



Speakers

Invited keynote and plenary speakers

Don Hamilton

Don Hamilton has spent the last 23 years as a reporter for newspapers in Portland. He was the last reporter hired at The Oregon Journal and last year, after 18 years with The Oregonian, joined the Portland Tribune. He has reported extensively on politics, government, land use and transportation and after all that time, still isn't quite sure whether a comprehensive transportation solution even exists.

Jack Ohman

Jack Ohman has been the editorial cartoonist for The Oregonian since 1983. Previously, he worked as the editorial cartoonist for The Detroit Free Press and The Columbus Dispatch. His cartoons are syndicated by Tribune Media Services to 329 newspapers in the United States and abroad. His work regularly appears in The Washington Post, The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Boston Globe, The Chicago Tribune, The Baltimore Sun and hundreds of others.

Ohman has written or illustrated eight books. He drew the comic strip "Mixed Media" from 1994 to 1999. He has won the Overseas Press Club Award for best editorial cartoon on foreign affairs, as well as numerous others, both nationally and regionally.

Ohman has a B.A. in history from the University Honors Program at Portland State University; he also attended the University of Minnesota, where he was the editorial cartoonist for the Minnesota Daily. He is a member of the Alumni Board at

Portland State, where he is currently working on a M.A. in history. He is married to Janice Dunham Ohman, and they have three children.

Larry George

Larry George is the executive director of Oregonians In Action, the nation's largest property rights organization. In 1998, Larry served as the treasurer for the political action committee supporting Ballot Measure 56, which expanded notification concerning changes in land-use laws. In 2000, George also served as the treasurer for the PAC that passed Ballot Measure 7, which requires the government to compensate landowners when using regulations to take private property.

In addition to his duties at Oregonians In Action, he is also the co-owner and vice president for operations of George Packing Co. Inc., a hazelnut processing and marketing operation in Newberg. Larry graduated from Oregon State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration (international finance), a second bachelor's degree in liberal arts (political science) with a minor in regional economics.

Norma Paulus

Born in Belgrade, Neb., and a graduate of Willamette University School of Law, Norma Paulus was admitted to the Oregon State Bar in 1962. She subsequently practiced as a self-employed appellate lawyer from 1962 to 1976. Norma had been a legal secretary from 1950 to 1953 and secretary to the Supreme

Court Chief Justice from 1955 through 1961. She served as state representative for Marion County from 1970 to 1976 and as a member of Marion-Polk County Boundary Commission and the Salem Human Relations Commission.

Norma was the first woman in Oregon history to win a statewide office when she was elected Secretary of State in 1976 and reelected in 1980. She won the Republican nomination for governor in 1986 and served on the Pacific Northwest Power Planning Council from 1986 to 1989. She was elected state superintendent of public instruction in 1990 and reelected in 1994. She currently is the director of the Oregon Historical Society, a position she has held since January 2001.



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