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**JULY 9-12, 2024**

**CSG WEST  
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# A NOTE FROM OUR HOSTS



**CSG WEST CHAIR**  
**Sen. Bill Hansell**  
*Oregon*

The Annual Meeting is a place where you'll find camaraderie, discover new approaches to your legislative efforts, grow your network of experts, and have a lot of fun while doing it.

Representative Bobby Levy, Senator Janeen Sollman, and I would like to personally invite you to The Council of State Governments (CSG) West 77th Annual Meeting that Oregon is hosting this summer.



**HOST CO-CHAIR**  
**Rep. Bobby Levy**  
*Oregon*

If you are unfamiliar with CSG West, I especially encourage you to join us. CSG West is a non-profit, non-partisan organization serving Western state legislatures. The organization facilitates regional cooperation, exchange of information and fosters the strengthening of legislative institutions among its 13 member states.

Join us this summer, and let's explore the extraordinary, together!



**HOST CO-CHAIR**  
**Sen. Janeen Sollman**  
*Oregon*

-Oregon Senator Bill Hansell  
CSG West Chair

## 2024 OREGON HOST COMMITTEE

**CSG WEST CHAIR:** Senator Bill Hansell

**CO-CHAIR:** Representative Bobby Levy

**CO-CHAIR:** Senator Janeen Sollman

### MEMBERS:

- Senator Daniel Bonham
- Senator Elizabeth Steiner
- House Majority Leader Ben Bowman
- Representative Lisa Reynolds
- Secretary of the Senate Obie Rutledge
- Jake Pelroy, Chief of Staff to Senator Hansell
- Barbara Smith Warner, Former Oregon Representative
- Brett Hanes, Legislative Administrator
- Carol Suzuki, Deputy Chief of Staff, Senate President's office
- Misty Mason Freeman, Director, Legislative Policy and Research Office

# CSG WEST LEADERSHIP

CSG West is governed by our Officers and Executive Committee which are comprised of western legislators. The Officers, which provide direct oversight of the organization, are elected annually and rotate in accordance with the organization's rules to ensure bipartisan governance. The CSG West Executive Committee, which serves as the organization's governing board, meets annually to review the work of policy committees, adopt policy positions, and review the ongoing development of the organization.



**CSG WEST CHAIR**  
**Sen. Bill Hansell**  
*Oregon*



**CSG WEST VICE CHAIR**  
**Sen. Todd Weiler**  
*Utah*



**CSG WEST CHAIR-ELECT**  
**Rep. Mike Yin**  
*Wyoming*



**CSG WEST IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR**  
**Asm. Mike Gipson**  
*California*

Convening more than 500 participants, the CSG West Annual Meeting creates an intimate and unique environment for western legislators to engage, learn, and connect on the issues that are critical to the success of our region.

# SCHEDULE

TUES. JULY 9	WED. JULY 10	THURS. JULY 11	FRI. JULY 12	
<p><b>PLEASE CHECK IN AT REGISTRATION DESK TO GET YOUR NAME BADGE AND MATERIALS.</b></p> <p><b>*INVITE ONLY SESSIONS</b></p> <p><b>(LLL) = LEGISLATIVE LEARNING LABS Sponsored Sessions</b></p>	<p><b>7:30AM</b> -Opening Ceremony Breakfast</p>	<p><b>7:30AM</b> -Breakfast -Leadership Coffee Talk*</p>	<p><b>7:30AM</b> -Breakfast</p>	
	<p><b>8:30AM</b> -Chairs Forum: Children's Mental Health -Legislative Learning Lab 1 -Friends and Family Meet and Greet</p>	<p><b>8:30AM</b> -Chairs Forum: Trends in AI -International Program Breakout -Legislative Training -Legislative Learning Lab 6</p>	<p><b>8:30AM</b> -Chairs Forum: Wildfire Management -Legislative Oversight Breakout -LENS Workshop* -Legislative Learning Lab 9</p>	
			<p><b>9:30AM</b> -Private Sector Forum</p>	
		<p><b>10:00AM</b> -Sponsored Break</p>	<p><b>10:00AM</b> -Sponsored Break</p>	<p><b>10:00AM</b> -Sponsored Break</p>
		<p><b>10:30AM</b> -Housing Breakout -Westrends Breakout -Legislative Learning Lab 2</p>	<p><b>10:30AM</b> -Canada Relations Breakout -Health Breakout -Legislative Learning Lab 7</p>	<p><b>10:30AM</b> -Education Breakout -Energy Breakout -Legislative Learning Lab 10</p>
		<p><b>11:30AM</b> -Legislative Learning Lab 3</p>	<p><b>11:30AM</b> -Legislative Learning Lab 8</p>	<p><b>11:30AM</b> -Legislative Learning Lab 11</p>
		<p><b>12:30PM</b> -General Session Lunch Keynote: Samantha Jordan Fahrenkamp Award</p>	<p><b>12:30PM</b> -Lunch</p>	<p><b>12:30PM</b> -General Session Lunch Keynote: Daniel James Brown SGAC Award</p>
			<p><b>1:30PM</b> <b>POLICY AND FRIENDS AND FAMILY TOURS</b></p>	
	<p><b>2:00PM</b> -Registration Open</p>	<p><b>2:30PM</b> -Public Safety Breakout -Agriculture &amp; Water Breakout -Legislative Learning Lab 4</p>		<p><b>2:30PM</b> -Executive Committee -Elections Security -LENS Workshop*</p>
	<p><b>3:00PM</b> -Nominating Committee*</p>			
<p><b>3:30PM</b> -Housing Forum</p>	<p><b>3:30PM</b> -Legislative Learning Lab 5</p>			
	<p><b>5:00PM</b> -Sponsored Receptions</p>		<p><b>5:00PM</b> -2025 Annual Meeting - Wyoming Kickoff Reception</p>	
<p><b>6:00PM</b> -Welcome Dinner</p>	<p><b>6:00PM</b> -Evening Event at the World Forestry Center</p>	<p><b>6:00PM</b> <b>FREE NIGHT TO EXPLORE</b></p>	<p><b>6:00PM</b> -Evening Event at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)</p>	
<p><b>8:00PM</b> -Networking Event/ Oregon Night*</p>		<p><b>8:30PM</b> -SGAC Hospitality Suite</p>		

Schedule as of March 27. Subject to change.

# SHARPEN YOUR EXPERTISE!

## POLICY BREAKOUTS

**Water management, affordable energy, mental health, land use, fentanyl, education funding, and more!**

Policy sessions are 100 percent member driven. Program content is developed by CSG West co-chairs, in partnership with their respective committee members, to ensure the issues most relevant to Western members are addressed. These sessions engage policymakers on their states' respective approaches, and offer an opportunity to learn about innovations that improve legislation and regional outcomes.



### AGRICULTURE & WATER

**Co-Chair:** Sen. Wendy McKamey (MT)  
**Co-Chair:** Asm. Lori Wilson (CA)



### ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

**Co-Chair:** Sen. Eric Barlow (WY)  
**Co-Chair:** Rep. Nicole Lowen (HI)



### LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

**Co-Chair:** Sen. Todd Weiler (UT)  
**Co-Chair:** Asm. David Alvarez (CA)



### CANADA RELATIONS

**Co-Chair:** Rep. Debra Lekanoff (WA)  
**Co-Chair:** MLA Grant Hunter (Alberta)



### HEALTH

**Co-Chair:** Sen. Rochelle Nguyen (NV)  
**Co-Chair:** Rep. Steve Eliason (UT)



### PUBLIC SAFETY

**Co-Chair:** Sen. David Brock Smith (OR)  
**Co-Chair:** Sen. Matt Claman (AK)



### EDUCATION

**Co-Chair:** Rep. Cathy Kipp (CO)  
**Co-Chair:** Rep. Julie Yamamoto (ID)



### HOUSING

**Co-Chair:** Sen. Melissa Wintrow (ID)  
**Co-Chair:** Sen. Daniel Bonham (OR)



### WESTRENDS BOARD

**Co-Chair:** Rep. Landon Brown (WY)  
**Co-Chair:** Sen. Liz Stefanics (NM)

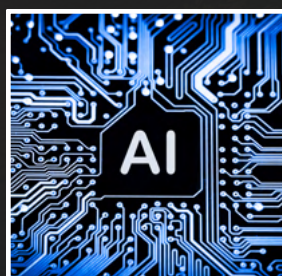
## CHAIR'S FORUMS

Each year, the CSG West chair selects topics that highlight important issues facing Western states. The Chair's Forums address emerging issues and engage policymakers on their states' respective approaches and offer an opportunity to learn of innovations that improve legislation and regional outcomes.

### Children's Mental Health



### Trends in AI



### Wildfire Management



# SESSIONS

## LEGISLATIVE TRAINING

Hosted by the 2023 Western Legislative Academy Class President, Wyoming Rep. Karlee Provenza, the Annual Legislative Training Assembly (ALTA) brings in experts to provide leadership development training on topics related to legislative service such as constituent communications, strengthening interbranch cooperation, ethics, and others.



## LEGISLATIVE LEARNING LABS

Legislative Learning Labs provide private sector experts an opportunity to host educational forums that address critical issues facing state legislatures. These sessions are delivered in a nonpartisan setting and are designed to share information and engage participants in conversation around industry innovations and resources.

**Do you know a company that has something extraordinary worth sharing with Western lawmakers? If so, reach out to CSG West's Director Edgar Ruiz at [eruiz@csg.org](mailto:eruiz@csg.org).**

## POLICY TOURS

Thursday afternoon of the program is dedicated exclusively to getting attendees offsite to explore extraordinary places in and around Portland.

Policy Tours will bring you to local facilities to gain greater understanding of industries, and innovations on issues from bottle recycling to personalized medicine, and more.

# KEYNOTES



**WEDNESDAY  
JULY 10 - LUNCH  
SAMANTHA JORDAN  
Futurist; Consultant,  
the Future Today  
Institute**

Samantha Jordan is a futurist on a mission to spread "plausible optimism" about the possibilities of emerging technologies. As a consultant with the Future Today Institute (FTI), a leading foresight and strategy firm founded by world-renowned futurist Amy Webb, Jordan helps organizations dissect the complexities of upcoming opportunities, while also factoring the inherent risks. Her analysis of the data and trends in the ever-changing tech landscape gets organizations unstuck and ready to develop and implement their own customized, future-focused strategies for evolving their businesses.



**FRIDAY  
JULY 12 - LUNCH  
DANIEL JAMES BROWN  
Bestselling Author  
of *The Boys in the Boat***

Daniel James Brown is The New York Times bestselling author of *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*, now being made into a movie directed by George Clooney and Grant Heslov. Brown's other books include *Under a Flaming Sky: The Great Hinckley Firestorm of 1894*, which traces the personal stories and social, economic, and environmental causes of the Great Hinckley Fire, *The Indifferent Stars Above: The Harrowing Saga of a Donner Party Bride*, and his second New York Times bestseller, *Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II*, a gripping World War II saga of patriotism, highlighting the contributions and sacrifices that Japanese immigrants and their American-born children made for the sake of the nation.

# NETWORKING EVENTS



**TUESDAY  
JULY 9  
6-8 P.M.  
WELCOME TO  
OREGON!**



**WEDNESDAY  
JULY 10  
6-8:30 P.M.  
WORLD FORESTRY  
CENTER**



**FRIDAY  
JULY 12  
6-8:30 P.M.  
OREGON MUSEUM  
OF SCIENCE &  
INDUSTRY (OMSI)**

## BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

Daytime tours include

- Wednesday, July 10 Washington Park
- Thursday, July 11 Multnomah Falls & Gorge Tour
- Friday, July 12 Portland Art Museum and Oregon Historical Society

# REGISTRATION RATES

Government/Western State Legislators	\$525	Private Sector	\$1,200
Host Rate (Oregon Legislators & Staff)	\$425	Guest	\$275
Nonprofit/Academic	\$650	Child (under 17)	No Fee

## IMPORTANT DATES!

**MAY 21 - EARLY BIRD DEADLINE\***  
**JUNE 28 - POLICY RESOLUTIONS DUE**  
**JULY 9-12 - ANNUAL MEETING DATES**

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