

OREGON ASSEMBLY FOR BLACK AFFAIRS

The Oregon Assembly For Black Affairs (OABA) is a non-profit statewide corporation committed to improving the status of Blacks in Oregon. It was founded on April 9, 1977, and is registered with the Oregon Corporation Division. Although non-partisan, the organization is political and emphasizes building a better Oregon for the Black Community.

MEMBERSHIP

Any person who is in accord with the principles and policies of Oregon Assembly For Black Affairs may become a member upon consent of the Board of Directors, by accepting the terms of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Oregon Assembly For Black Affairs and by paying annually, in advance, the requisite membership fee.

Membership dues are per year, renewable on the anniversary date of the member's approval and acceptance. Basic membership dues are \$25 per year. Information on dues for other membership categories is available on the application.

ACTIVITIES

Oregon Assembly For Black Affairs is headquartered in the state capital, Salem. The Board of Directors of OABA meets monthly, usually in Salem, to handle the on-going business of the corporation. Membership meetings are held quarterly. The OABA Board of Directors has determined that as a statewide organization, membership meetings should be held in Black population centers around the state. Currently, the March meeting is held in Eugene; the June meeting is held in Corvallis and the September meeting is held in Portland. Meeting locations may change over time. The Annual Meeting is held each December in Salem. During the Annual Meeting we assess the prior year's accomplishments, identify priorities for the coming year and elect officers (even years) or committee chairpersons (odd years).

Throughout the year, OABA focuses on educating the Black Community and the public, about Assembly goals and objectives, works with public and private institutions and media to improve the images presented of Blacks in Oregon, directs efforts toward increasing membership and plans political conventions and economic summits.

This work takes place through committee activities and quarterly meetings of the membership. Periodic communication with the membership takes place through mailings.

OABA works with other organizations serving the needs of Blacks in Oregon, in building a better Oregon for the Black Community. The Assembly seeks neither to replace nor undermine existing organizations that are working to achieve similar goals.

MAJOR EVENTS

- January (odd years) CALL-TO-ACTION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE in Salem
- April (even years) OREGON BLACK POLITICAL CONVENTION

MISSION

The mission of the Oregon Assembly For Black Affairs is to improve the political, educational, social, legal and economic status of Blacks in Oregon.

OBJECTIVES

1. Support and promote the development of competitive, quality Black businesses, whenever and wherever economically feasible.
2. Research the economic and community conditions of Blacks in Oregon, and recommend ways to improve such conditions.
3. Work for equal education opportunities for Blacks at all levels, and to eliminate all unequal education opportunities and inferior educational programs.
4. Research the availability of, and disseminate information on, employment opportunities at all levels.
5. Research the availability and financing of housing for Blacks.
6. Encourage Blacks to understand, participate in and affect the political process at all levels of government.
7. Serve as a community liaison between elected officials and the Black Community.
8. Host an Oregon Black Political Convention during the spring of election years.
9. Encourage public officials to become more accountable, responsive and productive to the Black Community.
10. Build a better Oregon for the Black Community.

OREGON ASSEMBLY FOR BLACK AFFAIRS Membership Application

I hereby apply for membership in the non-profit corporation Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs, (OABA) whose purpose and aims are to improve the political, educational, social, legal and economic status of Blacks in Oregon.

How may we contact you?

US Mail Email Home Phone Work Cell

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Telephones: Home: _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

Signature: _____

Membership Type:

- Student\$10.00
- Regular\$25.00
- Contributing\$50.00
- Organizational\$100.00
- Sustaining\$200.00
- Life*\$500.00

Amount Enclosed\$_____00

*Life membership is also payable in annual tenths of \$50.00 each

Date: _____

