

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The Oregon Workforce Alliance -- Vision for 2012:

To have been the driving force for an evolution in attitudes and behavior at every level, that embraces the necessity for Oregon's citizens, business and industry to "skill up," ultimately revolutionizing our rural economies.

Supported by the development and targeted investment of revenues, curriculum, infrastructure, political pathways and partnerships.

Mission:

Communicate to legislators/policy makers the strengths, assets and needs of rural counties and the impact of proposed legislation. Offer policy recommendations supporting the TOC/OWA vision.

Members:

Bob Schroth (Chair), Scott Koch, Bob Craft, Pat Davis, Fernando Gutierrez, Commissioner Nikki Whitty, Commissioner Larry Givens, Commissioner Chuck Hurliman, Commissioner Nellie Hibbert

Lead Staff: Kris Latimer, CEO

Responsibility:

- Focus on the demands of an innovative workforce development system for today as well as tomorrow;
- Recommendation and refinement of legislative principles to and on behalf of TOC/OWA;
- Serve as an advocate and build coalitions on issues relating to the workforce system to a variety of audiences;
- Ensure that TOC/OWA policies and principles are communicated to Federal, State and Local Officials, and constituents.

Committee Goals:

- TOC/OWA gains a reputation as a valuable resource to policy makers;
- Members are active participants in the policy process in our rural Area;
- TOC/OWA have a positive working relationship with local, state and federal officials;
- Federal, state and local officials, along with the general public understand the benefits of the workforce development system and the impact local program achievements have on policy;
- Rural Oregon has appropriate and responsive representation at all levels;
- Provide an affective system of communication for sharing information related to workforce development issues.

Meeting Schedule:

The Governmental Relations Committee meets at minimum in conjunction with the regularly scheduled TOC and OWA meetings and will hold additional meetings as necessary in order to accomplish the goals and work plan.