

2026 OBOA ABM & CONFERENCE

Oregon Building Officials Association (OBOA) | Annual Business Meeting (ABM)

**Thursday, July 23 –
Friday, July 24**

PLUS! Workshop: Wednesday, July 22



**Salishan Coastal Lodge
Gleneden Beach, Oregon**

Connect | Collaborate | Continuing Ed CEUs

Your OBOA Board of Directors cordially invites you to your 2026 Annual Business Meeting (ABM)! Meet fellow members at Salishan, an award-winning world-renowned destination on the beautiful Oregon coast. Our highly anticipated annual gathering is the perfect place to learn, network, and earn valuable (and required) ICC Preferred Provider CEUs.

Our flagship ABM, the largest premier educational conference for building safety professionals in the state, brings us together for two days of important programming, top-notch education and most importantly, quality time with professional peers. Connect, stay in-the-know, and hear the latest on all things building in Oregon with OBOA.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Learn about what's happening across Oregon jurisdictions.

AWARDS & RECEPTIONS

Social events for networking and supporting connections.

REGISTER BY JULY 2 TO SAVE \$\$

Oregon Building Officials Association (OBOA) | Register online at OregonBuildingOfficials.com

BOOK YOUR ROOM TODAY! BLOCK WILL SELL OUT

Lodging at Salishan

Deeply discounted rates are offered to OBOA ABM participants at our host venue Salishan Coastal Lodge.

[BOOK ROOM HERE](#) or call Salishan directly at 800.452.2300. Be sure to indicate you are with the OBOA ABM for our block rates.

Reservation Deadline: Monday, June 22 – OR WHEN BLOCK BECOMES FULL (whichever comes first)

We **STRONGLY** encourage you to book your lodging room immediately – **DO NOT DELAY**. This is peak season for the resort, rooms will go quickly and the resort will sell out. After June 22 and/or once the OBOA room block becomes full, reservation requests will be accepted on a rate and availability basis.

OBOA room block rates (single/double, exclusive of taxes and fees) — Traditional Guestroom: \$285/night
Resort fees are waived as a benefit of your OBOA membership.

Check in: 4 pm | Check out: 11 am



Schedule Overview

Detailed agenda next page

Wednesday, 7/22

Technical ICC CEU Workshop (*optional*)

Wednesday Afternoon/Evening

Committees CONNECT: Leadership Summit
Welcome Reception

Thursday, 7/23

ABM Kicks Off – All Day Sessions: Keynote, Panel,
Legislative and Economist Forecast, Legislator
Presentation, Board Installation

Thursday Afternoon/Evening

OBOA Awards: An Evening of Recognition
Live Music Reception

Friday, 7/24

Code Bowl! Games and prizes
Legislator & Lobbyist Presentations
ABM ends | Travel home

ABM Location



Salishan Coastal Lodge

7760 North Highway 101 – Gleneden Beach, OR 97388

All activities of the ABM will take place at Salishan Coastal Lodge in Gleneden Beach, our host venue. Exhibits and most sessions will be held in the Long House. Room assignments and details provided upon check in onsite.

Complimentary parking is provided to hotel guests on a space and size available basis.



**Earn ICC
Preferred
Provider CEUs**

Workshop + ABM

Our OBOA ABM and Pre-ABM Workshop both offer ICC continuing education units/credit hours (CEUs).

- Pre-ABM Workshop (7/22) offers six hours or 0.6 ICC CEUs
- Full ABM (7/23-7/24) offers ten hours or 1.0 ICC CEUs
- OBOA Preferred Provider #1055

Certificates of Attendance will be emailed to attendees following each event. Attendees are responsible for maintaining records of their attendance at all CEU-eligible programs for submission of certification application or renewal. Individuals should also report to their appropriate accrediting bodies and/or building official or jurisdiction.

ABM CEUs: 1.0 (ten hours) | Workshop CEUs: 0.6 (6 hours)

2026 Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 22

- 9:30 am – 4:00 pm **Pre-ABM Workshop: “Assessment of Alternate Materials & Methods”** – *Steve Thomas, Shums Coda & Associates*
Optional, separate registration/CEUs | 0.6 ICC Preferred Provider CEUs offered | Lunch included
- 5:00 – 5:30 pm **OBOA Committees CONNECT: Leadership Summit** – Dedicated time for OBOA leaders and volunteers to discuss activities, goals, and plans over the last year and for the next year. Any member who participates in any OBOA committee, committee chairs, and the OBOA board are asked to attend this important annual gathering. All welcome.
- 5:30 – 6:30 pm **Welcome Reception** – Connect with fellow attendees in a casual outdoor reception. Light hors d'oeuvres hosted.
- 6:30 – 7:30 pm *Exhibitor Set-Up | Dinner on own*

Thursday, July 23

- 7:30 – 8:30 am Registration Open | Hot Breakfast Buffet with Attendees and Exhibitors | Package Sponsor Intros
- 8:30 – 9:00 am **Welcome & Self-Introductions** | Call to Order | Business Meeting Commences | Approval of ABM Agenda
President's Report & Association Financial Report | Announcements
- 9:00 – 10:30 am **The Art of Blinders: Seeing Talent Clearly** – *Mike Hess, Founder/Executive Director, Blind Institute of Technology (BIT)*
- 10:30 – 10:45 am *Coffee Break with Exhibitors & Package Sponsor Intros*
- 10:45 – 11:00 am **International Code Council (ICC) Update** – *Bryan Imai, ICC Government Relations*
- 11:00 – 11:15 am **OBOA Acknowledgements & Recognitions** – *Spotlighting our people on the move! ***
- 11:15 am – 12:00 pm **Economic Forecast** – *Gail Krumenaur, State Employment Economist, Oregon Employment Department*
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm **Networking Luncheon** – *Note: Awards to be presented in the evening. Catch up and relax during this casual delicious lunch!*
- 1:00 – 1:30 pm **Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Update** – *Chad Hawkins, Assistant Chief Deputy, Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)*
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm **State of Oregon BCD Update** – *Todd Smith, Administrator, State of Oregon Building Codes Division (BCD)*
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm *Afternoon Break with Exhibitors*
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm **Welcome Your New Leadership:** Installation of the 2026/2027 OBOA Board of Directors
- 3:15 – 4:30 pm **Housing Panel on Hot Topics:** Single Stair Exits, Adult Foster Homes, & Implications of HB2306 (2019)
Moderated with multiple panelists representing various jurisdictions. Bring additional issues and questions to discuss!
- 5:30 – 6:30 pm **2026 OBOA Awards Presentation – An Evening of Recognition** – We will be presenting this year's awards in building safety to our recipients before our evening reception. Formal/cocktail dress not required but welcome. [NOMINATE!](#)
- 6:30 – 7:30 pm **Hosted Evening Reception** – Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres in an outdoor reception setting with live music and games.

Friday, July 24

- 7:30 – 8:30 am Hot Breakfast Buffet | Networking with Exhibitors and Attendees
- 8:30 – 8:45 am **Welcome & Opening Remarks | Review Friday's Agenda | Open Forum**
- 8:45 – 9:45 am **Code Bowl! A Fun Educational, Interactive Game for Code Pros**
- 9:45 – 10:00 am *Networking Break with Exhibitors*
- 10:00 – 10:30 am **OBOA Lobbyist & Legislative Update** – *Andy Smith, Partner, Proxy | OBOA Lobbyist*
- 10:30 – 11:00 am **Legislator Keynote** – *Senator Dick Anderson, R-Lincoln City*
- 11:00 – 11:30 am **Code Bowl (wrap up) | Winners & Prizes Announced**
- 11:30 – 11:45 am **OBOA Committee & State Board Updates** | Partner Org Updates | Future OBOA ABM Locations | New Business
- 11:45 am ABM Adjourns | Conference Concludes | *Exhibitor Tear-Down*



***Please share any 2026 major milestone/retirement/achievement– individual or jurisdictional with OBOA (by July 1).
Visit our online ABM event page for more details. Contact OBOA with any questions.*

About Our Pre-ABM Workshop and ABM Keynote Sessions and Speakers

Wednesday, July 22 | Pre-ABM Workshop: Assessment of Alternate Materials and Methods

Presented by Steve Thomas, Educator, Shums Coda Associates

This class reviews the use of the alternate materials and methods requirements of the codes. The class will review the use of ICC evaluation reports when using the Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC). Different types of materials and methods will be discussed. Examples of how those materials and methods should be evaluated will be provided to attendees will have a better understanding of how to review or submit alternates.

Learning Objectives:

- Attendees will learn how to evaluate alternate materials and methods of construction.
- Attendees will learn how to use ICC Evaluation Reports in reviewing alternate materials and methods of construction.
- Attendees will understand how to determine if alternate materials and methods of construction comply with the intent and purpose of the code.

Target Audience (who should attend): Building Officials, Plans Examiners, Inspectors, Fire Code Officials

Mr. Thomas has over forty-five years' experience in working with building codes including plan reviews, inspections and administration. Working for a building code-consulting firm since 1999, he has served as the contract Building Official for different local jurisdictions in Colorado. Mr. Thomas has served on several ICBO and ICC committees and chaired the ICC Means of Egress Code Development Committee. He was named an honorary member of ICC in 2021. He is also the author of the book, Building Code Basics. He and his previous firm, Colorado Code Consulting, were awarded the Educator of the Year Award by ICC in 2018. He has presented building code classes for the last 39 years and provides an interesting and engaging look at building codes.



Thursday, July 23 | Opening Keynote: Art of Blinders: Seeing Talent Clearly

Presented by Mike Hess, Founder and Executive Director, Blind Institute of Technology (BIT)

Open your eyes to what you've been missing — Art of Blinders is a high-energy, interactive seminar led by BIT founder, Mike Hess. Drawing on neuroscience, behavioral economics, and real-world workplace stories – and inspired by the research of thought leaders like Daniel Kahneman, Malcolm Gladwell, and Dr. John Medina – the session sparks powerful “aha” moments as teams uncover how hidden patterns of attention, perception, and decision-making shape who we hire, how we promote, and how we support our teams – often without realizing it. The result? Teams that work smarter, lead with clarity, and create environments where professionals with disabilities can thrive.

Through interactive exercises and relatable examples, your leaders will:

- Spot invisible decision drivers that can limit opportunities for professionals with disabilities.
- Harness multi-sensory learning to strengthen communication and collaboration across all employees.
- Leverage existing technology to remove barriers and help professionals with disabilities perform at their highest potential without costly overhauls.

Why it matters: After Art of Blinders, a leading Denver financial institution realized that small, confident changes in daily practices and technology use could better support employees and customers with disabilities. That single session sparked a company-wide campaign to build a more empowered, productive workforce.

After two decades leading multimillion-dollar tech projects for Fortune 500 companies, Mike turned his frustration with being labeled the “token blind guy” into a mission to challenge stereotypes and advance workforce equity. Under his leadership, BIT has built global partnerships, connected disabled professionals to meaningful careers, and established a U.S. Department of Labor-registered apprenticeship program supported by a major Disability Innovation Fund grant. Mike continues to reshape how corporate America views disability – as a strength and competitive advantage, not a limitation.



We are thrilled to welcome these excellent and inspiring presenters to our OBOA ABM!

Important ABM Info & Details

Registration Details

Member and non-member registration includes participation for that individual at all Thursday and Friday sessions and presentations including the Opening Keynote and all updates/reports, and all electronic session materials (as provided by the speakers). Hosted meals: Wednesday's Opening Networking Reception, breakfast and break refreshments on Thursday and Friday, awards on Thursday evening, and the Thursday Live Music Reception.

Bringing a spouse/companion? Each full ABM registration also includes one complimentary companion/spouse social ticket for Wednesday and Thursday evening receptions and Awards Program. Attendees must register their companion upon registration. Companion/spouse participation is for the evening receptions/awards on Wednesday and Thursday only (no other sessions or activities included). All individuals must be registered through OBOA and have a name badge.

Pre-ABM Workshop on Wednesday, 7/22: This exceptional bonus training is optional but a great way to earn even more ICC Preferred Provider CEUs in conjunction with the conference. Attendees receive in person instruction, ICC Preferred Provider 0.6 CEUs, electronic handouts/materials as provided by the presenter, hosted lunch and refreshments. *This year's workshop is extra special because it will be one of the last presentations of his career, by the famed Steve Thomas!*

OBOA strives to minimize waste and increase efficiency, so handouts and/or other meeting materials will be emailed to registrants 24 hours prior to the event. Handouts will not be provided onsite but will be sent as links in advance to download and save.

OBOA Committees CONNECT Leadership Summit — Wednesday (right before Welcome Reception)

This is dedicated time together for all OBOA committees: Codes, Disaster Preparedness and Response, Education, Legislative, Outreach, Past Presidents and Standards — all in one place! All chairs and committee members are asked to attend this important annual gathering. OBOA offers this as a way for committees to collaborate in person, assess the last year, and look ahead to the next.

OBOA Acknowledgements and Recognitions – Let OBOA Know

This is a busy year for many of our members. If you (or know of another member) who has a major milestone/achievement/retirement in 2026, we want to hear about it! **We would like to acknowledge these big moments for our members – please email OBOA by July 1** to be included in announcements/materials during the ABM. Please provide their name, milestone, and a photo/headshot.

Space Limitations

Space is limited and early registration is encouraged. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event of inadequate registration, severe weather, or other events beyond OBOA's control, the ABM may be moved or cancelled. Should this occur, an attempt will be made to contact all registrants and fees will be refunded. Note: If an OBOA member is interested in attending a specific business meeting portion of the ABM only (no other functions, activities, events, meals, etc.), please contact the OBOA office to discuss details.

Cancellation & Sub Policy

Cancellations received on or before July 2 will receive a full refund minus a \$50 administrative processing fee. Cancellations received after July 2 or no-shows will not receive a refund and there is no credit/refund given for partial attendance.

Change of plans and not able to attend? Substitutions from the same jurisdiction/company can be made for registered attendees. Changes must be emailed to OBOA in advance (to ensure accurate CEUs, etc.) and are subject to a \$25 sub fee per change.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES + LINKS

Save \$50 or \$100 if you register early!

Book Room by: June 22 | Registration Discount Deadline: July 2

(Don't delay! Early reservations and registration strongly encouraged)

— **REGISTER ONLINE** at OregonBuildingOfficials.com —

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Excellent Opportunities with Oregon Building Officials

Our members have strong connections with our vendor partners, and we encourage you to let them know about our fantastic ABM! Our highly popular and valuable ABM is the perfect place for vendor partners to meet and network with decision-makers all in one quality venue.



Support OBOA by encouraging your reps/partner companies to introduce their product/service to our greater building safety community! Sponsorships are limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis; early registration is encouraged.

[EXHIBIT/SPONSOR DETAILS AND ONLINE REGISTRATION](#)