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In View: Manufacturing

Statesman Dinner

Seats are filling up for the 2019 Statesman Dinner. Get your ticket before they run out!

OBI's premier event has a new venue: the **Portland State University Viking Pavilion**. The ceiling collapse at the Portland Art Museum's Kridel Ballroom forced us to switch venues and we were thrilled PSU could accommodate us. The good news is that this new venue has a bit more space, enabling us to offer a few more seats for sale. [Click here to register](#) and get your spot to hear keynote speaker Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and honor retired Gov. Ted Kulongoski and businessman Gerry Frank as Statesmen of the Year.



Manufacturing Week

Manufacturing Day is coming up on Oct. 4. OBI will be celebrating all week by profiling some of the great makers in Oregon. Keep an eye on our [website](#) and [social media](#) the week of Sept. 30 to Oct. 4. If your company is doing anything special for the week or the day, please [let us know](#).

Put on by the [National Association of Manufacturers](#) (NAM), Manufacturing Day is all about empowering manufacturers to come together and address collective challenges to help communities and future generations thrive. For more, see [mfgday.com](#).

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OCT. 4, 2019

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Workers' Compensation and Drivers Under a Lease

A recent Workers' Compensation Board case may impact how workers' comp affects drivers who own or lease their vehicle and equipment. Read the full report on the issue from SAIF by [clicking here](#).

State Issues

Oregon's Timber Industry

Oregon's economy was founded by the timber industry. While high-tech and other manufacturers have gained strength, the wood products industry is still a key driver of Oregon's growth. The Oregon Employment Department updated the state of the industry in this [August article](#).



Though statewide it makes up only 1.2% of total employment, in individual counties timber and wood products make up a bigger portion of the economic pie. In Douglas County, for

example, it is 8.3% of total employment and 10.7% of total payroll.

To read more about how the last 30 years have impacted wood product manufacturing in Oregon, [click here](#).

Policy and Rulemaking

September is shaping up to be a very busy month. Here are some of the energy, environment and natural resource issues OBI is engaged in this fall:

Monday the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) released the [Draft Willamette Basin Mercury Multiple Discharger Variance](#) for public comment. Public hearings will be held in both Portland and Eugene at 4 p.m. on Oct. 22 at DEQ offices and the public comment period will close on Nov. 4. DEQ anticipates presenting the variance to the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) in January 2020 for approval. OBI served on the variance advisory committee as well as the Revised Draft Willamette Basin Mercury Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) advisory committee. OBI submitted [comments](#) on the draft TMDL Sept. 6 and will also submit comments on the variance rulemaking.

The [Cleaner Air Oregon](#) (CAO) advisory committee will meet Sept. 23 to provide input on the fiscal impact of the regulations. OBI's Sharla Moffett participated in the [CAO Hazard Index](#) advisory committee meeting in July and OBI submitted comments in response to DEQ's proposals to reduce the hazard index for either most or all air toxics from 5 to 3. OBI expressed concern that DEQ's proposal is not consistent with SB 1541, the Cleaner Air Oregon compromise bill passed in the 2018 short session.

Earlier this year the Legislature approved DEQ fee increases that will affect many of our members. Moffett is on the rulemaking advisory committees for both [water quality permit fee increases](#) and Air Contaminant Discharge Permit (ACDP) fee increases. Although OBI is always concerned about the impact of fee increases on permit holders, we're urging DEQ to focus these funds on cleaning up the backlog of expired permits to give permittees greater certainty and stability in their operations. The ACDP fee advisory committee will meet Sept. 23 and the water quality fee advisory committee will meet Oct. 10 to discuss the increases adopted by the Legislature.

DEQ held its first advisory committee meeting on the [Greenhouse Gas Reporting rulemaking](#) on Sept. 11. The agency is proposing a number of changes that will affect the utility, fuel and manufacturing sectors. OBI is particularly concerned with the proposal to require independent third-party verification for large sources. OBI will be discussing the proposed rule language with affected members and submitting written comments within the advisory committee process. A second advisory committee meeting is scheduled for Oct. 9. DEQ plans to publish the draft rule in November and seek approval from the EQC in January 2020.

OBI is in the process of scheduling fall committee meetings, so look for those notices soon. If you have concerns or issues you need addressed in these areas, please [email Sharla](#).



Oregon Manufacturers in the News

[Sherwood Heavy Equipment Company Reaching New Heights](#)

[KEITH Manufacturing Among 2019 Awardees in Building a Better Central Oregon](#)

[Jefferson County Offers Grant for Building Manufacturing Space](#)

[Arcimoto to Present at 2019 Dougherty & Co. Institutional Investor Conference](#)

Upcoming Events

Manufacturing Symposium



- When: Sept. 27, 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Where: Hilton Portland
- Visit the [event page](#) for more

The Manufacturing Symposium, presented by Schwabe and Aldrich, is just around the corner. Get your tickets to this event where you can network and learn about the state of the industry from those affecting legislative changes and leading the charge in manufacturing. Panelists include Sen. Betsy Johnson, and OBI's President and CEO, Sandra McDonough.

[Click here](#) to learn more and reserve your spot.

2020 OBI Annual Meeting – Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, Feb. 13, for the OBI Annual Meeting and Lobby Day in Salem! Details to follow soon.



Resources

Wholesale Fuel Pricing

OBI has partnered with MCP Petroleum to drive down OBI members' fuel cost. OBI is leveraging the collective purchasing power of our membership to get wholesale fuel pricing for our members. In addition to fuel savings, OBI members will have access to a comprehensive fuel management system that will reduce slippage, save valuable employee time and provide accountability and oversight of your company's fuel consumption.



PETROLEUM

OBI members who use 900 gallons of fuel annually through their company are eligible for this program. Please contact [Jeff DeSantis](#) for more information.

LegalPlus Program

Did you know, by being an OBI member you can get free legal advice? OBI and Innova Legal Advisors provides members 15 minutes of legal consultation each month through the LegalPlus program. Check it out by [clicking here](#). Or contact Bob Blackmore at Innova Legal Advisors: Phone: 503-479-7175; email: Bob.Blackmore@innovalegaladvisors.com



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