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June 2020 Edition

Message from the OPCA President

Well that went by fast! It seemed like I was just in the middle of my term when events around us took a dramatic turn. I must say that presiding over the transformation, caused by the COVID 19 virus, has been interesting, to say the least. With the help of the OPCA board and our partners at the NPMA (which has a great amount of information to help you navigate issues with COVID 19) along with Oregonians for Food and Shelter, we were able to keep our industry up and running providing much needed services.



Rob McMaster, President

I want to thank the board members and Spire Management for making my time as president enjoyable. I was fortunate to have the board's expertise and knowledge to rely on, and I am impressed with the

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Fall Beach Seminar Set for September

OPCA is currently on schedule for its annual Fall Beach Seminar in September. Friday, **September 18**, enjoy some social distancing while you're out in the bushes looking for your golf balls at the challenging Salishan Golf Club. If you like deep sea fishing, we have a charter planned for 16 people out of Depoe Bay's Dockside Charters.



Best Western Agate Beach Inn, Newport

The boat will leave the dock at 7:00 am. Due to social distancing, the maximum number of people on the boat will be 16 people. Following a day of fun, Univar will hold their annual welcome reception. Stay tuned for details!

September 19, we have several speakers lined up, including:

Ashley Roden or Jeff Weir, Sprague

Reid Ipsier, NIXUS, Ants

Jeremy Davis, BASF, Cockroaches (1 hour) and Rodenticides (1 hour)

Roy Kroker, Oregon OSHA, Fall Protection, Ladder Safety

John Paulson, UNIVAR Solutions, Wildlife and Rodent Exclusion

As of this publication, the event is still being planned. However, due to the COVID 19 virus restrictions, it is anticipated that attendance at the meeting may be limited—either in total, or by room. Its anticipated that some time in

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Quick Calendar

Fall Beach Seminar
September 18-19, 2020
Best Western PLUS Agate Beach Inn,
Newport, OR

Southern Oregon Seminar
November 14, 2020
Evergreen Savings
"Bear Hotel"
Grants Pass, OR

Winter Seminar
January 9, 2021
Holiday Inn Portland South
Wilsonville, OR

High Desert Seminar
June 4-5, 2021
Mt. Bachelor Village, Bend, OR

Government Affairs Update

Oregonians for Food and Shelter

Note: Some parts of the OFS article were updated due to developments at the legislature. Harvey Gail, OPCA.

Governor May Call Special Session in June

Rumors are that toward the end of June the Governor will call a special session, which may be held some time during the last week of June. Currently, there are somewhere between 20-30 potential policy issues and varying debates over how to address the budget shortfall and allocate the federal CARES Act resources.



On the policy front, most of the issues are COVID-related and a response to the call for law enforcement accountability and reform. On the budget side, there are a few proposals to make targeted cuts to the budget, and we know natural resource agencies

are particularly vulnerable, specifically where legislators may look to increase fees to cover anticipated shortfalls. Legislators will also need to agree on procedural rules for voting and debate while maintaining social distancing in the Capitol. It is likely the Capitol will remain closed to the public during the process. There's still plenty of uncertainty and speculation, but OFS team is maintaining a dialogue with our legislative allies as the discussions evolve.

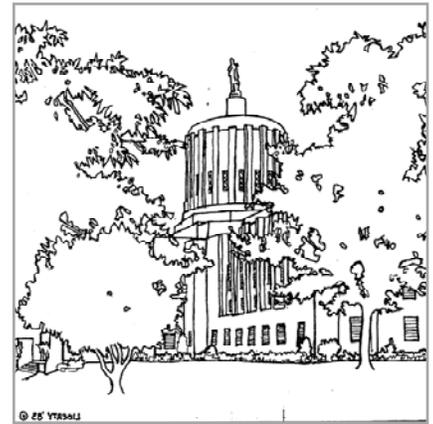
Support Initiative Petition 57

Oregonians for Food & Shelter strongly supports Initiative Petition 57. This year's census results will reshape Oregon's political landscape. Oregonians are ready for a fair and transparent process and we are counting on your signature on this petition to make this happen this November. (Scroll down for instructions!)

The process for drawing congressional and legislative district boundaries has, for too long, been controlled by politicians. Letting politicians manipulate voting maps is like putting the fox in charge of the hen house. Politicians in power shouldn't be allowed to draw voting maps that benefit themselves and their party. People Not Politicians is proposing a ballot measure to reform that process and create a fairer, more transparent system. At its simplest, this initiative would create an independent citizen redistricting commission comprised of Oregonians. Learn more. We believe Oregon voters should choose their politicians—politicians should not choose their voters.

We need your help gathering signatures to qualify for the ballot! There are three easy steps to make sure your petition counts:

1. Read Initiative Petition 57. Voters must have a complete copy of the text for review.
2. Print, fill out and sign the petition sheet according to the instructions provided.
3. Once you sign the petition, immediately mail your signed petition to:



People Not Politicians
PO Box 3226
Salem OR, 97302

Petitions need to be received before the end of June!

Reach out to sign@peoplenotpoliticiansoregon.com or visit if you have any questions or want to help collect signatures. The signature sheet must be printed on at least 20 pound, 8 1/2 x 11", uncoated white paper. That's likely just the white printer paper you have at home. Petition sheets must be printed on the back side with the ballot title, results and summary sheet. Please make sure your printer is set to print front and back when printing the petition sheet. Thank you for your commitment to ending gerrymandering and ensuring that all Oregonians have a voice and can vote in fair districts in the next decade and beyond. Together we can put people, not politicians, in charge!

ODA News Release: Positions Available on Oregon's State Board of Agriculture

The Office of Governor Kate Brown is accepting applications for two open positions on the Oregon State Board of Agriculture. The two applicants must be actively engaged in the production of agriculture commodities. A third position—a member of the public—is also open. Applications must be submitted by close of business July 17, 2020.

The Governor is responsible for appointing all Board of Agriculture members. She is committed to ensuring that the board represents the growing age, racial and gender diversity of the state. This is an amazing opportunity to pool collective viewpoints, visions and hopes for Oregon, and all Oregonians are welcome and encouraged to serve.

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Asian Giant Hornets Found in the Pacific NW

As if we need another thing to worry about. As recently as June 6, a fourth Asian giant hornet has been discovered in Northwest Washington.

According to the *Chinook Observer*, a wiggling queen hornet was stepped on by a Bellingham resident, who reported the find to the state Department of Agriculture. The USDA confirmed June 11 it was an Asian giant hornet.

The two Asian giant hornets found in December were the first U.S. detections ever. The hornet has also been found across the border in British Columbia.



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The Capitol
Press

Also called Asian murder hornets, these insects are dangerous predators for honey bees in particular.

Keep an Eye Out, Help Report these Insects

Oregon Department of Agriculture has an online report form for Asian giant hornets.

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OPCA Membership Report

OPCA member renewals as of June 18, 2020

- Active members: 56
- Allied members: 14
- Associate (home inspectors): 4
- Honorary members: 3

Membership Application: Know of any companies that should be members? www.opca.org/join.

Lapsed Membership Policy: OPCA's policy is member companies that have lapsed for one full year must **reap- ply** for membership in OPCA.

Dues Paid by Corporate Offices: If your corporate of- fice is in another state and pays your dues let us know!

OPCA's Dues Year: July 1—June 30. Once a member pays, we will notify the national association of the status.

Dues Rates 2020-21: The OPCA members voted to in- crease the dues by \$25. It has been many years since OP- CA has increased dues, they have remained at \$175 for several years. Invoices for member dues were sent in ear- ly June.

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July or August, Lincoln County will enter "Phase 2," which will allow for meetings of up to 50 people in the room. The main room will be set classroom style with seating spread out about every 6 feet. We are looking at an option to use a second room for a breakout session of up to 20 people, this could increase our capacity.

Exhibitors will be spread out in a different room and in the hallway. We will have a simple grab-and-go breakfast, and boxed lunches will be served for lunch. Tables will be lo- cated outside so we can spread out. All attendees and OP- CA staff will be required to wear masks.

Due to these restriction, we will have a firm policy that **no registrations can be taken at the door**. We apologize for this, but it's a critical part of being able to hold the meet- ing. Don't delay in getting registered!

Registration is open on the website!
www.opca.org

Advertise in Oregon

Crack and Crevice, OPCA's quarterly newsletter reaches OPCA members and their employees.

Crack and Crevice has a long shelf life. Issues are frequent- ly handed out at member events and sent in member kits to new members. Expo- sure lasts longer than typical newsletters.

Rates

- Business Card—\$50
- Quarter Page—\$100
- Half Page—\$200
- Full Page—\$375

Publication Calendar

- March Pacific NW Conference
- June High Desert Seminar
- Sept. Fall Beach Seminar
- Dec. So. Oregon Seminar

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OPCA Board Sees Some New Faces

OPCA has sent out its ballot for the 2020-2021 board of directors. You'll see a couple new faces on the board this year.

First of all, thanks go out to **Rob McMaster** for serving as president during this challenging year. With a cool head and thoughtful conversation led by Rob, the board was able to navigate through this difficult spring.

Among the challenges, OPCA had to cancel the High Desert Seminar. We negotiated to not lose any of the deposits or have to pay expensive payouts on the cancelled meeting. The board also added a new seminar, the Winter Seminar in January, which will hopefully become a great event for OPCA. In addition, the board stepped up its use of technology and has started using *Zoom* for board meetings. All members are invited to board meetings. If you'd like to be on the Zoom call, contact Harvey Gail, OPCA executive director at exex@opca.org.

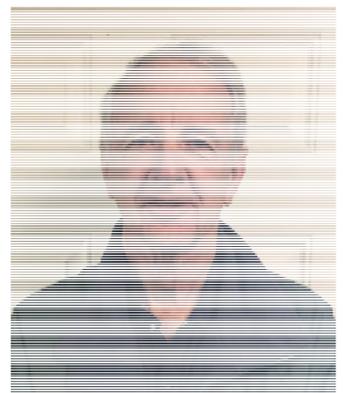
The President for the coming year is **Bernard Black**, Black's Pest Services. **Robert DeAngelo** will move from Treasurer to 2nd Vice President. **Larry Treleven** is President Elect.

New to the board are **Jason Caiazza**, Pioneer Pest Management and **Bill Granstrom**, Bill's Pest Control. Well, Bill has been on the board before, but now he's serving as Treasurer.

Outgoing board members include **Brandon Ottovich** and **Mike Kesecker**. OPCA thanks them for their board service. Mike will stay in helping out with the education committee, so he's still in the picture!

Top right Jason Caiazza.

Right, Bill Granstrom.



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Coping with Covid 19

My wife and I are wearing masks and have hand wipes when we are in the car. We donated all our Covid 19 stimulus check monies to food banks and non profits.

Rennie Kubik, OPCA board member



Here at Spire Management and the OPCA office we've spent all spring cancelling meetings and rescheduling them. We are learning about new technologies (fast) and we're holding many virtual meetings and webinars. Fortunately, we've been able to keep all our staff fully employed!

Harvey Gail, OPCA Executive Director

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Rob McMaster presides over the member meeting in Newport.

help and thoughtfulness each member brings to the board. I was also fortunate that my predecessors left the OPCA in good shape.

I would encourage anyone interested in joining the OPCA board to volunteer, it is a great way to give back to the industry and see first-hand the issues and opportunities that face the OPCA and pest management professionals in our state. There are also positions for the various committees that can give you a great opportunity to help the association grow. If you have been a long-time member and not been on the board, now is time.

all the great speakers and education we have come to expect.

The OPCA continues to grow, and we are always glad to have new members. I always wonder why companies don't join. What motivation do they have for not being connected to the industry both locally and nationally? The OPCA, along with the joint membership with the NPMA, have lots of benefits you should be taking advantage of. Whatever the reason, we would welcome their joining our organization.

Thank you again for giving me this opportunity and I am looking forward to when we can all get together again.

Robert McMaster, President, OPCA

Need Some Swag?

Show your pride! OPCA purchased a small batch of **flex fit hats, uniform patches** and **truck decals**. These items are available on OPCA's website. We only got a small batch of hats for now, but if they are popular the cost will decrease. We also have a limited number of **OPCA hooded sweatshirts** and **T-shirts** – mostly mediums and XXX large. But, they are only \$5.00 (or 3 for \$20).

Contact OPCA at **503-363-4345** or visit our website for more information at www.opca.org.



As COVID 19 continues to affect the way we do things, we as an organization may have to adapt. We are hopeful that the Fall Beach Seminar will continue as planned with some minor modifications. I hope that by that time, we will be on the downside of this pandemic. If not, we are thinking about having a virtual seminar with

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Jake & Max Perkes, Perx Pest Control, Boise, ID
May 2020

"My brother and I couldn't be happier for our employees as Perx Pest Control was WELCOMED into the Certus Pest Inc. family of companies this past week. Overall, it was a positive experience even though we were worried that due to COVID-19 and possible recession our deal may not be fully honored. Now with everything honored we have a Win/Win for me and our employees. I smile as day two felt like I graduated high school as the stress of being an owner operator was gone & listening to our staff be excited about for their future (new vehicles, Health Benefits and PTO items we couldn't offer them)."

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