



# PROPOSED OSBA BYLAW CHANGES

This fall, if approved by OSBA's Board of Directors, the association plans to ask its member boards to approve formal incorporation under ORS Chapter 65 to maintain OSBA's tax-exempt status. **Members will be asked to approve a resolution on the proposed bylaws as part of the annual fall member elections process.**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHY IS OSBA DOING THIS?

Over the past few years the association has worked with a law firm to review its decades-old structure as a member services organization, with the goal of converting to a non-profit corporation. Doing so will maintain OSBA's political and legislative advocacy roles, ensure state and federal tax-exempt status, and assure board members' protection from individual liability.

### HOW WILL THIS AFFECT OSBA MEMBERS?

In most respects, members will see no changes. The major exception is that to comply with regulations involving "political subdivisions" of the state, charter schools will no longer be able to join OSBA as associate members.

### WHEN WOULD THE CHANGES GO INTO EFFECT?

If approved by members, the new bylaws and any OSBA policy revisions as adopted by the OSBA Board would take effect on July 1, 2018.

### CAN CHARTER SCHOOLS STILL OBTAIN OSBA SERVICES AND PACE INSURANCE?

For OSBA services, charter schools would not be allowed to hold associate membership with OSBA and would have to contract for services through their sponsoring district, which would hold OSBA membership. Charter schools could still qualify for property and liability insurance through PACE.

### WILL THIS CHANGE MEMBER DUES?

Dues, which have not risen in more than a decade, are unaffected by this proposal.

### WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

OSBA will be sending out more information to members as the election approaches and ballots are distributed in mid-October. In the meantime, please direct any questions to [info@osba.org](mailto:info@osba.org)

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