

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the OSEA met in Salem on Sunday, July 28. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Tentative Draft of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Previous to this meeting of the Board of Directors, copies of the draft had been sent to the several chapters with the request that the chapters submit their reactions and suggestions for amendments to the Board of Directors.

Also previous to the meeting the OSEA Civil Service Committee met with Mr. Colman and his staff to discuss the Rules and Regulations and the effect certain suggested changes might have upon the administration of the Civil Service Law.

A subsequent meeting was called by Mr. Bjarne Erickson, chairman of the Civil Service Committee to put the requests received from the chapters and the committee into shape for presentation to the Board of Directors. With all of the preliminary work out of the way the Board of Directors was able to consider in one day, those suggestions of utmost importance to employees.

Representatives of the OSEA will be present at the public hearing, which has not as yet been scheduled.

The Board, in view of an adverse opinion rendered by the Attorney General, instructed the Legal Counsel and the Law and Legislation Committee to prepare an amendment for presentation to the coming legislature authorizing the Secretary of State to withhold deductions from state employees' pay checks for group life insurance contracts.

The Board also instructed the Secretary-Treasurer to pay the expenses of Mr. I. A. DeFrance incurred at the Western Regional Conference of the Civil Service Assembly at Sacramento;

instructed the Executive Secretary to follow through on certain chapter resolutions regarding salary increases; approved a salary increase of \$10.00 per month for the Office Secretary and Executive Secretary; instructed the Legal Counsel to follow up on the request for bargaining rights; voted to have the District Director elect of District No. 6, a new district, assume the duties of that office immediately following his election.

Members of the Board of Directors present were: Floyd Query, I. A. DeFrance, R. M. Smith, E. H. Clymer, Bjarne Erickson, Claude Johns, Erwin Clerk and Edward Chidsey.

From the headquarters staff were: Forrest V. Stewart, Executive Secretary and Leo Smith, Legal Counsel.

Members of the Civil Service Committee present were: Lowell Shinn, W. F. Dunavan, Loren White, Betty Dotson, Barbara Ortman and Billy Wilson.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZER ASSIGNED TO WEST COAST

J. L. McCormack, international representative of the State, County and Municipal Employees (A. F. of L.) has been assigned to the West Coast to open an office and head a permanent organizational drive.

He expects to spend much of his time in assisting in the drive for the organization of the Public Employees of Oregon.

He expressed pleasure with the prospects in Oregon and said that he is sure that the legitimate organization (A. F. of L.) of workers will make great progress here and that the results achieved will indicate the better quality of the American Federation of Labor over the usual "company union" style organizations.