

OCSEA Meeting Notes

January 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by President Julie Ames.

1. Secretary Roll Call-Chris Off called the roll and a voting quorum was established. 17/20 rep. council members were in attendance. These included: **Mary Jane Roberts, Mary Burton, Diana Freeman, Tom Rotunno, Dave Busch, Carolyn Johnson, Martin Juarez, Michael Kashdan, Maria Martinez, Beth Orlik, Mike Rainis, Monica Ramirez, Cheryl Stoltz, along with exec. board members Julie Ames, Marcia Garten, Loren Myhill and Chris Off.** Absent rep. council members included: **Dave Glick, John Hall, and Lonnie Howerton.** New members attending included Michelle Moran and Nancy Hollenbeck who received a gift card. Please bring new members to the next meeting Feb. 2, 2015.

2. Approve Minutes- Copies of the minutes from the November 10, 2014 meeting were available for review and the minutes were approved with no added changes.

3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Marcia Garten made available the monthly Treasurer's report. Marcia welcomes anyone to look at the financial books if they have questions at any time. The report was approved.

4. Vice President Report: Vice President Loren Myhill stated we have 342 bargaining unit members including fee payers.

Conferences-Please notify Loren of interest and sign up once approved if spots are open. Provide Marcia with registration confirmation so she can pay out. Please provide her with receipts in a timely manner.

5. President's Report: President Julie Ames

a) Retirements-6 teachers have notified OCDE with intentions of retirement by the 1/7/15 deadline. Please remind principals to use your fellow itinerants for filling in for non-work and sick time off requests.

b) Climate survey-Julie has completed the climate survey and will be e-mailing it out.

6. Committee Reports:

a) Election Committee Update-chair John Wells stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

b) Health Benefits Review Committee updates- Loren Myhill reported that health benefits claims are increasing and decreasing depending upon the group in which members are enrolled. HMO claims costs are up, while PPO claims costs are steady. Some school districts in Orange County have limited their network of doctors in order to keep their co-pays lower. This is a possible option for OCDE also. The ACA Cadillac tax will not have any impact on our plan for three more years. Loren mentioned that this year the committee will look at putting our plans out to market to research other providers such as Kaiser, Cigna, Blue Shield and to see how other provider's plans compare.

There is a benefits APP called **beniq** that you can download. The user name is **OCDE** and it will show you what health benefits you have, the amount of co-pays, etc. so it is handy to have. Loren recommended downloading it to have at your fingertips.

c) Membership committee-chair Ruth Ramirez encouraged rep council members to reach out to the membership at their sites. Chris Off reminded members to come to meetings and bring back information to teachers at their sites and other sites as well that do not have representation of a council member. Carolyn Johnson mentioned that CALSTRS no longer sends out the yearly Retirement progress Report. One can go online to the CALSTRS website and request a paper copy or call CALSTRS and ask for one to be sent out. It is best to keep track of the accrual of service.

7. Holiday Party Update- chair Marcia Garten and others who attended the OCSEA Holiday party on December 5th- on the Tiki Boat Cruise in the Newport Harbor reported out on the success of the event. Members enjoyed mingling with colleagues, meeting spouses and it was a fun time with good food and entertainment. Marcia encouraged more members

to join in for upcoming events in the Springtime-possibly a family- friendly event such as Knott's Berry Farm. Thanks went out to Marcia and the other social committee members for organizing the lovely Holiday event.

8. CONFERENCE SCHEDULE SIGN UPS as of Jan. 12th, 2015

1. Issues Conference-January 16-18, 2015-Rio Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

1. Allison Carey
2. Liz Wilson
3. John Wells
4. Diana Freeman
5. Beth Orlik
6. Mary Burton
7. Steve Slack
8. Michelle Moran
9. Mary Jane Roberts

There is room for one more member to attend this conference. Contact Loren and Marcia.

2. Good teaching Conference-South - March 20-22, 2015 Sheraton Hotel and Marina, San Diego

1. Mary Jane Roberts
2. Michelle Moran
3. Beth Orlik
4. Rafael Nguyen
5. Julie Ames
6. Cheryl Stoltz
7. Dianne Freeman
8. Chris Off
9. Mary Burton

Please register-notify Loren and Marcia- submit receipts to Marcia Garten ASAP

3. President's Conference-July 16-19, 2015 Fairmont Hotel, San Jose

Thanks to Ruth Ramirez for January snacks- gluten free too! Ruth volunteered to provide snacks through February. Please see Chris Off for volunteering for March-June for refreshments.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Next meeting *Monday February 2, 2015 @ 3:30 at 281 North Rampart St. Suite A., Orange, CA 92868

Meetings for the rest of year 2015- March 9, 2015, April 13, 2015, May 11, 2015 and June 8, 2015- please mark your calendars.