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### Who We Are

An organization devoted to the acquisition, development and administration of public recreational boating facilities nationwide. The States Organization for Boating Access (SOBA) provides a forum for the exchange of views, ideas, concepts and experiences related to all aspects of recreational boating facilities.

### Our Mission

To encourage, promote and support federal and state programs that provide safe, high-quality and environmentally sound public recreational boat access to the waterways of the United States and its territories.

## Registration Open

### 2021 SOBA Education & Training Symposium

The [States Organization for Boating Access \(SOBA\)](#) would like to invite you to join us virtually **August 30 – September 1** for the [2021 Education and Training Symposium](#). Registration is now open and you can [register online](#).

The SOBA Education & Training Symposium brings together state boating officials, consultants, engineering firms, manufacturers, suppliers, publishers and other businesspersons interested in boating access.

[Click here for more information](#) about the virtual SOBA Education & Training Symposium. Deadline for registration is **Friday, August 27th, 2021**.

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## Final Call for Session Proposals

### Deadline: May 31, 2021

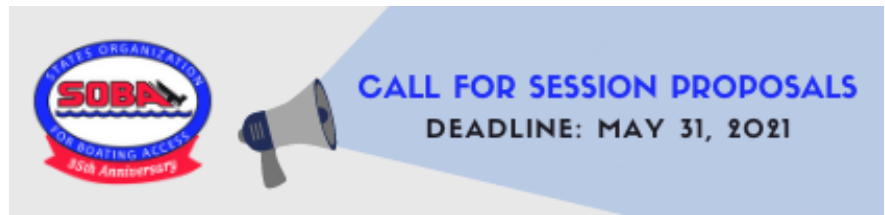
Help us shape this year's Education & Training Symposium! We are looking for presentations that will bring innovative ideas and information to those in our community. This [request for proposals](#) will help us build meaningful content for the Education & Training Symposium agenda.

[Call for Session and Topic Proposals](#)

## Submission Deadline: May 31, 2021

This year's Education & Training Symposium will take place virtually. SOBA will work closely with speakers to assist in providing presentations virtually!

Submit a Session Proposal



## SOBA Board Member Nominations

### Deadline for Nominations: June 30, 2021

The call for nominations is now open for SOBA's 2022 Executive Board of Directors, and we are specifically seeking additional candidates for at-large Board Member positions.

Nominations may be submitted for President, Vice President, Treasurer and three Members-At-Large. Terms for officers and at-large positions are one year (renewable) beginning after the Education & Training Symposium.

A slate of officers and an at-large Board members for 2022 will be elected at SOBA's Annual Education & Training Symposium during the business meeting on Monday, August 30th. The Nominating Committee will select the slate based on nominations received from member states.

*Individuals nominated to serve on the SOBA board must be employed by a member state agency, and be able to secure a letter of support from their agency.*

Serving on SOBA's Board of Directors is a unique opportunity to help the organization face new challenges arising from reauthorization, contribute to nationally renowned technical resources, help shape how federal programs are administered, work with the leaders of other boating industry organizations, and affect long-term positive change within the world of boating access. It allows you be on the cutting edge of boating access matters, and be a part of the decision making process, on a national level, that drives SOBA's strategic goals and direction.

Please consider serving on the Board and submitting a nomination for the 2022 SOBA Board. Nominations close **Wednesday, June 30th, 2021**. Please send your nominations to Janine Belleque, SOBA Past President and Chair of SOBA's Nominating Committee: [Janine.Belleque@oregon.gov](mailto:Janine.Belleque@oregon.gov).

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