

Election of OAESD Chair-Elect

There have been two official nominations for the OAESD Chair-Elect position. See below for both bios.

The Officer Council consists of the officers of OAESD. These are the Chair, Chair-Elect, and Past Chair of the OAESD Board and President, President-Elect, and Past President of the OAESD Superintendents' Council. The term of office for the officers shall be one year in each role. Any officer may be elected to no more than two successive terms. The Chair-Elect and President-Elect succeeds the Chair and President, respectively. The term expiration for the Chair will be in odd numbered years and for the President in even numbered years. Past practice has been for each ESD Board to have the opportunity to nominate a candidate for the position of Chair-Elect and for each member ESD superintendent to have the opportunity to nominate a candidate for President-Elect. The new officer may shadow Legislative Committee meetings and Officer Council meetings during the Spring, and their new role begins officially on July 1, 2026.

The new Chair-Elect will be announced by OAESD on March 6th, 2026.

Jill Conant - Malheur ESD Board of Directors

"OAESD is one of the best organizations I have ever had the pleasure of being a part of. 19 separate ESDs joined together for the good of the students of Oregon. Amazing!

I have been associated with Malheur ESD since my 54 year old daughter started kindergarten and we found out she was hearing impaired. Since then ESDs have changed quite a bit. I am honored to be a board member, and I am inspired to see the work being done for kids, teachers, and communities statewide.

I served for three years in the chairmanship roles of OAESD ending in 2023. I think there is a lot of learning that happens in that three years. When I finished the third year, I had finally figured out what to do. I would love to get the opportunity to serve again as your chair-elect. We are at an exciting time in our organization with new leadership and energy. Please consider me for your next chair-elect."

Malheur ESD Board of Directors
OAESD Governance Council Member

Paul Zastrow

Nominated by the Columbia Gorge ESD Board at their regular meeting, December 17, 2025.

28 years on the CGESD Board, 14 years as Chair, has attended 29 OSBA Conventions, was on the OSBA Board years ago

Helped hire Superintendents, negotiate contracts, Chaired Committees, serves on the OAESD Governance Council, past OAESD Chair

High school Science teacher 30+ years, retired from Hood River County School District, was involved state-wide with OEA – the teacher's Union – on their Board, was a Legislative Advisory Committee member, on their PAC Board, President of the OEA Retired Board, Secretary, is a Congressional Contact

Team member, awarded Lifetime Achievement Award, and other recognitions, served in most officer positions for the Oregon Retired Educators Association and now as Executive Director

Community Involvement: On Parkdale Fire Department Board, was a volunteer firefighter for over 20 years, serves on the Hood River County Fire Defense Board, is on the Senior Advisory Council for the seven county (Hood River through Umatilla) region, volunteers for AARP, Hood River Adult Center, and other organizations

Lions Club member over 25 years – District Governor, local Club President and Treasurer, District Secretary-Treasurer, delegate to state and international conventions

Outside interests; travel – Europe 15 times, visited all but 2 states, rock hounding and lapidary work, oil painting when I get a chance, small orcharding pears in the Upper Hood River Valley, and even walking the dog – Bouncer, my Boston Terrier