

OCSEA Meeting Notes

Oct 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 3:42 p.m. by President Julie Ames.

1. Secretary Roll Call-Chris Off called the roll and a voting quorum was established. 13/20 rep and executive board council members were in attendance. Please encourage colleagues to attend the October, 28th special meeting on itinerants.

2. Approve Minutes- Copies of the minutes from the September 12th, 2014 meeting were available for review and the minutes were approved with no added changes. The minutes were approved as presented.

3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Marcia Garten made available the monthly Treasurer's report. The report was approved. Marcia encouraged all members to feel free to inspect the financial records at any time.

4. Vice President Report: Vice President Loren Myhill stated we have 341 bargaining unit members including fee payers. 33 of the 341 teachers are ancillary which include school nurses, speech and language pathologists, mobility specialists, counselors etc.

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 as well as provide receipts to Marcia in a timely manner.

5. President's Report: President Julie Ames

a. **Itinerant Fact Sheet** passed out-one correction made. Current contract language Article 9.15 for itinerants also provided.

b. **Meeting for Itinerants Q and A** scheduled for Tuesday - October 28, 2014 at El Torito in Orange by the Block-3:30pm. All certificated are invited-bring your questions and comments. Ice tea, soft drinks, appetizers will be available. Fact Sheet will be passed out at meeting. A flier will be emailed out to remind members to attend.

c. **Bargaining Survey** available on Survey Monkey. Please submit by October 24th. Results should be available by next OCSEA meeting. If an error was made in submitting the first time, one can resubmit an addendum to the Survey in one's name.

6. Membership Committee - Ruth Ramirez reported out as chair that Order #3 of the OCSEA black polo shirts to honor our teachers has arrived. The shirts have been very well received and some members are wearing theirs every Friday. Special Schools staff's shirts were given today to Mary Burton, Tom Rotunno and Diana Freeman to pass out. The final ACCESS teacher's shirts will be passed out in the next week. We have a few extra so if you missed ordering one, please contact Chris at coff@ocde.us and see if there is a shirt with a size you need.

The committee also encouraged rep council members and unit members to "adopt" a school site and be available for any communication that members may have about our organization. E.g. remind colleagues to submit their thoughts for bargaining on Survey Monkey and about upcoming Holiday party.

7. **Holiday Party Update**-Marcia presented an alternative idea to the Holiday party at Lucky Strike. She has investigated the Tiki Boat Harbor Cruise in the Newport Harbor by the Balboa Fun Zone. It is much more cost effective than Lucky Strike and further south geographically to encourage more of our South members to attend. Marcia made a motion to go forward with securing the reservation for the Tiki Boat Cruise for the Holiday party on Friday, December 5th-time TBD either 3:30 or 4:30. Loren seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion passed with 9 votes –yes, 2 votes-no. Please email Marcia if you want to work on the social committee to help make this a fun event and work out any kinks such as making sure no one misses the boat.☺

8. **Conference Share Out**- UCLA Summer conference-Carolyn Johnson stated she attended a political session. There were many attorneys in attendance as well as local media. Tenure issues were part of the discussion. Carolyn also suggested that Blue Cross Anthem PPO members review their *My Health Notes* sent out and make sure the notes are correct and not fraudulent. E.g. medications taken may be listed incorrectly.

Conference Schedule -10 members per conference approved. Conferences Upcoming:

1. *GLBT Issues Conference-Nov. 14-16, 2014 Marriott Mission Valley, San Diego*
2 members are signed up to go
2. *The Issues Conference-January 16-18, 2015 –Rio Hotel, Las Vegas, NV*
Members signed up and/or expressing interest:
 - 1.Steve Slack
 - 2.Allison Carey
 - 3.Liz Wilson
 - 4.Ruth Ramirez
 - 5.John Wells
 - 6.Cindy Dimmit
 - 7.Diana Freeman
 8. Cheryl Stoltz
 9. Beth Orlik
 10. Mary BurtonThose above please sign up now or your spot will be filled by a wait list person.
3. *Region III Leadership Conference March 13-15, 2015 Marriott Hotel, Manhattan Beach*
4. *Good Teaching Conference-South March 20-22, 2015 Sheraton Hotel and Marina, San Diego*
5. *President's Conference-July 16-19, 2015 Fairmont Hotel, San Jose*

Thanks to Ruth Ramirez for Oct. snacks. Ruth volunteered to provide snacks through Dec. We will be looking for volunteers for Jan-June for refreshments. Please see Chris Off for volunteering.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next meeting Monday on Nov.10, 2014 at 3:30 at 281 North Rampart St. Suite A., Orange, CA 92868

Meetings for the rest of year 2014 - Jan. 12, 2015, Feb. 2, 2015, March 9, 2015, April 13, 2015, May 11, 2015 and June 8, 2015-please mark your calendars.