Your opportunity to ask industry leaders...

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The Leadership Development (LD) series* culminates with a lively and candid session, featuring stories and insights from senior leaders on how to transition from doer to leader.

*One does not need to be a series registrant to attend. Each part of the series is a stand-alone program, though they do complement one another.

This facilitated session gives participants a chance to ask industry leaders questions concerning industry, practices and management.

It includes a review of key takeaways from past classes, and group problem solving and sharing strategies.

**SENIOR LEADERS**

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**COST**

$265 members *(if your firm is a*
$365 non-members

Click HERE for more details and to register.

See who’s already registered.

Thank you to DEA for providing the event space!

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FACILITATED BY

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SCHEDULE
5:00 P.M. – Social
6:00 P.M. – Dinner
6:30 P.M. – Taking care of business

WHERE
Multnomah Athletic Club
1849 SW Salmon Street
Portland, OR 97205

SAVE $$!
Register by May 10

Click HERE for more info and to register.

All Committee Tropical Dinner – May 23
Social hour will honor ODOT Director Matt Garrett’s service to industry.

COME SUPPORT YOUR COMMITTEE!
Join us for fun, food & festivities!

Catch up on ACEC Oregon news, hear brief committee reports and vote on the 2019-20 budget.

The newly elected board of directors also will be inducted.

This is a great event to gain a good overview of the organization. It’s also an excellent event for networking with leaders and up-and-comers of Oregon and southwest Washington engineering companies.

Tropical attire encouraged!
Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt!

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Coba’s Capitol Comments

The deadline to schedule bills for work session spelled the end for many of the approximately 3,000 bills introduced this session and specifically a few of interest to ACEC.

SB 896, a bill pushed by Canadian engineers was not scheduled in the Senate Business Committee. This is the third time in the last three sessions a similar bill was introduced and died. We anticipate a fourth attempt could be made in the 2020 short session.

HB 3002, a bill that would require tracking of public contracts via computer software has not been scheduled but is in the House Rules Committee which operates under different timeframes than regular policy committees. HB 3002 could still be scheduled for a hearing but don’t expect this to happen.

SB 369, the bill that would amend the definition of substantial completion will have a public hearing this Friday in the Senate Judiciary Committee. New amendments were just released this afternoon to attempt to mollify any opposition.

HB 2769, the QBS bill is in the Senate Business Committee awaiting a yet to be scheduled hearing later this month.

HB 2020, the carbon bill, had an informational hearing in the Joint Transportation Committee on Monday which focused on the transportation impacts of the -31 amendments. AAA and trucking advocates sounded dire warnings about the minimum 16 cent increase in the gas tax and how this could negatively impact the delicate balance of the 2017 transportation bill and its ongoing implementation. Truckers are pushing for a repeal of the weight-mile tax and replacing it with a diesel fuel tax and significantly higher registration fees. AAA, in a surprise change of long-standing policy, is willing to look at a new taxing scheme for heavy trucks if it can be revenue neutral and maintains cost responsibility. These last two conditions will be tough to meet unless ODOT acquiesces to a lesser degree of heavy truck tax fairness than they have supported for the past 70+ years.

HB 3031, the paid family leave bill had a hearing last week that brought out strong advocacy for both sides of the issue. Business was represented by a large
The number of companies that expressed concerns about expanding the policy without enough data on the impact of current law and how the increased costs of compliance would reduce employment and encourage companies that can to move elsewhere. Proponents support the family friendly provisions of 32 weeks of paid and protected family and medical leave, the expansion of the policy to all businesses with more than one employee and the peace of mind that when tragedy strikes that they will be legally protected to take the time necessary to deal with the problems.

A work session is scheduled April 8 but no new amendments have been posted yet. More information on the bill can be found here: https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/Overview/HB3031.

UPCOMING

- April 25 – Washington Paid Family Medical Leave Law, webinar exclusively for ACEC OR & WA members - More info to come!
- May 5-8 – ACEC National 2019 Annual Convention & Legislative Summit, Washington, DC
- June 19 – Networking Day golf tournament, Langdon Farms Golf Club

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 10 – LAST CHANCE! Benefits Trends for your Multi-Generational Workforce, Multnomah Athletic Club
  This program is a half-day session with lots of interaction. It is more suited for employers with 100 or more employees, but everyone is welcome.
- April 10 – SMPS Oregon’s Marketing Excellence Awards ceremony, Exchange Ballroom

Contribute to the scholarship fund!

- Click HERE for more information and a pledge form, or contact mwebber@acecOregon.org.

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September 19-21, 2019
ACEC Oregon Fall Conference

Comments? Questions? Please e-mail mwebber@acecOregon.org or adavis@acecOregon.org.

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