



Agenda Item Number 9. Annual Dinner

Date: September 28, 2023

Presenter: Brenda Wilson

Action Recommended: Provide Direction on Annual Dinner

Background:

Each year, LCOG celebrates regional accomplishments for the prior year in the spring of each year. For several years prior to the Pandemic, the Annual Dinner was held at Lane Community College's Center for Meeting and Learning, and dinner was prepared and served by the College's Culinary Arts Program students. During the Pandemic, however, that program and the meeting space closed. Accordingly, last year, the Annual Dinner was held at the Cottage Grove Armory and was a success. A silent auction was also held to raise funds for LCOG's Senior Meals Program.

The Annual Dinner is an awards Dinner. LCOG recognizes those that have performed above and beyond and/or have dedicated their lives to public service. Over the years, LCOG has sought nominations in various ways, most recently by sending out a request to all regional partners, although that has not always provided good results. The current awards are:

- Elected Officials
- Public Employees
- Citizens
- Intergovernmental Teams
- Economic Enhancement Work
- Public Service Career

Thoughts on these categories, the nomination process, and venue will be discussed.