

## **What is the Oregon Organic Coalition?**

The Oregon Organic Coalition (OOC) is a (a 501 (c) (6) non profit trade organization with the mission to advance the organic industry and community in Oregon.

The Coalition was formed in 2005 to develop a unified voice aimed at strengthening support for organics in Oregon. The OOC Leadership Council, members and supporters bring together representatives of Oregon-based constituencies, both from the organic trade and from other stakeholders active in the organic community. Together we inform and educate, advocate for policy change, and celebrate our organic success.

### **How do I get involved in OOC?**

- Serve on the Leadership Council (acts as our governing body)
- Serve on an advisory group for your sector
- Become a sponsoring member
- Become a supporter or advisor
- Attend our events

### **What Does OOC Do?**

OOC grew out of efforts to increase the funding and support for organic research at Oregon State University, the land grant college in Oregon. We have built on that successful effort and have helped grow OSU's organic research budget from zero to \$883,000 in 2008 for organic cropping research.

The OOC sponsors and organizes Organically Grown in Oregon Week- a week of celebration, education and promotion of organic agriculture in Oregon. At the request of the OOC, Oregon's Governor declares a week in September as Organically Grown in Oregon Week. Every year the OOC presents Awards of Excellence at a luncheon in Portland, Oregon in which nearly 100 representatives from Oregon's farming, retail, academic, and food production community gather to honor these organic innovators.

OOC worked with Oregon legislators in 2010 on genetic engineering bill language relating to several issues of concern to the organic community. Although the bills failed to reach committee they opened up discussions on how to protect organic and conventional farmers from GE drift that could effect their non-GMO markets, GE labeling, consumer right to know and other issues. OOC formed a GMO working group to research, analyze and develop strategies for policy reforms.

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### **How to get involved**

Becoming a Leadership Council Member

The OOC is looking to fill open positions on the Leadership Council. Current open seats can be viewed online here: <http://oregonorganiccoalition.org/members.html>

If you are interested in serving please contact Kim Leval at [kleval@pesticide.org](mailto:kleval@pesticide.org) for nomination guidelines.

### **Your Support is Needed!**

We have lots of ways to contribute

Become a sponsor and member. Various member benefit levels available. See: [insert weblink to sponsorship doc here](#) for more information.

Sponsor the Organically Grown in Oregon Week!

Give on-line! A donation button can be found on the left side of the OOC website.

Paypal accepts these major credit cards; Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover. Paypal also offers convenient donations through Paypal accounts

Give by Mail! If choosing to donate by mail, make a check payable to the Oregon Organic Coalition and send it to the above mailing address.

OOC is a trade organization and donations are only tax deductible as a business expense. Your support is much needed and appreciated. The members of OOC are what make this organization and our work possible. Please contribute!

Thank you!