



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello OACA,

I hope everyone is healthy and happy during these uncertain times. I never thought that my first year as your president would be like this. I know you are all facing challenges on how to navigate the changes that are currently taking place. These challenges are something that we have never faced before in the history of our state and the world. As a court we have faced closures, reschedules, furlough days, protests, legislative changes and many other hurdles that we have had to navigate, but we have all done it by helping each other to get through it. The Oregon Association of Court Administration is here to answer any questions and to help you through these tough times. The OACA Board is listed on the website and you can contact any Board member with questions. Also, we have a chat group available to all the membership to assist you with court matters.

As you know, we had to cancel our spring conference at Agate Beach in April due to the COVID-19 virus. I am sorry to say that our fall conference in Bend, scheduled for October, will also be cancelled, due to the continued outbreaks and the Governor's orders. This doesn't mean that we are not committed to the education of our membership. The Board is exploring virtual education options; please continue to check our website for updates on changes and additional information.

Even though the fall conference is cancelled, we will still be having elections for open Board positions. A list of open positions and information on how to submit your Intent To Run for the Board will be sent out to the membership at a later date. If anyone is interested in becoming a Board member or if you have any questions, please give us a call.

As an update on the Board, we have had a change in the treasurer position. Candy Ashby retired from her court on June 30, 2020 and has stepped down as the OACA treasurer. Deborah Ingledew has stepped up to take on the treasurer responsibilities. Deborah has been a director since 2018 and we thank her for taking on this position.

On the legislative front, the State passed House Bill 4210, effective October 1, 2020. This new legislation affects the courts ability to suspend driving privileges for defendants that fail to comply with court orders to pay fines. I urge you to please review this house bill. It changes how we manage the enforcement of our judgments in our courts.

Until we are all able to meet again, my hope is that you all stay safe and healthy.

Carla Bantz, President

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