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News and Updates

OPTA Annual Business Meeting and Fall Education Conference:

November 1, 2, 3 in BROOKS at Chemeketa's new home for their Building Inspection Technology (BIT) program.

Conference Location

Chemeketa Community College Brooks Campus 4910 Brooklake Rd NE Brooks, OR 97305

Lodging: Hotel is approximately 11-miles from conference location Hampton Inn & Suites Salem 510 Hawthorne Ave SE Salem, OR 97301 (503) 362-1300 2 Queen or King Room - \$159.00 Reserve under Group Code: "OR Permit Technicians Assoc" by Oct. 17, 2023 Networking social on Thursday evening in Salem. Location is TBD.

OPTA Permit Technician of the Year: Start thinking about what makes a Building Department operate so well. It usually starts with a great Permit Tech at the front counter. Please help us celebrate a worthy Permit Technician at this year's ABM. More information on how to nominate can be found on our website.

ELECTIONS: This year we will have elections for the following 2-year positions: **President, President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary.** If you are interested in being part of our amazing team of professionals supporting this organization, please let us know! Want to "*get your feet wet*", while supporting OPTA and learning the ropes of being on the Board of Directors? We also have opportunities for **At-Large Director** positions.

Scholarships are available for OPTA members:

- **Test Reimbursement:** Reimbursement of the fee for taking and passing the ICC Permit Technician Certification or Code Specialist. To qualify you must apply and be approved prior to taking your exam.
- **OPTA Offered Education:** Tuition for up to two days of education, at our annual conference, education conference, or virtual class.
- **Continuing Education:** For the person who wants to advance their career by taking additional courses at an accredited college or university.

Visit our <u>website</u> for more information and to fill out a simple application!

Upcoming classes: <u>November 28th-30th</u> PermitTechNation (PTN) will be offering Code Specialist 3day webinar as a virtual class. This is an opportunity to take your Permit Tech skills to the next level. Dive deeper into Legal, Management, Inspector Skills. This step can prepare you for the Building Official exam as next step or as you step into a managerial position in your department.

OPTA has complete sets of all 8 books needed to take this exam. Please contact us at <u>info@oregonpermittechs.com</u> to request your set to checkout for this exam.

* Remember that as a current 2023 OPTA member you can take year-round PermitTechNation webinars and training at their member rate!

ICC Annual Business Meeting. October 7-12th this years' event will happen in Saint Louis, Missouri. Home of the famous Gateway Arch, Busch Stadium-St. Louis Cardinals, Anheuser-Busch Brewery, BBQ and Blues.

OPTA Board of Directors will be attending this year and participating in several events to help grow our chapter, seek educational opportunities, and develop leadership skills.

On October 7th along with other code professionals, we will be participating in the WICED/PTN Day of Service with Habitat for Humanity of St. Louis and MOVE-STL veterans' organization. FOUR sites are needing our help this year, and there are a record number of volunteers!

We hope to see some of our members there. Let us know if you will be attending! We'd love to connect with you.

Celebrate! Do you or a coworker have kudos to share? We would love to help you spread the good word! Send us your kudos to our email <u>info@oregonpermittechs.com</u> and we will share your celebration on our social media platforms Facebook and LinkedIn. Please note our LinkedIn profile is now public, anyone can follow us!

Special Event: Oregon Permit Technicians Association is being presented with the 2023 International Code Council W. Scott Kopp Leadership Award! This is the first year for this award category and is presented to one state chapter that serves as a champion of the Code Council mission and inspires others to become Code Council leaders. OPTA has been awarded this honor due to all the hard work and dedication by our Board of Directors and membership. We are a Permit Tech Chapter that sets a high bar for excellence and are being recognized at the National level. This award will be presented by ICC Leadership during our ABM on Friday November 3rd. We hope you can make it!

Thank you again, to our partners and generous donors that enable OPTA to truly help your team reach new peaks! We are a capable group and eager to learn. We are a uniquely skilled profession that needs to excel at a lot of duties. Each municipality then adds to the flexible position this has transformed into. Our mission is to help train and raise the profile of Permit Technicians.

On behalf of the entire Board and with thanks,

Michele Linbarger, City of Springfield, President Regan Trapp, City of Ashland, Secretary Tiffany Little, City of Hillsboro, Past President Serena Locke, Jackson County, President-Elect Melany Klemmer, City of Cottage Grove, Treasurer Cailin Tang, NW Code Professionals, Director At-Large

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