



FIELD REPRESENTATIVE C. D. JOHANSEN (standing) represented OSEA when Civil Service counted the Oregon State University collective bargaining election ballots. Karen Berg, OSEA staff secretary, helped in the counting. OSEA won the election by a vote of 814 to 92.

Oregon State, Hwy. Vote Favors OSEA

Collective bargaining elections in the Highway Department and Oregon State University were held by the Civil Service Commission this month.

Employees in the so-called "engineering and allied special unit" of the Highway Department selected OSEA and the Association of Engineering Employees as their joint bargaining representative.

The vote was 482 to 227, with the latter votes being cast for no representation.

Some 1,059 employees were eligible to vote.

OSEA was the overwhelming choice of the classified employees at Oregon State University. The association received

814 votes, and 92 voted for no representation.

There were 1,921 employees eligible to vote.

Earlier this year OSEA won the "main unit" election in the Highway Department by a vote of 1,782 to 183.

The association has filed petitions with the Civil Service Commission calling for elections in four other agencies.

They are Eastern Oregon College, Portland State College, Oregon Technical Institute and the University of Oregon's Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

Ballots for the EOC election will be distributed during the week of May 22. They must be received by Civil Service no later than June 8 to be valid.

Ballots for the PSC election will be distributed during the week of May 29. The deadline for receiving them is June 15.

The elections at OTI and Tongue Point have not yet been scheduled by Civil Service.

Senate Adopts Public Worker Political Bill

Public employees in Oregon gained the same political freedoms enjoyed by all other citizens May 25 when the Senate adopted HB 1663.

It was passed by the House on April 12.

The bill allows public employees to run for office, contribute funds to candidates and serve on precinct committees.

Before adoption by the House the measure came under criticism because it contained no protections for public workers.

Rep. Robert Davis (R-Medford) said civil service employees should be granted protection, and predicted that "they will be back to the legislature asking for protection."

From the House, the bill was sent to the Senate Elections and Reapportionment Committee.

Sen. Don Willner (D-Portland) led a movement in the committee which resulted in the bill being amended to include a prohibition against coercing public employees to contribute funds.

The amendment also prohibits employees from participating in political activities while on the job.



EDWARD L. WILSON, Asst. Executive Secretary, (right) and Superintendent Dean K. Brooks are shown signing the OSEA-State Hospital collective bargaining contract. In the background are Richard French, personnel officer; Donald A. Beninger, field representative; and Delbert Bolton, employees bargaining council.

OSEA Negotiates Six More Bargaining Pacts

Collective bargaining contracts between the Oregon State Employees Association and six large state agencies were signed in April and May.

The agencies are the Oregon State Hospital, Penitentiary, Department of Employment, Dammasch State Hospital,

Southern Oregon College and Fairview Hospital and Training Center.

Executive Secretary Thomas C. Enright described the contracts as "ground rule agreements which outline the procedures to be followed in collective bargaining."

"With these contracts," he said, "we seek to break the ice and establish a bargaining relationship between the association and employers."

Later on, as OSEA and the agencies get into bargaining, supplemental agreements will be added to the basic contracts spelling out specific bargaining items, he said.

Such items could be working conditions, scheduling of vacation and compensatory time, assignment of personnel to shifts, travel and moving allowances, and so forth.

Over 2,850 employees will be covered in the six contracts.

There are 662 classified employees at the Oregon State Hospital, 289 at the Penitentiary, 708 at the Department of Employment, 250 at Dammasch State Hospital, 113 at SOC and 850 at Fairview Hospital and Training Center.

OSEA now has negotiated bargaining contracts with 13 state agencies. Over 6,000 employees work under the contracts.

Contract negotiations are now going on between the association and a number of state agencies.

Leave Phone Number At Portland Office

Executive Secretary Thomas C. Enright has reminded members in Portland that OSEA's branch office is open to telephone calls five days a week.

A field representative from Salem is in the office each Tuesday and Thursday.

Enright asked members to leave a telephone number with the answering service so field representatives may return their calls.

The office is located at 1009 SW Fifth Ave., Room 105. The telephone number is 224-1870.

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