

Uncle Sam Wants to Help Make



Your Political Action Contribution

OSEA members this year formed Citizen Action by State Employees (CASE), a voluntary organization to raise campaign funds and make contributions to legislative candidates favorable to the interests of state employees. The basic means of raising funds is through solicitation of \$10.00 membership contributions to CASE.

The Association has recently received official confirmation from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, that the \$10.00 membership contributions to CASE are eligible for the tax credit and deduction provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Those provisions are a new section of the law which gives a TAX CREDIT equal to one-half of a contributor's total contributions to political candidates or committees during the year, up to \$12.50 for an individual or \$25.00 for a couple. Here's how it works:

You make a \$10.00 campaign contribution through your membership in CASE. If that is your only political contribution, Uncle Sam will give you half of your contribution (\$5.00) back when you file your next income tax return. Example: On your tax return you find you owe the federal government \$100.00. You take a CASE tax credit and pay only \$95.00. Or, you are entitled to a \$100.00 refund.

You take your CASE tax credit and receive \$105.00 on your refund check.

OSEA dues money cannot legally be used (and should not be used) to support partisan candidates. Money for that purpose must come from the voluntary contributions of state employees and their friends.

The governing body of CASE is its five-member Administrative Committee, elected by the OSEA Board of Directors from among active CASE members who are nominated by their fellow members. They must be active state employees and active members of the Association. They can be removed from office or vacancies in their offices filled by OSEA's Board of Directors.

There is a membership category in CASE for any state or other public employee, and relatives and friends of state employees. However, only active state employees who are active members of OSEA can be active members of CASE, entitled to vote and hold office. Annual dues for all categories of membership is a minimum of \$10.00 a year.

There is no state law prohibiting political activity by public employees, as long as it is not on the job during working hours. The General Counsel for the U.S. Civil Service Commission, which administers the federal Hatch Act, says those state and local government employees who come under Hatch Act restrictions can make campaign

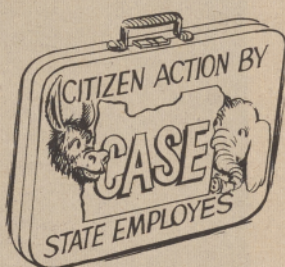
contributions and can be members of an organization such as CASE. They cannot be on its Administrative Committee.

The interests of state employees are represented at the legislature by OSEA's registered lobbyists, supported by its chapters and membership. As legislative activities become more complex and the state's financial ability to respond to state employee needs becomes more difficult, they need more help in the form of an organization which can help influence the make-up of the legislature.

Many legislators support and give high priority to OSEA's legislative objectives. Some don't. In today's politics, it takes major investments in money and manpower to get elected and stay in office. Legislators who support the interests of state employees need and deserve the help of those who value their commitment.

If every OSEA member joined CASE, state employees would have by far the strongest political action organization in Oregon. That is an ambitious goal. How well CASE does will depend upon how many informed state employees, their families and friends join and pay \$10.00 annual membership dues.

Why not join CASE today? Uncle Sam will pay for half your membership.



Join CASE Now!

CASE Administrative Committee
Post Office Box 2307
Salem, Oregon 97308

Please enroll me as a member of CASE.

- ☐ ACTIVE member. (Any current state employee who is an active member of OSEA.)
- ☐ ASSOCIATE member. (Other state employees, family members of state employees, other public employees, retired state employees.)
- ☐ CONTRIBUTING member. (Any person, business, or organization willing to contribute to candidates favorable to the interests of state employees.)

Use my contribution for candidates of:

- ☐ Democratic Party ☐ Republican Party ☐ Either Party

A membership card will be sent upon report of dues. Copy of CASE constitution and by-laws will be sent upon request.

Name (Please Print)

Address

City

State

Zip Code