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“Rebooting” the OAS Check out our new website!

What is the Oregon Academy of Science?

The Oregon Academy of Science (OAS), established in 1943, is a nonprofit member institution of the National Association of Academies of Science (NAAS) which itself is part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), notably the publisher of the world-class journal *Science*. The OAS has admirably served to promote the sciences in the State of Oregon for over 75 years. The OAS is exclusively volunteer-based and relies on Oregon scientists in academia and industry donating time and energy to serve our community.

What does the OAS do?

The OAS organizes an annual conference each February at which faculty, undergraduate + graduate students, and industry-affiliated scientists gather together to share and promote scientific progress in the State of Oregon. Additionally, the OAS recognizes the contributions of outstanding educators (K-12 and higher education) and scientists in the State of Oregon with annual awards presented at the annual conference.

While these are the current major functions of the OAS, greater visions based on what other State Academies of Science do are feasible—for instance, providing consultation on scientific matters to the State legislature.

Who are the volunteers who run the OAS?

Any scientist in the State of Oregon is eligible to volunteer to advance the mission of the OAS and to help run the annual activities. At the moment all filled leadership positions are occupied by individuals associated with academic institutions, but this is not proscribed in the OAS bylaws.

How can you get involved?

The OAS has not operated since our annual conference in February 2020 (held jointly with a Sigma Xi poster session at Portland State University).

We are eager to staff positions and restart our service to the scientific community of Oregon starting with an annual conference in Feb. 2023!

The OAS conference profoundly impacts undergraduate scientists by giving them a space to grow in their ability to share results from their research activities in primarily oral presentation sessions, chances they may not have at larger regional or national conferences.

Please contact any OAS-affiliated individuals listed on the next page if you are interested in getting involved in the next two years with our organization!

The work is relatively light and the experience is highly rewarding for individuals at all career stages.

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