

OCSEA Meeting Notes-November 9, 2015 www.ocsea.com

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 P.M. by President Julie Ames.

Ruth Ramirez led us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

1. **Secretary Roll Call:** Loren called the roll and a voting quorum was established. Not attending were Chris Off, Allison Carey, Martin Juarez, Michael Kashdan, Sonia Torres. There were no first time visitors this time.
2. **Minutes:** Copies of the minutes were available from the October 12, 2015. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes were approved as presented.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasure Marcia Garten presented copies and reviewed the report with the Council which was approved as presented.
4. **Vice President Report:** Loren Myhill reported that we have 331 bargaining unit members.
5. **President's Report:** Julie Ames shared that she plans to get binders for the Rep. Council for the organization of union documents and informational materials. Thus, an effort will be made to have all future paperwork 3-hole punched for convenience. Marcia shared the importance of Representatives having readily available talking points to aid in answering frequently asked questions. Julie is also going to set up an elections training for all those interested in learning more about proper elections procedures.
6. **Elections Committee:** Nothing new to report, however, anyone interested in serving on this committee please contact Julie. Members running for office may not serve during their election cycle.
7. **Grievance Committee:** Loren Myhill reported that one grievance involving Site Liaisons has reached level three and we are waiting for a response from Jeff Hittenberger.
8. **Social Committee:** Fliers and reminders have been emailed to all members for **the Dec. 3rd Holliday Party, at the Saddle Ranch Chop House**, and Julie is sending another one on the 10th, the last day to RSVP. Marcia said that she would check to see if the deadline to RSVP can be extended. Ruth Ramirez moved that we purchase more shirts with the same union logo for our members in more colors, with the cost not to exceed the amount we spent last time. Beth Orlik seconded the motion. Discussion: The cost would be less than last time since there is no design expense. Possibly shirts would be less than \$22. The committee may survey the members to see what additional colors are most desired, but choices would be limited for the purpose of unity. The motion carried.
9. **PAC Committee:** Marcia Garten moved that we accept the bylaws for our PAC. Tom Rotunno seconded the motion. Copies were available and Marcia gave a detailed explanation of what was presented and answered all questions. The motion carried. It was moved that we poll members to see who would like to serve on the PAC. Beth Orlik seconded. There will be training in May for all who are interested. Motion carried.
10. **Conferences:** If you wish to attend any CTA conferences visit the CTA website for information and contact Loren Myhill to see if there is space available before registering.

11. Mary Burton moved that we establish another committee to investigate having an online forum for members to voice their opinions. Marcia seconded. Discussion ensued about the issues involved and that Dave Glick had already presented extensive information and the motion had narrowly failed. One hope for this forum is to solve the problem of members using OCDE email inappropriately in the future. The motion carried.
12. Items 8a, and 8b of the agenda were tabled to the next business meeting.
13. Julie requested that members email her with items for the next bargaining survey as we prepare for our next round of bargaining coming soon in 2016.
14. Laurie Martinez shared some of her frustrations about the ratification process, but since this was not an agenda item the discussion was held after adjournment for all who wished to stay.
15. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.