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From the....

Executive Secretary

Join the Action

Five years ago an OSEA member in a Portland chapter caused introduction of a resolution directing Association support of legislation making sex discrimination in employment unlawful. The resolution was approved by the General Council, its subject put into the form of a bill and enacted into Oregon law in the 1969 legislative session.

This is what OSEA's annual General Council of delegates is all about: hearing the ideas of members, subjecting them to consideration by fellow employees from every part of the state and, if they are approved, directing action which can transform an idea into a reality.

You do not have to be an elected delegate to attend General Council and be heard. Although floor debate and action is confined to delegates or their alternates, any member may speak for or against a proposal at the open committee sessions where it is decided what recommendation will be made to the floor. There will be plenty of visitor space from which to observe the floor action.

Any member who will be off duty or can take vacation time to attend General Council at the Jantzen Thunderbird October 18-19-20 will find it an interesting and valuable experience.

CASE Celebrates

The Friday luncheon at General Council will feature the annual membership meeting of CASE (Citizen Action by State Employees). An out-

standing speaker will discuss the growing political action activities of employee associations in the public sector.

CASE is like the lady in that horrible cigarette advertisement. She's come a long way and has been of unestimable help to OSEA's legislative success, but she still has a long way to go.

To those who put CASE together and have made it work, and especially the couple of hundred who contributed for the support of legislative candidates favorable to state employee interests, we convey "happy birthday" greetings and thanks from the grateful members of OSEA.

AGE Mutual Fund

The prospectus in the last issue of The OSEA News, describing the low-cost AGE mutual fund which OSEA is now able to offer to its members and their families, contained notices and forms for subscription by payroll deduction. We regret having to advise that the payroll deduction does not apply in Oregon. Fund participation is available by direct mail.

The federal Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) closely supervises all mutual funds and other security transactions, including approval of a fund's prospectus. The payroll deduction procedure was required to be included in the prospectus for the information of prospective purchasers in states where payroll deduction is available, which it is not in Oregon.

Under our laws, payroll deduction must be authorized by legislative action. OSEA will probably seek a payroll deduction for the AGE mutual fund in the next legislative session.

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