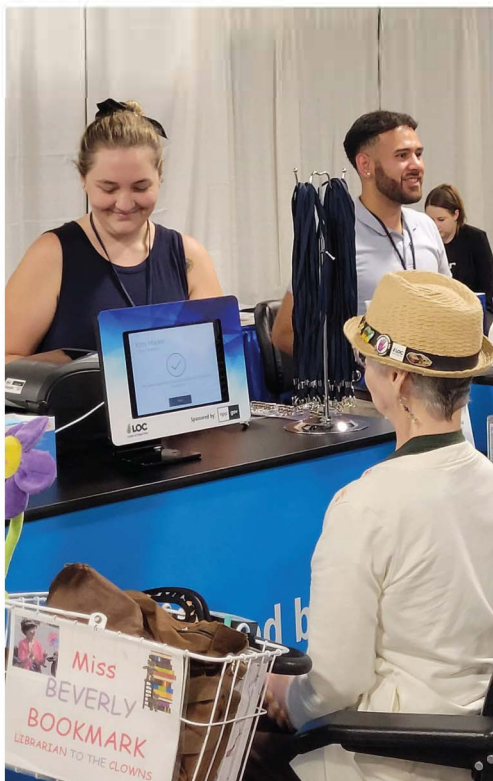


# W.E. TALK *the* NEWSLETTER

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Left: Pin Your City chart at registration. Middle: League of Oregon Cities President Tanea Browning gives an opening address, Right: Women from around Oregon register for the conference with laughter.



## Fall Conference Recap

by Marilyn Smith, Albany

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Meeting in person included getting to know members of the People of Color Caucus and discuss how our groups can collaborate, enrich each other, and best serve the League as we move ahead. Members of both caucuses had a loud and happy meet-and-greet hosted by Forest Grove Councilor and Caucus Vice President Kristy Kottkey the first night of the conference.



*Above Left: People of Color Caucus meeting attendees. Middle: City officials exploring the trade show. Right: Housing Tour*

We were disappointed by low attendance at the workshop on diversity, equity and inclusion and have since and continue to discuss how to help mayors and councilors throughout Oregon understand how important it is for all of us to improve our knowledge and our practices. Work continues.

The caucus held its first annual meeting at the conference, amending our bylaws to enlarge the executive team from three to five, and electing five new board members: Keizer Mayor Cathy Clark; Gladstone Councilor Mindy Garlington, Tualatin Councilor Bridget Brooks, Monmouth Councilor Roxanne Beltz, and Pendleton Councilor McKennon McDonald. Seaside City Councilor Tita Montero was elected Vice President to replace Kottkey, whose council terms ends in December. Albany Councilor Marilyn Smith will serve a second year as secretary.

# Fall Conference "Meet & Greet"

*by Kristy Kottkey, Forest Gove*



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*LOC Women's Caucus  
President Catherine Biscoe,  
Person of Color Caucus  
President Christopher Lopez,  
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Roland Herrera*

# Meetings & Events - Please Join Us!

Contact the caucus at  
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## MONTHLY CAUCUS & BOARD MEETING

Third Tuesday of the month, 12 - 12:50pm  
 Virtual.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

First Friday of the month, 12 - 12:50pm  
 Virtual

## W.E. TALK

Women Elected virtual coffee hour  
 on a Saturday almost every other  
 month, 9am - 11am. Virtual

## WOMEN'S CAUCUS BOARD & OFFICERS

President: Tita Montero, *Seaside*  
 Vice President: Paula Hyatt, *Ashland*  
 Secretary: Marilyn Smith, *Albany*  
 At Large: Mindy Garlington, *Gladstone*  
 At Large: Kristin Akervall, *Wilsonville*

Additional Board Members:

- Megan Perkins, *Bend*
- Kristin Akervall, *Wilsonville*
- Susan Trachsel, *Siletz*
- Nancy Peterson, *Hermiston*
- Cathy Clark, *Keizer*
- Roxanne Beltz, *Monmouth*
- McKennon McDonald, *Pendleton*
- Bridget Brooks, *Tualatin*

## WC Nomination Committee

This committee reviews and discusses applications to the Women's Caucus Board. Meetings are between August - October of each year.

## WC Bylaws Committee

This committee reviews and proposes changes to the Women's Caucus bylaws. Meetings are as needed.

## WC Outreach Committee

This committee works on outreach and communication to recruit women to the women's caucus and to keep the membership and public informed of the activities of the caucus. Meetings are as needed, but may become monthly in 2023.

## Small Cities Meetings by District

Watch for meeting announcements from the League of Oregon Cities, held every quarter.

**Spring Conference, April 25 - 26**  
 Seaside, Oregon

**Fall Conference, October 12 - 14**  
 Eugene, Oregon