



[A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT](#)

It is with tremendous honor, and knees shaking, that I commence service as your president of OSA for the 2018-2019 year—the 50th anniversary of the organization. My predecessors set a high bar with their leadership. They started things over the last few years that, with the help of the great board we have now, we will continue to push forward to resolution.



Please welcome our new board members Terri Burr of Pennington Seed and Dustin Withee of Smith Seed Services. I look forward to working with them, as well as the rest of the board, toward the betterment of the industry and the association over the coming year.

Over the next year, I will continue to build and strengthen relationships with stakeholders in our industry and at the legislative level. We will be calling on members again this year to help staff a booth at the Capitol during our advocacy day in March 2019.

Looking back at past summer conventions, some of the committee meetings were more report driven rather than an open-forum discussion. Therefore, the Board will be outlining guidelines for committee meetings and what each

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committee should be focusing on for the industry, while working with the support of the Emerging Professionals group. But the only way we will be successful is with input from you, the membership.

Since becoming president, a few of you have asked me about VNS. I will be appointing a committee to look at a system of handling VNS and will present the committee's ideas for discussion at the Mid-Winter Meeting. We already have some volunteers, but please let me know if you would be interested in helping on the committee. You are always welcome to email me suggestions at orseedcleaning@gmail.com.

Finally, my year will end with a celebration of the 50th anniversary of OSA at the summer convention scheduled for the Oregon Garden Resort in Silverton. We will host a "Family Reunion" and hope to renew old friendships and make new ones by bringing back many of the past presidents and lifetime members. We consider everyone in this organization as a family, which is the reason the association has endured for 50 years.

Thank you,
Jake Stockfleth

SUMMER CONVENTION RECAP



Pictured left to right: Phill Lindgren, Paul Hedgpeth, Jake Stockfleth, Jeff Martin, JP Olson, Scott Harer

The OSA Summer Convention was held June 20-21 at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Washington. The theme was "Bridging Borders," which focused on the Oregon Seed Association's mission to bring premier Oregon-grown seed to the world by fostering cooperation and relationships. Jeff Martin concluded his year as OSA President and passed the gavel to Jake Stockfleth for the 2018-2019 term.

Awards & Scholarships

Board of Directors

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If you have ideas or
information to share for the
newsletters or social media
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SUMMER CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

If you missed this year's convention, below are the highlights from the membership meeting.

Legislative Forecast by Keynote Speaker,
Paul Phillips

Data Subcommittee Update

Discussion on Millersburg Intermodal Facility

NEW Specialty Seeds Committee

Update on breeder request for test reports

During the two-day conference, the following resolutions were passed:

Resolution #1: Motion made by Jake Stockfleth and seconded by Dan Walters: Move that OSA support ODA adding Palmer amaranth to the noxious seed list as prohibited. **Motion passed.**

Resolution #2: Motion made by Bill Merrigan and seconded by Jake Stockfleth, amended by Scott Harer and seconded by Terri Burr: Move that we oppose the rule proposal to require a new sample for re-germ after six months for cool season grasses. **Motion passed.**

It was not all work, however, as membership took time out to golf, zip-line and have fun at the photo booth during the Past Presidents Reception. Banquet attendees were entertained by the interactive performance by illusionist and mind-reader Hart Keene.

Fundraising activities, including the silent auction, earned over \$11,000 for the OSA Scholarship Program. Thank you to all those who donated items or funds, or participated in these activities.

Please enjoy this photo slideshow from the convention [here>>>](#)

Report on International Sales Exports, 2001-2018

AOSA Proposed Rule Change on Storage of Seed Samples

ODA Presentation on K-31 Records Audits

And More.....

We encourage you to attend the annual membership meetings in January and June where much of the organization's business takes place!

Watch for news on upcoming events [here>>>](#)

Welcome 2018 New Members!



[Don't forget to take advantage of the Membership Recruitment Incentive Plan to earn credits.](#)



LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY



Join us March 4, 2019, for the OSA Advocacy Day at the Capitol

Volunteers are needed to spend the day at the Capitol to meet with legislators and staff an interactive display booth. More information will be available as the date gets closer.

Stay informed of this and other updates by visiting our legislative page [here>>>](#)

COMMITTEES

Committees serve a vital purpose in forming the direction of the Oregon Seed Association and promoting the cause of the organization:

- Committees serve as a training ground for future association leaders.
- Committees serve as a conduit through which the Board receives member input.
- Committees enhance the effectiveness of the Board of Directors by providing research analysis and advice needed for policy decisions.

A special "Thank You" to all of you who volunteer to serve on our committees!

2018-2019 COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

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Comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Executive Director.

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For a list of Advisory Committee members click [here>>>](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

On January 17, 2019, the Mid-Winter Meeting will be held at the beautiful Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn in Lebanon, Oregon.

What: OSA Mid-Winter Meeting
When: January 17, 2019
Where: Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn, 505 Mullins Drive, Lebanon, OR 97355

Check [here](#) for more information.



[NANCY AERNI AWARDED WITH HONORARY LIFE MEMBER AWARD](#)

Nancy Aerni (Turf Merchants Inc.) was presented the Honorary Life Member Award at the OSA Banquet on June 21, 2018.

An Oregon native, Nancy grew up on a grass seed production farm. She began her career in 1980 at a local seed company and joined TMI in 1984.

Nancy is the first woman president of the Oregon Seed Association, has served on the Oregon Seed Council and the OSU Seed Services Advisory Committee. She has been very involved with the industry and other seed organizations as well. She has served as Chairman of the Lawn Seed Division of the American Seed Trade Association. She served as a director for the Atlantic Seed Association receiving their seedsman of the year in 2010, and was a recipient of the ASA Presidential

award in 2013. She has served as a trustee for Turfgrass Producers International and The Lawn Institute Foundation, as well as serving TPI committees and for many years chairing the fundraising committee for The Lawn Institute.

She has been honored by FISH of Albany for her charitable time contributions and served as a co-leader of a cadet girl scout troop. She is also a member of the South Albany Community Church. Her family members include husband Steve, children Morgan & Travis, and grandchildren Zachary, Aiden and DaeLynn.



CONGRATULATIONS 2018 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Dayne Iverson

Dayne graduated as Valedictorian of Chiawana High School with a 4.0 unweighted GPA and a 4.82 weighted GPA. He will be attending Randolph-Macon College in the fall of 2018 with a major in chemistry and a minor in biology and Spanish. In addition, Dayne has earned a spot in the college honors program, NCAA Men's Volleyball team and has been named their president's scholar. All this will work towards Dayne's goal of becoming a cardiothoracic surgeon. He is driven by a desire to help others and wants to give back to others by volunteering with Doctors without Borders.



At a young age, Dayne learned the value of hard work and determination. As a freshman, he founded Chiawana's first Pre-Med Club and is the first student to complete 1,200 volunteer hours at his local hospital. Throughout his high school career, Dayne has shown versatility in his extracurricular activities,

community service and scholastic achievements. He will also earn his EMT certification this summer.

Dayne is a very driven and goal oriented individual. He has a plan mapped out for his higher education and recognizes the dedication and hard work it will take to achieve the title of doctor.



Rocio Ruiz Lopez

Rocio graduated from Harrisburg High School and is enrolled at Portland State University in the pre-nursing program. Upon completion of her prerequisites, she will transfer to the University of Portland where she will complete her education with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Rocio is driven by a passion to help others. Her compassionate nature and personal drive ensures she will be successful in her chosen career path.

Early in life, Rocio faced diversity head on when she was mocked for being enrolled in speech class. Through the support of her parents and teachers, she was able to overcome her speech impediment and learned the value of hard work and perseverance. Rocio has been very active in the community volunteering at homeless shelters and food banks. She was the 2017-2018 youth advisor on the Harrisburg Planning Commission, is involved in Community Theater, and has been a member of St. Helen's Church choir for over four years.

With a desire for knowledge, Rocio is excited to start this new chapter in her life.

Ryan Dunn

Ryan completed his final year at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, California. He majored in Mechanical Engineering with a concentration in Mechatronics. He excelled in his studies making the Dean's list every quarter and the President's List for the last two years.

Ryan's passion is robotics and the development of robotic technologies, and he has been involved with various high school robotics teams as a way to get younger students interested in the field. His high school robotics club really peaked his interest and he wants to reach other students in that way.

He would like to pursue a career in the robotics industry.



Sequoia Rysdam

Sequoia will graduate from Pacific Lutheran University in May of 2019 with a degree in Kinesiology. She is in the pre-physical therapy program and her minor is Exercise and Sports Psychology.

Sequoia has a passion for sports and working with athletes who are recovering from injuries. In addition to playing on several sports teams at Silverton High School, she has been involved in coaching with the Special Olympics and the paralympic sports club at Pacific Lutheran University.

She would like to own a physical therapy clinic in the future in her hometown of Silverton.

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