

OREGON BLACK POLITICAL CONVENTION (OBPC) HISTORY

The Oregon Black Political Convention (OBPC) is a nonpartisan convention, and it is educational. It is held during the spring of election years and is hosted by the Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs (OABA) through its Political Action Committee. The purpose of this convention is twofold. One is to serve as a forum for delegates to discuss issues and conditions, and to establish, through resolutions, the positions of the Black Community, collectively, on these issues and conditions affecting it. The other is to endorse candidates running for public offices, during the Primary Election, who are sensitive and responsive to the issues and conditions of Blacks in Oregon.

The convention is statewide in its focus. OBPC is open to the public. Any individual or organization addressing the concerns of Blacks in Oregon may be a delegate to the convention. The delegates carry out the business of the convention. OBPC seeks to engage students as interns to learn and participate in political processes that would benefit themselves, their colleges and society-at-large. The actions and endorsements of the Oregon Black Political Convention are the positions of the convention and not those of the Oregon Assembly For Black Affairs (OABA). What is done at this convention to help Black Oregonians benefits all Oregonians.

HISTORY OF OREGON BLACK POLITICAL CONVENTIONS		
DATE	SITE	THEME
April 11-13, 2014	Crowne Plaza Portland Convention Center, Portland, OR 97232	
April 13-15, 2012	Crowne Plaza Portland Convention Center, Portland, OR 97232	“2012 Election Politics-OBPC: Citizens Engaged and Making a Difference for All Oregonians!”
April 16-18, 2010	Crowne Plaza Portland Convention Center, Portland, OR 97232	“During The Administration Of President Obama: Black Political Action For Institutional Transformations And For Removing Barriers, Bias, Discrimination And Ineffective Legal Representation”
April 18-20, 2008	Embassy Suites Hotel-Portland Washington Square, Tigard, OR	“Recognizing and Using Black Political Action To Make Political Change”
April 28-30, 2006	Holiday Inn-Portland Downtown, Portland, OR	Black Oregonians Exercising Their Power for Political and Economic Outcomes
April 16-18, 2004	Holiday Inn-Portland Downtown, Portland, OR	“Moving the Agenda: Exercising Black Political Power”
April 6-7, 2002	Radisson Hotel Portland, Portland, OR	"OBPC Developing Political Strengths: Black Oregonians Working For The Long Run"
April 7-9, 2000	Radisson Hotel Portland, Portland, OR	"Challenge of the Century: Growth and Expansion of Black Political Power in Oregon"
March 21-22, 1998	Quality Inn, Salem, OR	“Building The Future By Acknowledging And Using Past Successes”
April 27-28, 1996	Quality Inn, Salem, OR	"Liberal? Conservative? Independent?: The Black Vote Is Not Monolithic!"
April 9-10, 1994	Quality Inn, Salem, OR	"Now is the time: Black Political Action"
April 10-12, 1992	Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel Lake Oswego, OR	"Today's Leaders Preparing Leaders For Tomorrow"
April 11, 1990	CHUMAREE Hotel & Comfortel Convention Center, Salem, OR	"A Decade For Political Risk Taking"
April 8-10, 1988	Viscount Hotel, Portland, OR	"Voting '88: Exercising Black Political Power"
April 12-13, 1986	CHUMAREE Comfortel Salem, OR	"Crisis: Time for Black Perspective, Persuasion, and Productivity"
April 7-8, 1984	Holiday Inn at the Coliseum, Portland, OR	"In Politics, Blacks Can Make A Difference"
April 17-18, 1982	Willamette Center Portland, OR	“For the Black Community--Politics Is The Answer”
April 11-13, 1980	Holiday Inn At Airport Portland, OR	
April 7-9, 1978	Benson Hotel, Portland, OR	