

Only Six Candidates File For Ten Positions on OSEA's New Board

Candidates have filed for only six of the ten positions on OSEA's new Board of Directors that will be elected by delegates at the General Council this week.

Delegate Work Load Lighter This Year

One of the most difficult and time-consuming jobs facing delegates at OSEA's General Council each year is deciding the fate of numerous resolutions submitted by chapters, district councils and the Board of Directors.

Judging from the number submitted to the 1973 convention, however, the job will be a little easier this year.

So far, only 65 resolutions have been submitted to the council, which opens Thursday at the Jantzen Beach Thunderbird Inn in Portland. Last year delegates had 126 resolutions to consider, and the year before they acted upon 98.

As might be expected, most of the resolutions call for improved state employee pay, fringe benefits and working conditions. A number of them, if passed, will help make up the Association's 1975 legislative program, along with those adopted by next year's convention. Others seek to make changes in OSEA.

The General Council's Ways and Means Committee has been assigned the greatest number of resolutions. It will have 14 to consider. They range in subject matter from one that calls for a 37½ hour work week for state employees, to another that wants payroll deduction for membership payments to Citizen Action by State Employees (CASE), OSEA's political action arm.

Most of the resolutions that seek internal changes in the Association have been assigned to the convention's Constitution and By-Laws Committee. One, if passed, would reduce the size of OSEA's Board of Directors from 20 to 13 members. Another calls for combining the membership and public relations committees under one director. All together, the committee will have 13 resolutions to consider.

The remaining 38 resolutions are fairly evenly divided among the Insurance, Retirement, Salary and Wages, Working Conditions and Academic and Unclassified Services Committees.

A total of 11 candidates are seeking election to those six positions.

Lester B. Strickler, Corvallis Chapter 29, is the only candidate to file for the office of president. He is a professor of finance at Oregon State University.

Three candidates have filed to succeed Strickler as OSEA's vice-president. They are James R. Dyer, Oregon Chapter 22, Clifford R. Ebert, N. W. Oregon Forestry Chapter 76, and Donald R. Kelley, Pendleton Chapter 52. Dyer assists in administering a federal program for the Employment Division in Salem, Ebert is an assistant district forester for the Department of Forestry in Forest Grove, and Kelley is a meat cutter at Eastern Oregon Hospital and Training Center in Pendleton.

Two candidates are seeking election to the office of secretary-treasurer being vacated by Ebert. They are James J. Kinns, Salem Chapter 1, and Kenneth P. Stueve, Corvallis Chapter 29. Kinns is an engineering technician for the Highway Division in Salem and Stueve is an electrician at Oregon State University.

Carey J. Huckaba, Astoria Chapter 8, and A. R. "Pat" Panissidi, Agriculture Chapter 26, have filed for the office of director of public relations being vacated by Dyer. Huckaba is a parks manager for the Highway Division in Tillamook and Panissidi is an appraiser for the Division of State Lands in Salem.

Two candidates have filed for the office of director of membership. They are Robert B. Andrews, Sacajawea Chapter 73, and David D. Saunders, Beaver Chapter 31. Andrews is a field examiner for the Public Employees' Retirement System in La Grande and Saunders is a caseworker for the Children's Services Division in Portland.

Only one candidate is seeking election as director of employee representation. He is Eugene J. Watson, Chemeketa Chapter 64. Watson is a field examiner for the Bureau of Labor in Salem.

So far no candidate has filed for the following four positions: director of academic and unclassified services, director of institutions, director of insurance and director of retirement.

The Association's Board of Directors for 1973-74 will be elected to one-year terms by convention delegates.

Lieuallen Says Inadequate Pay In '75 May Trigger Faculty Bargaining

If the 1975 legislature doesn't provide a "much larger salary adjustment" for Oregon's academic employees, the effect will be to "push them a goodly distance down the road to collective bargaining."

That prediction was made by Roy Lieuallen,

chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, in a speech to the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce recently.

Lieuallen also predicted that if the state's colleges and universities move more toward collective bargaining "some of the benefits of the collegial life, as we now know them, will be lost. And the students and the facilities both will be the losers."

He repeated comments he made earlier that the 1973 session of the legislature was "the most productive of the six (sessions) in which I've been directly involved."

However, he said the decision to grant academic employees an average five per cent salary increase while giving other state employees average pay raises of more than six per cent was "a major deficiency."

"The message from the 1973 session seemed, to many of our faculty members, loud and clear: collective bargaining will get you what you want," Lieuallen said.

"The non-academic staff engaged in collective bargaining through the Oregon State Employees Association," he commented, "and obtained the larger salary adjustment recommendation from the governor, and then from the 1973 legislature."

"The problem," Lieuallen said, "was created largely by our inability to persuade the Executive Department that a larger amount was needed" for academic employees.

Lieuallen said he hopes that state system officials will be able to persuade the Executive Department that, "in 1975, sound and equitable personnel treatment should be initiated... by the Executive Department and the legislature, rather than being forced by collective bargaining."

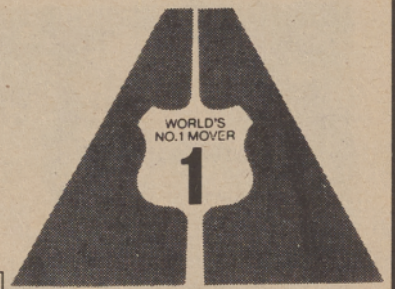
"It's my further hope," he added, "that the state system faculties will defer any major moves to collective bargaining until the Executive Department, and the legislature, have a chance to take that initiative."

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