

OSEA Board Minutes

The fifth meeting of the 1950 Board of Directors was held in the Senator Hotel in Salem on Saturday, August 26. The following is a condensed record of the minutes.

The meeting was called to order by E. A. Bamford, Vice President, in the absence of E. F. Chidsey, President, at 10:00 a.m.

Present at the session were the following board members: L. R. White, jr. Past President, E. A. Bamford, Vice President, James Banks, Civil Service Director, P. M. Bandt, Laws and Legislation Director, J. D. Wilson, Membership Director, Ted C. Jones, Retirement Director, Jack Norton, Director District No. 1, Robert Ashby, Director District No. 2, Howard S. Cox, Alternate District Director No. 4.

Headquarters was represented by Forest Steward, Executive Secretary, Eugene F. Schmidt, Assistant Executive Secretary, Jean Brimacombe, Administrative Secretary and Dorothy Frahm, Stenographer. Also present was Floyd Query of special committee on legal counsel.

After discussion of all items brought to the attention of the Board, the following actions were taken:

Letters from various chapters were read and noted concerning the proposed new insurance plan.

Authorized the Executive Secretary to prepare suitable cards for issuance to qualified honorary and associate members of the OSEA.

Discussed the circumstances surrounding the present situation in which West Coast Life Insurance Company had failed to submit a hospital plan.

Received report on a meeting of the West Coast Life Insurance Policy Holders concerning their reaction to the new life insurance plan.

Considered the proposed plan of the California Western States Life Insurance Company as outlined by Mr. Burns their representative.

Voted to officially adopt a plan of the California Western Life Insurance Company on the recommendation of the Board's Insurance Committee.

Went on record by giving the Insurance Committee a rising vote of thanks for the fine work they have done over the past 9 months in bringing forth a well balanced insurance plan.

Instructed the Executive Secretary to wire the West Coast Life Insurance Company on August 31, notifying the company that the OSEA is discontinuing their contract as of October 31, 1950.

Instructed the Executive Secretary to draft a letter of explanation to present policy holders.

Received the report of P. M. Brandt, Director of Laws and Legislation on the progress his committee is making

Considered a report of the special salary and wage committee on relation of the consumer price index to a cost of living increase for all state employes. The Committee met with the Budget Director and proposed a cost of living plan on the basis of parity pay instead of cost of living.

Approved the action of a special committee on legal counsel and instructed them to use their own judgment in making final arrangements for selection of legal counsel for the coming session of the legislature.

Instructed the Executive Secretary, the Public Relations Director, and Mr. Floyd Query to write a resolution and release whatever publicity is appropriate in connection with a resolution sent in by Salem Chapter No. 1 on a cost of living increase.

Approved a motion instructing the Executive Secretary to explore the possibility of securing pay roll deductions for State Association dues along with the insurance premium.

Received a report of the special committee on retirement for OSEA employes. No action was taken on the proposed plan as a quorum was not present.

Brass Tacks

Nine times out of ten you'll find,
No matter where you roam,
The big noise at the office is
The little squeak at home.