This month’s edition of OAR E-News is chock-full of information to help Oregon REALTORS® succeed and Raise the Bar in our industry. You’ll find an announcement of the important Initiative Petition we’re trying to get on the November ballot, a recap of the 2018 Primary Elections, a compelling Legal Hotline Q&A, an announcement of our new CEO, can’t-miss education opportunities, and a slew of upcoming events – including registration now being open for the annual Fall Convention. Happy reading!
Your Signature Is Needed!

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to support OAR in our efforts to gather signatures to get Initiative Petition 31 on the ballot in November. IP 31 will make it crystal clear that any legislation taking money out of taxpayers’ pockets requires a 3/5ths vote of the Legislature. It takes away any doubt — ensuring that legislators can’t manipulate the rules to use a simple majority to rob homeowners of deductions and exemptions as sacred as those for mortgage interest or property taxes.

Oregon REALTORS® are a powerful force! With the addition of your individual support in the petition gathering process, we can End Easy Tax Hikes and protect homeownership. Please sign the petition today! We’re counting on you!
ADVOCACY UPDATE
GOVERNMENT & POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Oregon Primary Election Results

At 2-1/2 weeks past the Oregon Primary Election, some races have been decided and some ballots are still being counted.

Our RPAC Trustees pride themselves on endorsing a diversity of candidates that support homeownership and private property rights. We find REALTOR® Champions across party lines – Democrat, Republican, or Independent. We are the REALTOR® Party!

This election cycle was a mixed bag for the priority races we engaged in.

We supported Val Hoyle who won the bipartisan position of Oregon Business and Labor Commissioner. Val has been a long-time supporter of our positions and we’re looking forward to working with her in this new capacity.

At the request of the Tillamook Board of REALTORS®, we assisted with REALTOR® Adam Schwend's bid for County Commissioner. In a six-way race, Adam came in second. He has qualified and will now be on the November ballot. Congratulations, Adam!

Unfortunately, our REALTOR® Champion, Senator Rod Monroe, wasn’t able to hold on to his seat. He was defeated by Shemia Fagan in the Democratic Primary. Shemia has demonstrated hostility towards private property rights and even authored a bill to substantially reduce the Mortgage Interest Deduction when she served in the House. This race has serious impacts on our advocacy efforts in the 2019 session and our RPAC Trustees will be meeting soon to discuss what it means for our support strategy this General Election.

In House District 53, REALTOR® Jack Zika has held on to an 11-vote lead in what became a nasty primary against his bid for office. Jack was clearly the right choice for our support. We’ll know if Jack wins for sure when the race is certified after June 1st. If you know Jack, please take the time to send him an email of support. We know this election has been rough on him. His steadfastness and ability to rise above political shenanigans are a testament to his character.

With a lot of turn-over in the assembly, your RPAC Trustees have their work cut out for them this summer. Please keep a look out for our voter guide this fall.

New RPAC Hall of Fame Inductees!

On May 16, 2018, at the NAR Mid-Year Meetings in Washington DC, Oregon had two honorees inducted at different levels of the RPAC Hall of Fame. We give our hearty congratulations and great appreciation to Eva Sanders and Rick Harris for their lifetime cumulative contributions over $25,000 & $75,000 respectively. They join 7 other Oregon members who really put their money where their mouth is when it comes to the REALTOR® Party!

Pictured L to R: Alan Mehrwein, Eva Sanders, Debra Gisriel, Rick Harris
Can’t-Miss Continuing Education

June 4: OREA Board Meeting. Learn about your real estate agency; lunch included! 10am-1pm. COAR Training Room, Bend. 3.0 CE credit hours. Cost: $20. REGISTER

June 4: Attention: Violation Prevention! Learn best practices to prevent potential OREA violations. 1:30pm – 4:30pm. COAR Training Room, Bend. 3.0 CE credit hours. Cost: $30. REGISTER

June 6: Webinar: Radon & Real Estate: Did You Know? 9:30 – 10:30am. 1.0 CE credit hours. REGISTER

June 28: COE Requirement: REALTOR® Professionalism. 9:00am – 12:00pm. Central Willamette Credit Union Admin Building (WAOR). 3.0 CE credit hours. REGISTER

June 8: Buyers. Establish a solid foundation of service to buyer clients. 9:00am – 4:00pm. Rogue Regency Inn, Medford (RVAR). 6.0 CE credit hours. REGISTER

June 14: Buyers. Establish a solid foundation of service to buyer clients. 9:00am – 4:00pm. East Oregonian Meeting Room, Pendleton (CBBOR). 6.0 CE credit hours. REGISTER

June 22: Business Communication. Sharpen your communication skills. 9:00am – 4:00pm. Hampton Inn, Medford (RVAR). 6.0 CE credit hours. REGISTER

June 28: Law. What you need to know to stay out of trouble & be a good client advocate. 9:00am – 4:00pm. Dundee Fire Hall, Dundee (YCAR). 6.0 CE credit hours. REGISTER

All 6.0 CE GRI courses cost $99 for members/$125 for non-members; 3.0 CE GRI courses cost $49/$79.

CLICK HERE for more educational opportunities from OAR
2019 OAR Committees: NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

Help shape the future of YOUR Association by becoming a volunteer leader on one of OAR’s Key or Special Committees in 2019. Applications are due by July 27 and 2019 committees will be set by the Fall Convention & Governance Meetings in September. Download a fillable PDF application here which includes descriptions of each Key and Special Committee.

New CEO: Jenny Pakula, Esq.

On April 13, at the semi-annual OAR Board of Directors meeting, Jenny Pakula, Esq., CAE, RCE was unanimously voted in as the Association’s new CEO. With 15 years of tenure at OAR, and having served for the prior six months as Interim CEO and prior to that as General Counsel and VP of Legal Affairs & Business Development, she is uniquely positioned to helm the growing trade association which currently represents approximately 17,000 real estate industry professionals. She’s even been a REALTOR® herself!

“I am proud and honored to represent all OAR members and look forward to serving you to the best of my abilities. Contact me with any questions!”

SAVE THESE DATES

July 19, 2018
9th Annual Driving It HOME Golf Tournament
The golf spots are SOLD OUT, so if you’re one of the lucky ones, we look forward to seeing you there!
MORE INFO

September 18-21, 2018
Convention, Trade Show & Fall Governance Meetings
Secure your spot for invaluable education, fantastic national & local speakers, trade show, social events, & more!
MORE INFO / REGISTER

October 4, 2018
Taste of Portland (benefiting the HOME Foundation)
Crush it! as you enjoy the wine-themed best industry party of the year. Eat, drink, and network your heart out while helping to deliver affordable housing to families across Oregon!
MORE INFO / REGISTER

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Shop Amazon and help the OAR Home Foundation support affordable housing programs in Oregon! Just click on the link below, select the HOME Foundation, and start shopping!

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Crush It!
2018 Taste of Portland
October 4, 2018 Castaway Portland
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