

The proposed Bylaws will be available for review by the incoming PCOs and they will have an opportunity to recommend changes as they see fit. Those changes are required to be submitted in writing (email counts) to the Bylaws committee chair, Sandi Peterson, 48 hours prior to the meeting. So all incoming PCOs need to spend some time looking the proposed Bylaws over and be ready to proceed when this part of the meeting starts.

Each section will be reviewed in turn. If there are no recommendations for changes, that section is accepted as presented. If there are recommendations for changes, those are presented, debated and voted upon by the body of PCOs. Some will be incorporated and some rejected. Once all sections have been reviewed and approved, there is a vote to approve the Bylaws as a whole by simple majority (50% + 1).

Once these tasks are complete the meeting is done and the new ICRP Central Committee and Executive Board will carry the party to victory through the next two years.

# Local Election Analysis

This is a quick ten thousand foot view into a few of the local election results. A deeper analysis will follow over time as the Central Committee unravels the results and takes lessons away to improve in the future.

Let's start with the Commissioner Pos 2 Race which Jill Johnson won. Here are the final results:

County Commissioner, District 2						
Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Election Day		Total
Christina Elliott		24,155	49.22%	0	0.00%	24,155 49.22%
Jill Johnson		24,922	50.78%	0	0.00%	24,922 50.78%
Cast Votes:		49,077	100.00%	0	0.00%	49,077 100.00%
Undervotes:		3,476		0		3,476
Overvotes:		17		0		17
Uncertified Write-Ins:		186		0		186

Quick analysis shows a pretty solid win for Jill. However, anyone who watched this come about knows what a nail-biter this was. Jill came from behind in a BIG way in later vote counts that put her over the top. There were a lot of undervotes in this race. That means people chose not to vote at all in this particular race. 3476 is a high number in a race like this. That likely means there are people who just didn't know who to vote for or were generally dissatisfied with the choices presented. A deeper dive on this is needed to figure how why this came down the way it did.

Next, a quick look at the Commissioner Pos 1 race where Damian Greene was our write-in choice.

County Commissioner, District 1						
Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Election Day		Total
Melanie Bacon		23,842	63.50%	0	0.00%	23,842 63.50%
Marie Shimada		13,702	36.50%	0	0.00%	13,702 36.50%
Cast Votes:		37,544	100.00%	0	0.00%	37,544 100.00%
Undervotes:		8,793		0		8,793
Overvotes:		59		0		59
Uncertified Write-Ins:		6,360		0		6,360

This was not a wasted effort since there was no Republican in the race. Over 6000 write-in votes were counted. While likely not all of them were for Damian, you can bet the majority were. The undervote in this race is even higher than in the Pos 2 race. The optimist would add undervotes and write-in votes to produce a number above 15K that could have gone Damian's way. Still short of a win. The point here is that there are a lot of uncaptured voters in both of the commissioner races that need to be moved into the row that votes for our candidates in the future. Let's find them and bring them our way.

The last analysis is the LD 10 Senate results where Ron Muzzall took the win. I saved it for last as it will take a bit to unwind what happened.

These are the statewide race results:

Legislative District 10 - State Senator		County Results & Map	
Candidate		Vote	Vote %
Ron Muzzall	(Prefers Republican Party)	45,739	50.93%
Janet St Clair	(Prefers Democratic Party)	43,936	48.92%
WRITE-IN		140	0.16%
<b>Total Votes</b>		<b>89,815</b>	

This looks like a solid win for Ron, but let's dig in.

# Local Election Analysis

There are three counties that contribute voters in this race. Which counties went for Ron?



Hmm... That looks troublesome doesn't it?

Lets look at Snohomish county results first:

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 10 State Senator *Multi-county race. Results include only Snohomish County.		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Ron Muzzall (Prefers Republican Party)	16,892	59.45%
Janet St Clair (Prefers Democratic Party)	11,482	40.41%
WRITE-IN	42	0.15%
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>28,416</b>	

This is a rock solid win for Ron by 5410 votes. If you have friends in Snohomish County that vote in LD 10 thank them. Now let's have a peek at Skagit results:

Legislative District 10 State Senator *Multi-county race. Results include only Skagit County.		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Ron Muzzall (Prefers Republican Party)	4,919	45.49%
Janet St Clair (Prefers Democratic Party)	5,880	54.38%
WRITE-IN	14	0.13%
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>10,813</b>	

[Precinct Results »](#) [Statewide Results »](#)

Less than half the votes of Snohomish County, but a significant loss for Ron. His lead coming from Snohomish is cut to 4449. This is how the results per county matter in a District like LD10. The Republicans in each county really need to work together to get our candidates across the finish line. There is an organization of Republicans dedicated to just that purpose, but, obviously, there is work to do to improve these numbers.

Now, lets take a look at our Island County numbers and see how we contributed (or not) to Ron's LD 10 Senate win.

# Local Election Analysis

Here are the results for LD 10 in Island County:

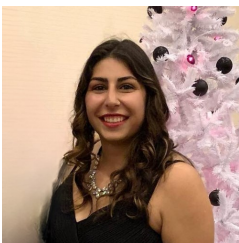
Legislative District 10, State Senator							
Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Election Day		Total	
Ron Muzzall		23,928	47.38%	0	0.00%	23,928	47.38%
Janet St Clair		26,574	52.62%	0	0.00%	26,574	52.62%
Cast Votes:		50,502	100.00%	0	0.00%	50,502	100.00%
Undervotes:		2,153		0		2,153	
Overvotes:		17		0		17	
Uncertified Write-Ins:		84		0		84	

Not quite double the votes of Snohomish County, but a major loss for Ron. His lead coming from Snohomish is now cut to 1803. Obviously this is where the ICRP needs to be spending it's time. Without the big win in Snohomish, Janet St Clair would be on her way to Olympia as our Senator.

So what happens next? There will need to be a lot of time spent finding out where the Republicans are because we know they are out there. We have (as of this election) 64127 registered voters in Island County. There was an 82.27% turnout which is fantastic, but Republicans were outvoted in a big way across all of the races except for Jill Johnson's Commissioner Pos 2 win.

The Central Committee will have to dig in to find out how we're going to turn this around.

## State Committee Report



Hi all,

This will be the last report for this duo of state committee people. It has been a pleasure serving you in the capacity of the last several months.

There is not a lot of detail to report as all of the County parties as well as the WA GOP are focused on the upcoming Organization meetings. To that end, the WA GOP has provided a number of resources to help that along. The ICRP has reported the date of our Organization meeting to the WA GOP so we have everything in order to proceed and move forward in Island County.

Many of you who are current PCOs should now have access to the Google Drive with information from the WA GOP. If you have not taken a look, do so, there is a lot of useful content that you can look through to help with being a proficient and effective PCO for Island County. All new incoming PCOs will receive access some time after the completion of the Organization meeting on Dec 7th.

While your committeeman is moving on Nicole is seeking to continue in this role going forward.

The next State Committee meeting will be held in Vancouver, WA Jan 31st—Feb 2nd. Your new State Committee representatives will be keeping you up to date on the goings on at the state level.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Spoltman

ICRP State Committeeman

Nicole Vartanian

ICRP State Committeewoman

## Useful Links

ICRP Homepage: [Island County GOP | Island County Republican Party | Oak Harbor](https://www.islandcountygop.net/)

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ICRP Facebook Page: [Go Here](https://www.facebook.com/groups/islandcountygop/?__tn__=%3C)

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Let's Go Washington: [Let's Go Washington \(letsgowashington.com\)](https://letsgowashington.com)

Voter Interests Project: [Voter Interests Project | Exploring the topics on the minds of voters](https://voterinterests.com/)

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