

Now You're a Special District Board Member

Congratulations on being elected or appointed to the board of directors of an Oregon special district!

Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) has many resources available to help you get up to speed, beginning with our website located at www.sdao.com.

On our website, you have access to a wide variety of materials and resources, including the [Board Member Handbook](#). This handbook is a very valuable tool for learning the statutory responsibilities of board members, and it can easily be downloaded for reference at any time. The Board Member Handbook can be accessed under the Publications tab at the top of the page of the SDAO website.

On the SDAO website you can view previously recorded trainings on a variety of topics accessible by selecting Online Trainings and/or Webinars under the Trainings menu. You will also want to be sure to attend the SDAO annual conference held in early February, for three days of valuable breakout sessions and networking opportunities with other special district board members, managers and professionals.

We encourage you to also attend regional trainings offered nearby or in your area each year. Our Board of Directors and Management Staff Training is a great training to attend. This series is held each summer.

A great way to get acquainted with the responsibilities of a board member is to sign up for our Board Leadership Academy or the Fire District Directors Academy. These academies have been designed to ensure that Oregon's special district board members have all the tools necessary to provide superior leadership and governance to their communities. Our program offers current, in-depth training and education opportunities in several areas including board member basics, statutory obligations, risk management, and human resources. Learn more on our website at www.sdao.com/board-leadership-programs.

Enjoy your time on the board and be assured of the gratitude of your district and SDAO for your willingness to serve!