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Monthly News for OBI Members

Statesman Dinner – October 7

New Date!

Mark your calendars for October 7. Join us as we celebrate the Statesman of the Year October 7th at the Portland Art Museum. Keep your eye out for an upcoming announcement on this year's awardee.

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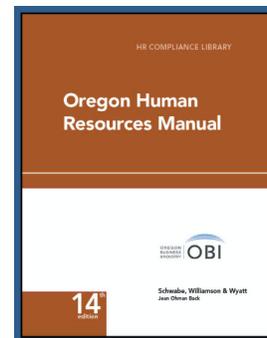
2019 Human Resources Library Available Now

We are excited to announce the release of the 2019 Human Resources Library. This will become your easy-to-use guide on everything Human Resources. This includes everything from pre-hire through post termination. This manual provides guidance on what should be done, how to do it, and why it is important. Members of Oregon Business & Industry save 20% on any publication at www.hrsimple.com/or.

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Message from Board Chair

The 2019 legislative session has adjourned. With supermajorities in both chambers, it was a tough six months for everyone. This session was one of the strangest and trying in recent memory. Our staff tracked over 1,000 bills. They regularly testified on bills related to tax,

employment, environment, and healthcare. We engaged in tough negotiations with legislative leadership. Given the odds against us, I think our folks did a great job. Be on the lookout for a detailed end-of-session summary next week. Please join me in thanking our team for representing us well in the legislature.



Share your thoughts and perspectives on these and other issues at scottparrish@oregonbusinessindustry.com.

Walgreens Announces Safe Drug Disposal Program

DEERFIELD, Ill., June 24, 2019 – Walgreens today announced it has delivered on the expansion of its safe drug disposal program announced last fall to provide year-round drug disposal options in all of its pharmacies nationwide, at no cost to customers. To complement its existing national effort to make the disposal of unwanted medications safer, easier and more convenient, all Walgreens pharmacies that do not currently offer a safe medication disposal kiosk now offer DisposeRx packets or other drug disposal options*, available upon request for customers to safely discard their unwanted medications at home.

[Click here](#) to read more

Message from Member: National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)

NEMA is proposing to expand protections against Carbon monoxide by expanding where detection devices must be placed:

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, and poisonous gas that is produced by the incomplete burning of various fuels, including coal, wood, charcoal, oil, kerosene, propane, and natural gas. Because CO is undetectable by human senses, exposures can occur without notice or warning, causing detrimental health effects that may be severe – and even fatal - depending on the length of exposure. Children, the elderly, and other vulnerable sub-populations are particularly at risk from the effects of the “Silent Killer.”

Virtually all US states, including Oregon, have taken steps to ensure that CO detection systems are in place in indoor environments. The most widespread requirement (41 of 50 states) covers residential buildings, where people spend most of their time. But there are many other indoor settings where people gather and mandatory protection against CO poisoning in locations outside of the home is far from universal. Only two states, for instance, require CO detection systems in commercial facilities.

The National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) is seeking a building code amendment that would help rectify this situation in Oregon. On behalf of its member companies that manufacture the life-saving technology that detects and warns against CO emissions, NEMA has proposed to amend the State Specialty Structures Code to require CO detection systems in **new** Group A, Group B and Group M occupancies that contain a CO-emitting source. These occupancy groups encompass most commercial and mercantile entities such as eating and drinking establishments, theaters, community halls, offices, and retail outlets.

NEMA's proposed action is pending before the Building Codes Structures Board, which is overseen by the Building Codes Division (BCD) within the OR Dept. of Consumer and Business Services. The proposal, information about the hazards of CO poisoning, and other relevant information is available on the [BCD web site](#).



June New Members

Amstad Farming

Blue Haven Residential Care Facilities, Inc.

BT Endeavors Co.

Fault Line Vineyards, LLC

HollyWood Lights, Inc.

Hood River Cherry Company

MEI Wet Processing Systems & Services LLC

R.B. Browns Trucking, Inc.

Robert Lyon Construction, Inc.

Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon
Ministries Corp.

Sobella Farms

Weyerhaeuser Company



Member News

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[Beyond the Timber Wars – Interview with Steve Zika, CEO of Hampton Lumber](#)

[Trillium, PacificSource Win in \\$6 billion CCO Beauty Contest](#)

[Screen Door, Tillamook to Open New Outposts at Portland's Airport](#)

[Columbia Sportswear family gifts \\$10 million to University of Oregon to fight cancer](#)

[Hampton Lumber sponsoring Girls Build summer camp](#)

[PeaceHealth St. John receives national award for stroke care](#)

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.



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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.

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



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