

# OREGON INDEPENDENT AGGREGATE ASSOCIATION

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## March 2026 Newsletter

### Board of Directors:

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### Chairman Message:

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Thank you to all our constituents for your continued participation and support throughout this year's OIAA annual training. Your involvement is what keeps our organization strong and ensures we stay aligned with the real needs of our industry.

I also want to extend our appreciation to MSHA Safety Services for delivering training that remains relevant, practical, and effective. Their commitment to clear, actionable safety guidance helps all of us maintain high standards and operate with confidence.

As we plan, we want these sessions to be useful and engaging. Your input matters. If there are topics, challenges, or ideas you'd like to see covered in future presentations, please share them. The more feedback we receive, the better we can tailor our training to support everyone in the field.

Our industry works best when we work together. By staying connected and collaborating, we can help small aggregate companies remain competitive and ensure consumers continue to have access to the materials they rely on. It's a shared effort, and every contribution strengthens the whole group.

Thank you again for your commitment and for being an active part of this organization. I look forward to building on this progress with all of you.

Mark your calendars as 2027 training dates have already been reserved!

## MSHA Part 46 Training:

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### Albany:

- 📍 **Location:** Linn County Fair & Expo
- 🕒 **Date & Time:** Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2027 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

### Roseburg:

- 📍 **Location:** Douglas County Fairgrounds
- 🕒 **Date & Time:** Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2027 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM



Please feel free to share this opportunity with anyone who may be interested in attending—members and non-members alike. The MSHA Part 46 Training form will be sent out in the fall of 2026. Not unlike this year, it can be completed electronically using Adobe Acrobat or printed/fill it out by hand. Questions? Email Melissa at [melissa.bronson@kniferiver.com](mailto:melissa.bronson@kniferiver.com)

### 2026 Training Recap:

We had a great training turnout this year! We hosted **67 attendees in Albany** and **73 in Roseburg**, representing a wide range of industries: timber companies, equipment sales, aggregate operations, construction, and more.

Thank you to everyone who showed up, stayed engaged, and helped make the sessions worthwhile.



Photo 1: Roseburg Part 46 Training at the Douglas County Fairgrounds



Photo 2: Albany Part 46 Training at the Linn County Fairgrounds

## General Information:

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We truly value and encourage active participation from all our members. You're invited to attend our meetings anytime. If you'd like to get more involved, share ideas for improving our association, or learn about upcoming meetings, please feel free to reach out to any of our board members.

## Join the Board!

With two of our founding directors retiring, we're opening the door for fresh energy and new voices—and we'd love to have you be part of it. We're actively looking to add members to our Board of Directors, and this is a great time to get involved. If you're curious, interested, or even just thinking about it, reach out to any board member or join us at our next meeting to explore the opportunity. We'd be excited to welcome you to the conversation.

## Next Meeting:

 **Location:** IMA (KPD) Office – Conference Room, Springfield, OR

 **Date & Time:** April 8, 2026 @ 10 AM

## Article Content:

We're always looking for great content to feature in our newsletter. If you have an article, safety tip, or any information you believe would benefit or interest our members, we'd love to include it. Please submit your materials to: [melissa.bronson@kniferiver.com](mailto:melissa.bronson@kniferiver.com) or [erwinh@rfpco.com](mailto:erwinh@rfpco.com)

## Newsletter Changes:

We're excited to continue building community within the Oregon Independent Aggregate Association, and one great way to do that is through our Member Spotlight feature. We invite current members to submit a short spotlight showcasing their business—whether that's a quick Q&A, a fun fact about your operation, highlights of unique projects, or non-sensitive photos of your quarry, equipment, or crew. Including a brief blurb about your company helps us share your story while giving you a little extra marketing visibility. If you'd like to be featured in an upcoming edition, we'd love to hear from you.

Visit our website at [www.oraggregate.com](http://www.oraggregate.com)

# Member Spotlight:

## YOUR COMPANY HERE!

This month we don't have a Member Spotlight—apparently everyone is too humble to brag. So, here's your friendly reminder: send us a short company bio and a photo. We'd love to introduce you to the rest of the group and, yes, give you a completely shameless plug.