Register for fall conference! – Sept 19-21

Coba’s Capitol Comments

Fall Conference
September 19-21

Fall Conference registration is open!
Save $$! Register by August 22, 2019

HIGHLIGHTS
• Welcome Reception
• 2019 Legislative Session recap
• Friday lunch with ODOT leadership
• Bias and the Bottom Line: Why Diversity Matters
• Kick-off of the Leadership Development Series
• Great networking opportunities
• Trivia night with prizes!

GENERAL AGENDA
Thursday, Sept 19
Welcome Reception (6:00 P.M.)

Friday, Sept 20
Programs all day with breakfast, lunch, breaks, reception, dinner and entertainment.

Saturday, Sept 21
Breakfast and morning program (adjourn by 10:30 A.M.); golf or tennis (optional).

THANK YOU,
**REGISTRATION FEES**

**SAVE $5! Register by August 22, 2019**

Registration includes Thursday welcome reception; all Friday meals, breaks and activities; Saturday breakfast.

* EXCEPT for spouse/companion registration which is for receptions, meals and activities on Thursday/Friday evenings only.

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**EXHIBITOR / SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES**

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**CANCELLATION POLICY**

Cancellations for conference registrations must be received by Thursday, September 5, 2019.

**RESERVE YOUR ROOM TODAY!**

**BY PHONE**

Call the Salishan Resort Group Reservation Department at **1-800-452-2300** between the times of 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and identify yourself as being with ACEC Oregon or the American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon.

**ONLINE**

Booking Link: [ACEC of Oregon 2019](#) (NOTE: The “default” dates for rooms are set to Thurs Sept 19 & Fri Sept 20; our room rates are good for two days before and two days after—adjust dates as
necessary for your personal reservation.) Alternatively, guests can go to https://www.salishan.com, click on “Menu,” and then click on “Accommodations,” and use Booking Code: ACECOR19.

**Our room block will be held until August 22, 2019.** Reservations received after 5:00 P.M. local time on the cut-off date will be accepted on space/rate availability basis.

Room rates are based upon single or double occupancy and are quoted exclusive of applicable local tax, currently at 11.8% + a discounted daily resort fee of $19 per room per night. Pet fee is $35 per pet (one-time fee); pets are only accepted in traditional or deluxe guestrooms.

- $209 - Traditional Double Queen Guestroom
- $209 - Traditional King Guestroom
- $229 - Deluxe Guestroom
- $239 - Premier Guestroom

See you at Salishan!

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**Coba’s Capitol Comments**

The 2019 legislative session ended on time after the Senate Republicans returned to the Capitol on Saturday morning, June 29. The legislature passed more than 100 bills in the span of thirty hours. Several of the bills that passed were state agency budget bills that contained multiple billions of dollars. The bills passed with only a cursory one to two minute overview by the legislative carrier with a commitment to add more to the record via a vote explanation. Of course all of these bills were vetted in the Ways and Means process but they usually get one last vigorous debate on the Senate floor. This year, not so much.

The 2019 session will be remembered for some major policy initiatives that passed in the areas of school funding, housing, paid family leave
and many others. The Democratically controlled Capitol had plenty of votes for a plethora of major issues but came up short on the carbon reduction bill, or cap and trade bill, in the last week of the session. Senate Republicans will take some credit for the demise of this high-profile issue but there was always a question about Senate support for the bill and when at least three Senate Democrats stated they were NO votes it was sunk. Already Governor Brown has indicated it is not dead and will be a major part of the February session.

Some legislative turnover has happened already with House Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson leaving to run for Secretary of State or Attorney General and Rep. Barbara Smith Warner voted in to replace her as leader. Rep. Mike McLane, R-Prineville, will accept a judgeship in central Oregon any day. Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, will continue in his position as Senate President even after a rough and tumble session that had harassment issues, Republican walkouts, an attempted coup by his own party early in the session and the alarming actions by Senator Brian Boquist who threatened Courtney and the State Police. Courtney should get the credit for ending the session on time by the June 30 deadline and keeping the Governor’s commitment to a special session off the agenda at least for now.

The rules for the February session are in HCR 38 bill and it spells out a very limited entry for new bill introductions. Each Senator only gets one bill and each Representative gets two. Each committee will get up to three bills and the Governor five bills. Of course there are no limits for the Rules Committees or through the Ways and Means process. Since these committees are controlled by leadership they can react to new policy issues as necessary and introduce legislations as necessary to cover the priorities that they will bring to the February 2020 session.

https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HCR38

SAVE THE DATES
2019-20 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SERIES – Registration to open soon!

- Sept 20 – Leadership/Personal Development
  - Oct 9 – Managing Time & Relationships
  - Nov 6 – Business Development
  - Feb 5 – Political Involvement
  - Mar 4 – A/E Firm Financial Management
  - Apr 1 – Risk Management
  - May 6 – From Doer to Leader: Lessons Learned

- Oct 10 – Salary Survey
  Results breakfast

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COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- July 11 – **OSBEELS 100th Anniversary Celebration**, OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry)
- July 25 – **Kick 4 Kids Foot Golf Tournament**—A benefit for Friends of the Children
  ACEC members are invited to participate! Click [HERE](#) to register. Questions? Contact Mary Green at mgreen@woodruffsawyer.com.

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

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