

OCSEA MINUTES

October 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Ames at 3:45 PM.

Secretary Loren Myhill took attendance of Rep. Council members. Absent were: Diane Freeman, Dinah Ismail, Sonia Torres, and Cindy Albright. The late start of the meeting was due to the lateness of some members whose presence is required for a quorum. Gift cards were given to two first time attendees.

Approval of the Minutes: Copies of the June 13, 2016 minutes (the last meeting held with a quorum) were available for everyone and time for review was provided. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Liz Wilson presented copies of the monthly report and it was approved as presented.

President's Report: Julie Ames shared that the member engagement committee would meet at Fountain Valley Ed. Center on October 13, 2016. CTA Staff Contact Person Roger Urroz shared that the purpose of this new committee was to increase member awareness and involvement providing OCSEA better communications, organizing ability, and greater leverage for bargaining settlements. A Facebook page is being created, and will be an agenda item in November. Contact Julie if you have any questions.

Conference Schedule:

CTA-GLBT Issues Conference will be Dec. 9-11, 2016 at the Riviera, Palm Springs.

CTA-Issues Conference will be Jan. 13-15, 2017 in Las Vegas.

Please notify Allison Carey if you are interested in attending any conferences to see if any openings remain. Attendees must register online at the CTA website and share registration verification with Liz Wilson so she can pay the fees to CTA. Attendees are reimbursed for all approved expenses.

New Business: Ruth Ramirez moved and Mike Rainis seconded that the amount authorized for the Social Committee for the Holiday Party expenditures be the same as last year. The motion carried.

Mary Burton moved and Martin Juarez seconded the motion that the TA be sent to the membership for approval. Extensive discussion ensued and all questions were answered in regards to the TA. Many members expressed their opinions regarding the TA and their concerns about ACCESS and the need to organize in order to get better settlements in the future. Some ~~off topic~~ concerns were also expressed regarding the treatment of teachers and respect for longtime successful professionals and programs. The motion carried by a vote of eight yes, four no, and one abstention.

Ballots will be mailed to all members, but not fee payers, by the election committee with complete instructions on how and when to return the ballots. John Wells expressed the importance of everyone fulfilling their responsibility to participate in the voting process.

The meeting was adjourned a 4:45 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday November 14, 2016 at 281 North Rampart Sr. Suite A, Orange, CA 92868.