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Republican State Central Committee Meeting **SUCCESS!**

With record turn-out on St. Patrick's Day, multiple candidate meet and greets, a social mixer onboard a 1955 train and 2 guest speakers, the March 2018 Oregon Republican State Central Committee meeting was exceptionally productive and entertaining. It was held at Boulder Falls Inn and Resort in Lebanon Oregon. Boulder Falls facility and staff were exceptional, with service and quality equal to any Five Star resort. The work of electing a new ORP Secretary turned into an opportunity when two qualified candidates were nominated, and the members elected a tremendously qualified party secretary, Becky Mitts. Other business conducted was the Chairman's report from Bill Currier who stressed the excellent bench of candidates running in 2018 and their sincerity and genuineness being of great value to voters. The Vice Chair's report was given by Chris Barreto who discussed the great relationship with the RNC, the successful four house districts and one senate district who have had nominating conventions, with one or two more to go.

Two guest speakers at lunch: Allen Alley, businessman and former candidate for

Governor simplified the dilemma the state of Oregon's taxpayers are facing with the PERS debt. He explained with detailed charts and graphs the complicated and difficult position we find ourselves in to fulfill our promise to the retirees and the unsustainable trajectory of the cash flow. Larry Mullins, former CEO Samaritan Health Services discussed "The Elephant in the Room-Leadership Principles", encouraging all of the attendees to lead using analogies from his trip to Antarctica. His inspirational speech included recommended reading "[The White Darkness: A Journey Across Antarctica](#)" for motivation. (*It's really good!*) There were committee reports and the meeting was adjourned 4:18pm.

Upcoming ORP Events & Political Deadlines:

APRIL:

Apr 24th:

Deadline to register to vote in May 15th Primary election

Deadline to change party registration for May 15th Primary election

MAY:

May 15th: Primary Election

Learn What's Happening in [Your Oregon County Republican Party:](#)

<https://oregon.gop/counties>

Dear County Chairs: We've received numerous comments about a lack of information on county party websites. Please update your websites to reflect the activities and events in your area.



ORP SECRETARY: BECKY MITTS

Welcome our new party secretary who was elected at Oregon Republican State Central Committee on March 17th. Congratulations Becky and thanks!



NEW RULES TO FILL VACANCIES

Roseburg News Review... Thanks to a new rule passed by the Oregon Republican Party State Central Committee at a March 17th meeting in Lebanon, the precinct committee persons had a second task to perform in Coquille. ([click here for full story](#))



GOP chooses four to fill senate seat Commissioners to select from nominees to fill seat vacated by Kruse

The Republican Precinct Committee selected four candidates Saturday to fill Oregon Sen. Jeff Kruse's vacated seat until the end of the year and one — Dallas Heard of Winston — to run in the November elections for the District 1 seat. Selected were Dallas Heard, State Rep. David Brock Smith, R-Port Orford, veteran Karl Shank of Coos Bay and Winston real estate agent Valynn Currie. The 15 county commissioners from the five counties in District 1 have until April 9 to select one of the four to fill Kruse's seat until the end of the year. *(Pictured Dallas Heard talking with Oregon Republican Party Chairman, Bill Currier.)*

[\(click here for article\)](#)



THE UPROAR ABOUT IP 43 GUN CONFISCATION

Assault weapon ban petitioners turn in signatures to Oregon Secretary of State. The three chief petitioners for an initiative that would restrict the sale, production and ownership of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines filed several thousand signatures Monday to move their proposal forward. [\(Click here for story\)](#)

**Oregonians for Fair Elections have put forward
a petition EVERY VOTER A CITIZEN for the ballot in 2018.**

Their website is www.oregoniansforfairelections.com . There, any Oregonian can print, sign and mail the single singer petition to require all voters prove citizenship.

The petition text gives all the ways a person can prove they are a citizen for purposes of this petition.

Rep Mike Nearman and Attorney James L. Buchal are the Chief Petitioners. The **petition requires** every voter in Oregon to prove citizenship. They believe this is necessary because our laws have so many loopholes in them, and suspect there are non-citizens on the voter rolls in Oregon.



UNEXPECTED LOSS OF ORP'S ADAM MAYER

All of us are so sad and shocked by the unexpected loss of Adam Mayer over Easter weekend. Adam was a true friend, beloved husband, new father, patriot for Oregon, and someone many of us have known, trusted and loved for a very long time. Please keep [Christiana Mayer](#) and their new baby Edith in your thoughts and prayers during this challenging time. *(edited from Rebecca Tweed's Facebook post)*

**Here is the link to the [gofundme account](#) for the
AdamMayerFamilyFund.**



This week's featured PCP Volunteer:

DELINDA MORGAN

PCP and former candidate, Delinda Morgan spent hours volunteering to help at the recent ORP SCC meeting. She was a Train Host and many people probably met her with her friendly greeting as she and Kathy Lamberg, Lane County Chair, checked attendees into the SCC meeting at the front registration table. She ran as a Republican for U.S. Representative for CD 1. And, Delinda and her family run a vineyard in Gaston. Learn about their Pinot Noir and [Morgan Meadows Vineyard](#) located in the acclaimed Ribbon Ridge Appellation of Oregon.

Thank you to PCP Larry Talbert for his contribution of photographs of the SCC meeting.



PRECINCT COMMITTEE PERSON WRITE-IN

YOUR COUNTY PARTY CAN STILL ADD PCPS AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE. THEY ARE ELECTED AT THE SAME TIME AS THOSE WHO FILLED IN THE SEL 105 FORM. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

The election for PCPs is coming up in this May's primary election.

CONTACT YOUR COUNTY'S REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOW AND FIND OUT HOW YOUR COUNTY IS WORKING TO ADD PCPS.

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UPDATE FROM OREGON REPUBLICANS: 2018 NEWS CLIPS

TOP STORIES

[Kate Brown remains undecided on whether Oregon should copy part of 'Trump tax plan](#)

The Oregonian

The Taxpayers Association of Oregon sent a letter calling Democrats' tax plan a "hidden backdoor tax," and asked people to sign an initiative petition that would make it more difficult for lawmakers to raise taxes. The Oregon Small Business Association paid for robocalls with warnings about the tax bill, George said.

[Rare loss from tax law leads to political standoff in Oregon](#)

Associated Press

The Democratic-controlled Legislature passed the proposal after a bitter argument but weeks later is still awaiting action from Gov. Kate Brown, who has expressed hesitation about her own party's plan. She faces re-election in November, and Republicans said the divisive proposal is one of their main tools against her.

[Commission approves Kitzhaber ethics settlement](#)

Portland Tribune

The Oregon Government Ethics Commission voted unanimously Friday to accept a settlement that fines former Gov. John Kitzhaber \$20,000 for misusing his office and conflicts of interest related to his fiancée, Cylvia Hayes' consulting firm. The settlement is less than half of the maximum the commission could have imposed - \$50,000.

[State-sponsored retirement plan OregonSaves reaches settlement with national trade group](#)

Register-Guard

But the objection from the trade group, the ERISA Industry Committee, or ERIC, centered on companies that already offer retirement plans and a requirement that they certify as much to the state every three years. That was overly burdensome and violated a preemption in federal law, the group argued. For OregonSaves, however, that reporting requirement is a key mechanism in determining which companies should be signing up for the program. Under the settlement terms, ERIC employers, when contacted by OregonSaves officials, would simply have to inform them that they are part of the trade group and therefore are exempt. The group represents about 100 employers that each employs and already provides retirement options to more than 10,000 workers nationwide.

STATE GOVERNMENT

[Wildlife officials consider rollbacks on license fees](#)

Associated Press

State fish and wildlife officials are considering dropping a fee increase for Oregon fishing and hunting licenses that takes effect in 2021. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife also may roll back some fees next year after revenues exceeded expectations, according to reports Thursday.

[Richardson wants to turn up Umatilla County voter turnout](#)

East Oregonian

Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson said he wants to help turn around Umatilla County's low voter turnout. Richardson arrived earlier this week to Pendleton and participated in Wednesday night's local GOP fundraiser, and Thursday morning he was at the Umatilla County Elections Division in a smart blue blazer and cargo pants. He said he is visiting elections offices in all 36 counties to gain a first-hand understanding of the process, from how ballots come in to when officials submit results to the state.

ELECTIONS & ADVOCACY

[Buehler Comes Under Fire For Skipping Oregon GOP Candidate Forums](#)

Oregon Public Broadcasting

Rebecca Tweed, Buehler's campaign manager, said he isn't trying to avoid his primary opponents. "It really comes down to scheduling," Tweed said. "We've had Knute booked out for months with lunches, fundraising events" and other activities — including meetings with local Republicans. Tweed said Buehler is scheduled to attend one

upcoming candidate forum that could be important. The Washington County Republican Party plans to break with tradition by making endorsements before the May 15 primary, and as part of that, it's holding a candidate forum April 14 in Hillsboro.

[Can Democrats Flip Crucial Governors' Seats?](#)

Governing

A recent poll shows Brown up over GOP state Rep. Knute Buehler, 45 percent to 29 percent. While Buehler is relatively unknown, he's moderate enough to compete in this blue state and should have enough money to mount a credible campaign. First, though, he must survive challenges from his right, including from Greg Wooldridge, a former Navy Blue Angel who's been endorsed by Oregon Right to Life. (Buehler, an orthopedic surgeon, favors abortion rights.) Brown got through the limited, off-year legislative session without too much damage. Democrats will do everything to tie Republicans -- who are barely a fourth of Oregon's registered voters -- to Trump. Being a Democratic incumbent in a Democratic state in a likely Democratic year should be sufficient for Brown.

[U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio Suggests Cambridge Analytica Was Running His Opponent's 2014 Campaign—and Points to the Role Played by a Hedge-Fund Tycoon](#)

Willamette Week

On March 25, [the Washington Post reported](#) that Oregon Republican congressional candidate Art Robinson hired Cambridge Analytica—the political data firm that allegedly harvested personal data from millions of Facebook users to boost the Trump campaign—during his 2014 campaign. Robinson says that Cambridge Analytica aided his campaign, but didn't manage it.

[Basic Rights Oregon holds Queer Town Hall](#)

Portland Tribune

Meek, D-Gladstone, said he grew up poor and feels healthcare should be a fundamental right for every Oregonian. According to him, one in four trans people in America experience hardships in getting insurance coverage and affordable healthcare.

COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY

[Multnomah County Prosecutors Are Cracking Down on Repeat Car Thieves After Oregon Lawmakers Dropped the Ball](#)

Willamette Week

The Multnomah County District Attorneys Office is cracking down on motor vehicle theft after legislative efforts to strengthen Oregon's anti-theft laws died in the 2018 short session. District Attorney Rod Underhill issued a new set of guidelines to prosecutors in his office on March 23, instructing his employees to request prison sentences for some defendants with a history of repeat offenses. "We prefer not to use a more punitive tool," Underhill says, "but we want and need to reduce the status of the stolen car problem in Multnomah County. We're taking a careful look at repeat offenders."

ENVIRONMENT

[U.S. Army Corps of Engineers May Have Spilled More Than 470 Gallons of Oil Into the Columbia River](#)

Willamette Week

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lost more than 470 gallons of oil at the Dalles Dam east of Portland on the Columbia River. The oil level in one of the generating units at the hydropower dam appeared low on March 18. A maintenance worker added more oil, but the level was low again four days later. The Corps does not know where the oil went.

OTHER STORIES

[Salem basketball player alleges harassment, wants answers](#)

The Oregonian

Oregon took steps toward clarifying the rights of accusers on March 1. Lawmakers approved a bill saying school districts should disclose the results of sexual harassment complaints to people who make them. The state legislation doesn't change anything in the Millers' case; it says districts can deny accusers information by citing confidentiality requirements, as Salem-Keizer did. But the family felt they had found allies who would continue working to improve policies. House Bill 4150 was sponsored by Rep. Andrea Salinas, D-Lake Oswego; Kim Thatcher, R-Keizer; and Sen. Sarah Gelser, D-Corvallis, whose own sexual harassment complaint helped oust a fellow senator this year.

[Anti-Gun "Journalist" Kurt Eichenwald Threatens Pro-Gun Legislator](#)

Gateway Pundit

Eichenwald has reached a new low, and could very well end up in both criminal and civil court for his latest stunt. He has published the personal information, including the social security number, of Oregon state representative Bill Post, along with vague threats.

[Hospitality leaders tackle emergency preparedness on the Oregon Coast](#)

Daily Astorian

In the past few years, the topic has evolved from taboo into must-do as communities on the North Coast wrestle with the growth in tourism and greater tsunami awareness. But emergency planning is a balancing act, with obstacles for commerce at many turns. How do you educate people about the risks of a disaster without scaring travelers away?

LOCAL STORIES

[\\$25M La Pine infrastructure project moves forward](#)

Bend Bulletin

La Pine is moving forward on a massive \$25 million infrastructure project, designed to connect two neighborhoods to the city's water system while also expanding its overall capacity. "The sheer volume of the project is pretty unique," said Brandon Mahon, project engineer for La Grande-based Anderson Perry & Associates, the engineering firm selected for the project.

[DEQ cites Portland scrap yard where 5-alarm fire broke out](#)

The Oregonian

NW Metals also allowed used oil to mix with antifreeze, the environmental quality department announced Thursday. The agency also issued a cleanup order to the business Wednesday, requiring it to remove all cars, tires and other debris damaged in the March 12 fire, determine if there are any possible groundwater impacts and do testing at the scrap yard and two nearby burned properties for possible contamination.

OPINION

[Editorial: Empty chairs at PERS](#)

Register-Guard

Maintaining the credibility of PERS's management and board is of utmost importance. It's essential that Oregonians believe they're being told the harsh truth about PERS. It's vital for the public to trust that the pension program's problems are structural, rather than

managerial. Such faith, hard-earned and easily lost, is one of PERS's biggest assets, and Gov Brown must find a way to preserve it.

[Don't let water issues split us apart this summer](#)

Herald and News

A lot of people recognize this and are working behind the scenes to talk with the various players affected, such as the Klamath Tribes, Project irrigators, Upper Basin ranchers, the Northern California Tribes and our county government officials. Even District Attorney Eve Costello has mentioned the potential for trouble and is working with Sheriff Chris Kaber to keep communication lines open with all the affected groups.

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