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PEOPLE

5 questions for Stacy Chamberlain

Stacy Chamberlain is Oregon AFSCME's new executive director — confirmed by the union Executive Board July 29 after four months serving as interim executive director. Overseeing a staff of 62, Chamberlain is responsible for the interests of 27,000 public sector union members. She's 42. She's also vice president of the national union. A graduate of Portland State University and Willamette University College of Law, she lives in Southwest Portland with her eight-year old son. The Labor Press spoke with her Aug. 11 at Oregon AFSCME's Portland headquarters.



Your father, Tom Chamberlain, was an officer in the Portland Fire Fighters union. Today he's president of the Oregon AFL-CIO. What did you learn about unions going up? That the union isn't a hobby; it's a way of life. These were conversations we had at the dinner table. For my brother and I, going out marching or putting up lawn signs was just something that we did, and my dad would talk about bargaining and issues that he was dealing with at the workplace or in Salem. I remember in high school, my dad had one of those alpha-numeric pagers, and he got a page at dinner, which was not uncommon. He took the call. My dad is a very passionate man. He could be really intense at times. But I just remember him being very calm on the phone. It was a firefighter

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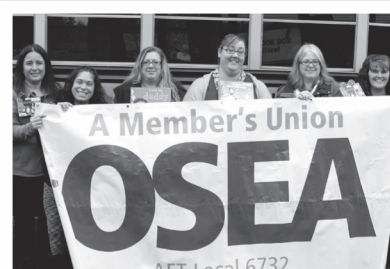
It's a vehicle to bring workers together to find their voice and power in the workplace.

What do you think private sector union members ought to know about public sector union members? That we have more in common than we don't.

I think there's a tendency sometimes to try to pit the public and private against each other or focus on areas where we don't see eye to eye, and there *are* those issues, but in the grand scheme of things their fight is our fight and ours is theirs.

who had gotten himself into trouble and was probably going to lose his job. That firefighter was having the worst day of his life. A job is more than just a job. People have a lot of themselves

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