



**THE ASSOCIATION OF LABOR RELATIONS AGENCIES
66th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Portland, Oregon**

***Conference Agenda
Labor Relations in 2017: Relic or Relevant***

Saturday July 22, 2017

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **ALRAcademy**

This workshop provides members of ALRA with touchstone information about the ALRA organization, its benefits and value for members. It also provides participants with an opportunity to reflect on the principle of neutrality and discuss how it translates in practical terms for members and staff of labor relations and mediation agencies. This workshop offers a forum for comparative analysis of US and Canadian labor law frameworks and an opportunity to learn from practices in various jurisdictions relating to mediation and adjudication of labor disputes.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception for Delegates**

Sunday July 23, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Roundtable Discussions**

Join a group of member agency practitioners facing similar challenges to exchange views and share practical advice. These “best practice” facilitated discussions allow delegates to exchange views and practical advice on important matters confronting various practice areas with member agencies.

- a. Administrators /General Counsel
- b. Board/Commission Members
- c. Mediators

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Brunch**

Perspectives: Labor History in Oregon State

Marcus Widenor – Associate Professor Emeritus, University of Oregon Labor Education and Research Center

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **The Year in Review: What’s Significant and Relevant?**

Panel members will discuss current developments and trends emanating from the State and Federal levels as well as recent developments in Canadian law that are worth noting and observing as precursors or indicators of a broader shift in labor policy.

3:00 p.m. **Explore Portland**

[Monday July 24, 2017 – Advocates’ Day](#)

See Separate Agenda

[Tuesday July 25, 2017](#)

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **The Challenges of Non-Traditional Participation in Labor-Management Relations**

L. Michelle LeBaron – Professor of Law and Dispute Resolution Scholar, The Peter Allard School of Law, The University of British Columbia

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Concurrent Workshops**

Adjudicator Workshop: Adjudicating Through the Challenges of Non-Traditional Participation in Labor-Management Relations.

Applying the information from the preceding plenary session, this session will examine how adjudicators can use tools and navigate the impediments to deal with the challenges of non-traditional participation in labor-management relations.

Mediator Workshop: Facilitating Resolution with the Challenges of Non-Traditional Participation in Labor-Management Relations.

Applying the information from the preceding plenary session, this session will examine how mediators confront the challenge of non-traditional participation in labor-management relations in mediation and conciliation.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **The Basics of Ethics**

Through the use of case scenarios, participate in discussions and reflection regarding questions of public perception, potential biases and ethical considerations that mediators, adjudicators and practitioners may face in the professional and social interactions.

2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. **Annual General Meeting**

Review of the Association’s business

Presentation of the Conference site for the 2018 ALRA Conference – Boston, MA

3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. **Executive Board Meeting**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Reception**

7:00 pm. – 9:00 p.m. **Closing Banquet**