

Meeting notice

Greetings! Please mark your calendar for the annual OPEN membership meeting:

December 13, Tuesday at 5-8 pm

Thirst – 0315 SW Montgomery Street, in the "River Room"

on esplanade between McCormick & Schmick's Harborside and RiverPlace Hotel
503.295.2747, www.ThirstBistro.com

Chef Leslie Palmer is planning wine and tasty hors d'oeuvres for us – and a game with a prize. The Christmas Ships, a 57-year Portland tradition, are scheduled to be in view on the Willamette River at 7 pm. We hope this will be a special and well-deserved treat for everyone!

Our meeting will include thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers and these three important business items:

Conference reporting – Bimal RajBhandary will summarize the results of conference participant evaluations. Financial Officer Ashley Boal will present conference income and expenditures along with the annual financial report.

Congratulations to Cailin Wheeler, whose name was selected at random from among participants who submitted online evaluations of the conference! Cailin won a signed copy of our keynote speaker Donna Mertens's 2010 book, *Rearch and Evaluation in Education and Psychology* (3rd edition).

Election of 2011 Officers – Please email President-Elect Ryan Kinsella (Ryan.Kinsella@portlandoregon.gov) if you are interested in serving in a leadership position in the coming year.

By-Laws revision – A revision of OPEN's By-Laws is proposed with two main goals – to make better provision for technology, including electronic voting (not currently allowed), and to create a more feasible and sustainable balance of responsibilities for Council members and committees. At the December meeting, we will vote on the proposed revision of the by-laws. Please check the following documents posted on our website (www.oregoneval.org) prior to voting at the meeting:

- (1) our current by-laws as of 2007
- (2) a file entitled "Bylaws 2007 red to change" marking wording for change in the proposed revision
- (3) a file entitled "Bylaws tracked changes" to show each change proposed
- (4) a file entitled "Rationale" identifying the changes and explaining the reasons for them
- (5) a diagram of current and proposed offices and responsibilities, entitled "Ofc & Resp chart Nov" showing the pilot efforts undertaken this year to make a smooth transition between the two.

We'll also share our goals and progress in 2010 (see file entitled "Goals tracker" also posted on the OPEN website), which include the improved financial status of the organization, continuity and infrastructure, and internal and external links and relationships.

Happy holidays and see you soon,

Linda Mabry
2011 OPEN President