

## **OADL Industry Panel Discussion**

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, WSDLA Past President Matt Chapman, CDT participated in an industry panel at the Fall Meeting of the Oregon Association of Dental Laboratories.

Other panelists included:

Nick Yoshida, 2019 OADL President

Mark Hidde, CDT, 2017-2018 OADL President

Bennett Napier, CAE, NADL Chief Staff Executive

The panel discussed several topics. The key issues discussed by the panel included the recent announcement of Portland Community College on closing their dental laboratory technology program after the 2018 class graduates. The Dean of the college is continuing conversations with alumni, OADL and advisory board members regarding the possibility of opening a different type of program to support dental laboratory technology education in the future.

The other hot topic for the panel was related to Washington's journey that resulted in the filing of legislation by WSDLA related to dental laboratory standards, education and disclosure. Matt Chapman, CDT did an excellent job covering the political process; building grassroots support and working collaboratively with the state dental society. The panel also covered how NADL supports states with such legislative efforts. OADL has a meeting with the Oregon Dental Association in the spring of 2019. OADL will be surveying its members to determine support of a similar effort as the one undertaken by WSDLA.