

Oregon State Employees Association General Council Meeting

Multnomah Hotel - Portland, Oregon - November 18-19-20, 1949

The seventh annual general council meeting was called to order by President Loren R. White, in the Marine Room of the Multnomah Hotel at 1:30 P. M., November 18, 1949.

Dr. Ralph Walker of the First Baptist church of Portland gave the invocation.

President White introduced the members of the headquarters staff: Forrest Stewart, executive secretary; Eugene Schmidt, assistant executive secretary, and Jean Brimacombe, administrative secretary.

Robert Ashby, chairman of the credentials committee, reported that the credentials of all delegates present had been examined and found to be in order. Also, that E. A. Bamford was acting as proxy for Lois R. Manning. It was moved that the report of the credentials committee be approved and the motion carried.

E. F. Chidsey, chairman of the rules committee, reported that matters to come before the council would be matters of policy; details of execution are to be referred to the board of directors and standing committees; a quorum shall consist of one-third of the chapters or sixteen chapters; by-laws may be revoked or suspended by a two-thirds vote; delegates shall speak three minutes only on any one question; twice only during any one question; majority vote of the delegates present will be final, subject to the presence of the quorum; if on the first ballot no candidate receives a majority another vote shall be taken; point of order shall be referred to the rules committee; no delegate while holding the floor shall be subject to a question raised unless he shall be willing to answer. The committee's regulations were taken from Robert's Rules of Order. It was moved that the committee's report be adopted and the motion carried.

Paul Gemmell, chairman of the audit committee, read the report from January 1, 1949, to October 1, 1949. The committee recommended that the report be accepted and placed on file. It was so moved and carried.

President White next asked for a roll call of chapter delegates, a roll call of board of directors and introduction of guests. He stated that the last meeting of the general council was held in Portland on November 19, 20 and 21, 1948, and asked that the reading of the minutes of the previous council meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted. A motion was made and it carried.

The next order of business was postponed to accommodate the guest speaker, Lawson McCall, administrative secretary to Governor Douglas McKay. He was introduced by Forrest Stewart.

Mr. McCall appeared for the governor, who could not be present. He stated that the governor's attitude toward state employees was most favorable. He feels, said Mr. McCall, that good pay stands for a higher type of public servant and hence is money well spent. He likes the spirit of service that has brought many into public employment and said it is an ideal with many. He is solidly behind civil service although he feels there are many problems to be worked out. He asked continued support of civil service and its strengthening through legislative changes.

Edward Chidsey, chairman of the rules committee, was asked to report to the general council upon subject of delegate's rights. He stated the retiring director can not vote in the council, however, there is nothing in the constitution preventing him to serve on committees and take an active part in the council, with exception of the right to vote. He moved that the council adopt the ruling of the committee and the motion carried.

It was moved that the resolution setting the deadline, which was previously tabled, be taken up for consideration and the motion carried. It was moved that the resolution be amended to read until noon tomorrow (Saturday). It was moved that an amendment to the resolution be made so that resolutions to the body of the general council be acceptable to the committee until such time as they were passed on. There was considerable discussion and the question was called for on the original motion which required all resolutions to be in by 5:00 p. m. The motion carried.

The report of the nominating committee was as follows:

Cliff Atkins	District No. 1
Gordon Shattuck	District No. 2
J. W. Vaughn	District No. 3
Tom Edwards	District No. 4
Cecil L. Wagner	District No. 5
R. M. Smith	District No. 6

A motion was made and carried that the nominations be closed and the committee proceed with the election.

President Loren White in making his report to the council stated he was charged with making his report 15 days in advance of the general council meeting and that copies of his report had previously been sent to chapter delegates. He did, however, particularly stress membership to the council. He was not in favor of raising the dues but felt that if the membership was increased to 6,000, which would be 50 per cent increase of the present membership, there would be sufficient income to carry the financial responsibility of the organization. He thought that the chapters should assume more of the responsibility for membership and recommended that they remit in advance one year's dues for each member. This would reduce work at headquarters and the chapters would benefit materially if members were allowed to pay monthly.

Jean Brimacombe read the report of Lois R. Manning, acting secretary-treasurer, as she could not be present. It was moved that the report be adopted and placed on file. The motion carried.

Mr. Floyd Query, director of law and legislation, gave his report and moved that it be adopted. The motion carried and it was placed on file.

Mr. R. M. Smith, director of civil service, gave his report and moved that it be adopted. The motion carried and it was placed on file.

V. G. O'Neil, director of public relations, gave his report and moved that it be adopted. The motion carried and it was placed on file.

F. Leo Smith, legal counsel, reported.

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