

New Membership Director States Objectives

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The strength of any organization is measured by the number of the members in relation to the potential number who are eligible to join. Membership in any worthwhile organization is a privilege. Membership in the Oregon State Employees Association is both a privilege and a duty. It is an individual duty that we owe not only to our fellow workers but to ourselves. A large active membership is the life blood of any organization, especially ours.

During the past year the OSEA membership has made a good gain. Each month more and more state employees have decided that the objectives of the OSEA are worth backing up and fighting for. It is up to us to put over the idea to those who have not yet joined that the following objectives are worth fighting for.

Article II of the OSEA Constitution

In order to render the most effective service to the United States of America, the State of Oregon, and the people thereof, it is the object of this Association:

1. To foster and preserve in the hearts of its members a constant dedication to the principles of constitutional democracy, as reflected by the American form of government.
2. To encourage among the state employees a sense of civic responsibility.
3. To maintain high standards of employee conduct in governmental affairs.
4. To disseminate a knowledge of departmental activities among state employees to the end that cooperation, efficiency, and harmony may prevail.
5. To unite the employees of the State of Oregon for the purpose

of exerting an effective influence with respect to matters concerning employees which are compatible with the best interests of state government.

6. To advocate and support a merit system of civil service in state government.
7. To urge and support the effective administration of the laws of the State of Oregon.
8. To cooperate with other organizations in the civic development and the economic growth of the State of Oregon, and to promote the substantial progress and development of the state and its resources.
9. In so far as action by this Association is compatible with the best interests of the people of the State of Oregon, to sponsor and support legislation beneficial to state employees, and to oppose legislation detrimental to their interests, and to promote the welfare of the membership of the Association.

There is no magic formula for securing new members. It can be accomplished, however, if each one of us will become member-conscious. Get a copy of the pamphlet "What Has OSEA Ever Done For State Employees?" from your chapter secretary and review what the OSEA has accomplished; brush up on the objectives; explain them to new workers; and talk it up to all. Make it a resolution to sign up at least one new member yourself. The getting of new members is the magic formula to accomplish the objectives of the organization, which can be done only with a large and growing membership.

What bachelors do with their money has always been a mystery to us, so we asked one, and he didn't know either.