

From The Mailbox



Cold and Snowy Night

To the Editor:

On December 11 the Retirement Conference held its first "informational meeting" in Beaverton. It was held in the midst of the cold and snowy weather we had last month. The turnout was small in number, but large in spirit.

Just prior to the beginning of the meeting, we received a phone call from Representative Wally Priestley who told us he had car trouble on Canyon Road and would appreciate help in getting to the meeting. Needless to say, when one of our legislators shows that kind of enthusiasm (after the election), I delayed the explanation of the proposed program until he arrived.

After the meeting, I drove Representative Priestley back to Portland where he was going to make arrangements to pick up his car when it was ready. We had a nice chat and I feel he is concerned with the welfare of public employees.

This letter is my way of saying "thanks" to Representative Priestley, on behalf of all state employees, for his interest and concern during a cold and snowy night.

Jerry Liebertz
Consolidated Chapter 61
Portland

Everyone's Help Needed

To the Editor:

As a state employee and as a member of OSEA, I would like to respond to the letter from Jack Stocks, a member of Rogue Basin Chapter 93 in Medford, which appeared in last month's issue of The OSEA News.

Mr. Stocks makes statements that are to some degree repetitive. They are comments made with some frequency by the uninformed and uninvolved member. I would like to pose some questions that with any luck may be thought provoking to Mr. Stocks as well as to other non-involved members of this Association:

(1) Have you ever served as a group representative?
(2) Have you ever served as a chapter officer?
(3) Have you ever been involved with your fellow chapter members in the formulation of resolutions to General Council?
(4) How many chapter meetings have you attended in the past year? If the meetings are unsatisfactory or don't appeal to you, have you spoken to the chapter leadership about them?
(5) Have you made any attempt to attend meetings of the Board of Directors to express your approval or disapproval of any action taken by OSEA?
(6) How many times, prior to your letter to the editor, have you contacted any group representative, chapter officer, board or staff member regarding your expressed displeasure with your Association?

This is your Association, you know. It is yours by virtue of the dues you pay for its operation. You and all the 15,800 members are the guiding force behind the General Council delegates and board members.

Not all 15,800 members are satisfied with every decision made by the General Council and Board of Directors. But many of them have found and are finding ways to make their voices heard. We are extremely pleased with this interest and concern, for those members are engaged in constructive efforts to make OSEA an even better and stronger organization.

Before Mr. Stocks and others hasten to point out that I have become "entrenched in the clique" or have a "vested interest," let me point out that I am and I have. I am entrenched in a clique—one that has as its prime concern the well-being of all state employees—managers and workers, classified and unclassified. I have a vested interest in seeing that the wishes of the membership are carried out to the best of my ability. When the time comes that my activities in OSEA no longer coincide with those goals, then I will no longer serve the Association in any capacity.

Before cancelling his membership, I would like to suggest to Mr. Stocks and others with similar frustrations that they talk with their delegates, their district director and their chapter officers and volunteer to help to achieve the goals that are most desirable for all employees. The task of improving the lot of the state employee—his pay, fringe benefits, working conditions—cannot be done by a few. We must have the help of all. The benefits to be achieved by all far outweigh the relatively modest investment of yourself.

Beth Mason
Director of Membership
Portland

Democrats Head All Legislative Committees: Here is a Listing

The 1973 Legislature will be served by 27 committees, and Democrats have been appointed to head all of them.

This is the first session since 1963 that the Democrats have been in control of both houses of the legislature.

There are 14 committees in the Senate and 12 in the House of Representatives. In addition, there is the Joint Appropriations and Ways and Means Committee made up of seven members of the Senate and seven House members.

Senate President Jason Boe (D-Reedsport) and House Speaker Richard Eymann (D-Springfield) have appointed the following committees:

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