

2020 OCCMA Summer Conference

July 9-10, 2020

Cyberspace, Oregon

Taking Care of our Communities, our Organizations, and Each Other



PROGRAM

Note: Prior to the conference, ensure that you have downloaded the Zoom meeting app on the device you'll be using to participate in the conference.

*As with a normal conference, we hope you will be able to get out of the office and participate from a different location...even if it's just your backyard. But do ensure you have the equipment and internet connection that will allow full audio **and** video interaction.*

Thursday July 9 1:00 – 5:30 p.m.

- 1:00 **Conference welcome and overview** – President Spencer Nebel (Newport City Manager) and President-Elect Steve Powers (Salem City Manager).
- 1:30 **Support for local businesses:** what are Oregon cities and counties doing? Moderator: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager, Tualatin. Panel members: Zoe Monahan, Assistant to the City Manager, Wilsonville; Kelly Madding, Deputy City Manager, Medford; Eric King, City Manager, Bend; and Aaron Cubic, City Manager, Grants Pass.
- 2:15 **Managing Outside our Comfort Zone: Race, racial justice and policing in 2020.** Join your colleagues for a discussion of the role of City Managers in responding to calls for police reform after the death of George Floyd. Do we have the skills, resilience and courage to help our communities, Councils, and staff navigate this big, hairy, audacious issue? Moderator: Martha Bennett, City Manager, City of Lake Oswego. Panel members: Ann Ober, City Manager in Milwaukie, Simone Brooks, Assistant City Manager in Hillsboro, and Jeff Towery, City Manager in McMinnville.
- 3:00 **Exercise – The Lighter Side. Local Government Trivia Game** hosted by Kirsten Wyatt, Executive Director, ELGL.
- 3:15 Break
- 3:25 **Management Issues and Challenges Round Robin.** Highly interactive session facilitated by Professor Philip Cooper, Douglas & Candace Morgan Professor of Local Government, Portland State University.
- 4:30 Happy hour and sharing with peers...virtually.

Friday July 10 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

8:30 **ICMA Update.** Peter Troedsson, City Manager, Albany and ICMA West Coast Vice President, Marc Ott, Executive Director, ICMA; Pat Martel, ICMA West Coast Regional Director.

9:30 **Keynote: Rediscovering the Value of Public Service in Local Government.** Hannes Zacharias, former city and county manager and now Adjunct Professor, University of Kansas. Introduction by Brian Sjothun, City Manager, Medford.

Sessions: Silver linings in the pandemic cloud?

10:15 **Working remotely: what will the workplace look like going forward?** Presenter: Patrick Ibarra, The Mejorando Group.

10:55 Break

11:05 **New approaches to citizen involvement.** Moderator: Ashley Sonoff, Sponsorship & Partnership Coordinator, Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation. Panel members: Stacey Bray, Assistant Administrator, Jacksonville; Charity Taylor, City of Lake Oswego; Tom Pessemier, City Manager, Independence; Scott Lazenby, Adjunct Associate Professor, Portland State University. Table discussions: what, if anything, will your organization do differently to get citizen input when things return to normal?

11:45 **Wrap up and closing session: taking care of ourselves.** Senior Advisor Wes Hare will facilitate a group discussion on the question: “What do you do to take care of yourself?” Closing comments by Spencer Nebel.

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