



Ryan Deckert
President, Oregon Business Association

Ryan Deckert was named President of the Oregon Business Association (OBA) on October 1, 2007. OBA, which was formed by key business leaders to provide bipartisan, statewide business leadership that ensures Oregon's long-term economic competitiveness, has become the leading voice for business in Oregon. OBA's statewide membership includes some of Oregon's well-known homegrown companies such as Neil Kelly Company, Powell's Books, Threemile Canyon Farms, and the Yoshida Group, as well as some of the state's major corporations including NW Natural, NIKE, PGE, The Standard, and Harry & David.

Before joining OBA, Ryan represented Washington County for two terms in the State House of Representatives and was completing his second four-year term as a State Senator. Elected in 1996 at age 24, Ryan was the third youngest legislator in Oregon history – and Oregon's youngest State Senator. He chaired the influential Senate Finance and Revenue Committee for six years.

Ryan was appointed to the Oregon Innovation Council by Governor Kulongoski, where he serves as Vice-Chair. Additionally, he is a Commissioner representing Oregon on the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). He was elected to the Oregon Zoo Foundation Board of Trustees in September 2008. Past community activities include board member for Portland Habitat for Humanity and the Community Action Organization. He also served on the advisory board for both the Portland Art Museum and SMART, a reading program for grade school children. In 2009, Ryan received the prestigious Forty Under 40 Award presented by The Portland Business Journal.

Ryan is a native of the Beaverton, Oregon area. He attended Beaverton High School and graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. He currently resides in the Raleigh Hills area with his wife, Inga, 5 year old daughter, Macy, and 2 year old twins, Malin and Amara.