Message from our Board Chair

OBI Board Chair Scott Parrish writes about the importance of international trade and the pending U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement to Oregon. Click here to read more. Scott recognizes OBI board member Lori Olund, president of Miles Fiberglass and Composites, who met with U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader this week to discuss the importance of trade.

Share your thoughts with Scott at scottparrish@oregonbusinessindustry.com.

Get Your Tickets for the 2019 Statesman Dinner

Buy your tickets now for the 2019 Statesman Dinner, which will be held Monday, Oct. 7, at the Portland Art Museum. We are pleased to announce that this year’s Statesmen honorees are former Gov. Ted Kulongoski and legendary Oregon businessman and civic leader Gerry Frank. Our keynote speaker for the evening will be U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska. If you would like to acquire tickets click here or email Morgan Beltz.

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.
Legislative Leaders Announce Interstate 5 Bridge Committee

The Legislature announced this week that it will take another look at replacing the always-congested I-5 Bridge that connects Oregon and Washington over the Columbia River. An attempt to build a new bridge failed in 2013, when the state of Washington was unable to follow Oregon’s lead in passing legislation to fund a new bridge. The two states have been having tentative discussions to revive the effort since last December.

House Speaker Tina Kotek and Senate President Peter Courtney this week announced an interim committee to study the I-5 bridge issue. “Washington’s emerging leadership on this issue has given us confidence that they are committed to this project,” Kotek and Courtney wrote the interim committee co-chairs Sen. Lee Beyer, D-Springfield, and Rep. Susan McLain, D-Hillsboro. Other members of the committee are Sens. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, Lew Frederick, D-Portland, Denyc Boles, R-Salem and Reps. Shelly Boshart Davis, R-Albany, Caddy McKeown, D-Coos Bay and Ron Noble, R-McMinnville.

OBI will engage in this process and will keep members updated as the committee begins its work.

Salem’s Sprague All-Stars Representing the Northwest at the Little League World Series

The Sprague All-Star team defeated Idaho to move onto the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA, representing the Northwest. This is just the seventh time an Oregon team has made it to the World Series and the first time ever for a team from Salem. Sprague will have its first game on Aug. 16 against the Mid-Atlantic team from New Jersey. Sprague catcher Riley Wilson is OBI lobbyist Kelsey Wilson’s son. Congrats to Sprague and to Riley!

Congratulations Jackie Haugen!

After 33 years with OBI and our predecessor organization, AOI, Jackie Haugen retired from her position as executive assistant to the president & CEO on July 31. OBI staff and board saluted Jackie for her dedication and service to our organization. We will miss her and we wish her all the best in her retirement!

Jay Clemens Honored
Jay Clemens, former president & CEO of OBI predecessor Associated Oregon Industries (AOI), was honored as a lifetime member by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) on July 15 at the ACCE conference in Long Beach, California. He was recognized for his 44-year career dedicated to advocacy on behalf of business. Jay led AOI from 2006 to 2017. OBI congratulates Jay Clemens on this honor!

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**Member News**

**Intel hosts Women In Science Camp for Girls**

Intel and Girl Up, a campaign of the United Nations Foundation, hosted the first U.S.-based Women in Science (WiSci) Girls’ STEAM Camp in Bend, Oregon, July 28-August 2. The WiSci Oregon camp brought together 54 middle school girls to provide them with an opportunity to unlock their leadership potential, build confidence, and learn tech skills through computer labs, drones and artificial intelligence activities; in addition to ongoing mentorship opportunities.

Read more at:

[Intel Women in Science STEAM Camp held in Bend](#)
[Intel Foundation Supports the First U.S. WiSci STEAM Camp for Middle School Girls](#)

Here are a few more news stories featuring OBI members:

[Daimler Ships Out First Electric Freightliner Semi Truck in the US](#)
[Jeremy Renner Launches Amazon Collaboration for the Outdoorsman](#)
[Trump Admits Tariffs Could Raise Prices](#)
[The 2019 100 Best Companies to Work for in Oregon](#)

Help us tell your story. Send us your news at [communications@oregonbusinessindustry.com](mailto:communications@oregonbusinessindustry.com). Here are a few headlines from OBI members.

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**July New Members**

Associated Builders & Contractors-Pacific NW Chapter

Emerson Hardwood Company

Mary’s Woods at Marylhurst

Stilson Builders
Legislator Information

OBI has an easy way to contact your legislator on our website. On the Legislative Session page you can find a listing of Oregon Representatives and Oregon Senators, along with their contact information.

If you haven't read our 2019 legislative session wrap up, you can access it here.

LegalPLUS Program

Learn about how OBI members can get access to free legal advice by clicking here. Or contact Bob Blackmore at Innova Legal Advisors, Bob.Blackmore@innovalegaladvisors.com

Wholesale Fuel Pricing

OBI members have an opportunity to get discounts on fuel purchases. Click here to learn more or contact Jeff DeSantis for more information.

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