Message from our Board Chair

OBI Board Chair Scott Parrish reviews recent events related to taxes in the 2019 Legislature. Click here to read more.

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

OBI News

OBI Annual Meeting – May 7

Oregon Business & Industry celebrated a successful 2019 Annual Meeting with more than 220 members and guests attending, packing the room at the Salem Convention Center on Tuesday.

OBI honored Sen. Betsy Johnson as the first Jobs
Champion. The award recognized years of tireless work advocating for businesses and workers in Oregon and her vision of what it takes to enable companies to grow and ensure Oregonians have places to work.

The day included a keynote address from Gov. Kate Brown and panel discussions from Legislators (House Speaker Tina Kotek, Senate Minority Leader Herman Baertschiger and Sen. Arnie Roblan) and business leaders (Henry Balensifer, LEKTRO Inc., Lori Olund, Miles Fiberglass and Composites, Chad Paulson, Blount International, and Lee Weber, ATI). OBI took a moment to recognize Jackie Haugen, OBI assistant to the president, for 33 years of service to the organization. Haugen will retire this summer.

Thank you to everyone who attended to make this event a success. OBI hopes you will plan to return next year!

And thank you to the event sponsors: A-dec, Nike, The Papé Group, Union Pacific, Boeing and Cambia Health Solutions.

To learn more about Sen. Johson’s award, read the press release by clicking here. To watch a video tribute to Sen. Johnson, click here. To view photos from the event, click here.

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**Remembering Ken Austin**

We at Oregon Business & Industry were saddened to learn of the passing of Ken Austin, co-founder of A-dec, in Newberg. We send our deepest condolences to the A-dec family. OBI, or its previous organizations, and A-dec have been partners for 50 years and we consider them part of our family, too.

Mr. Austin was the imaginer behind dental equipment that changed the world. He and his wife, Joan, started A-dec in 1964 in Newberg and built it into the largest, privately owned dental manufacturing company in the U.S. Our board chair, Scott Parrish, is A-dec’s CEO and President, and Mr. Austin’s son in law.

Mr. Austin passed away on May 1, in Newberg. He was 87 years old. His wife, Joan, previously passed in 2013. To read a tribute to Mr. Austin, visit A-dec’s website: www.a-dec.com/ken-austin.
## April New Members

| ASM LLC dba: All Service Moving | Deerhaven Farms, Inc |
| Aurora Farms | Elk Lake Resort & Marina |
| Cascade Title | Graton’s Custom Landscapes |
| Central Auto Body | Office World |
| Charter Communications | PayneWest Insurance |
| Composite Approach | RDD Enterprises LLC |
| Dahle Orchards LLC | Red Bark, Inc |
| Datalogic USA, Inc. | RiskPoint Insurance Advisors |

## Member News

Help us tell your story. Send us your news at communications@oregonbusinessindustry.com. Here are a few headlines from OBI members.

- **Greenbrier acquiring ARI**
- **Daimler will convert Portland factory to make electric trucks**
- ‘Preserving pollinators’ on the coast
- **Unitus Credit Union opens its doors in Gresham shopping center**

## 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.

## LegalPLUS Program

Did you know, by being an OBI member you can get free legal advice? OBI and Innova Legal Advisors provide 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
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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