

## SEIU feels OPEU Impact

Less than one year after affiliating with the Service Employees International Union, OPEU had a major impact at the annual convention of the international union's Pacific Northwest Council.

With more than three times the size of the second largest union in the council, OPEU's presence had much more impact than simply being the new kid on the block. OPEU delegates had a major say in the decision-making process and before the convention was over, delegates elected OPEU vice-president John Clapp as the council's second vice-president.

In addition, OPEU's 20-member delegation made major presentations at workshops on organizing, sexual harassment, political action and arbitration.



Carol Laizure-Jellison, OPEU secretary-treasurer, talks with Chuck Mendenhall, OPEU government relations director at convention of SEIU's Pacific Northwest Council.

## Bowker Elected District Director

JoAnn Bowker, an AFS welfare assistance worker, has been elected to fill the district director seat vacated when Steve Green was elected OPEU president.

Bowker moved up from her position as assistant director for District 2. She has been an OPEU member for over two years and has served on the Union Operations Committee (now the Union Finance Committee) has been a local officer and has twice been a delegate to General Council.

Bowker was opposed by another District 2 assistant director—Richard Myers.

Following Bowker's selection the District Council elected John Havery, an electronics and graphic illustrations specialist with the Dept. of Education, to fill the vacant assistant director position.

## OPEU Board's Major Motions

The following major motions were made at the regular meeting of the OPEU board of directors on Nov. 7, 1981:

### Installations

Pete Petry, president.

JoAnn Bowker, District 2 director and Jon Havery, District 2 assistant district director.

### Committee Appointments

Rules—John Neeley and Jon Havery.

Staff Screening—Bob Hartley, chairperson; Dave Grenbremer; Vicki Pollock; John Clapp and Dick Myers.

Employee Benefits—Donna Kilber, chairperson.

Government Relations—District 1, Lee Heindl; District 2, Jon Havery and Dick Myers; District 3, David Munns.

CAPE Administrative—Richard O. Young and Dick Weed.

Union Finance—District 2, Dick Myers; District 3, Alan Brown; District 4, Dorothy Lewis.

Dues Deduction Problems (special subcommittee)—Ruth Montgomery, Carol Laizure-Jellison and Ralph Jull.

### Other Business

Appointed Deb Bolton as advisor to the board.

Approved a corporate borrowing resolution with First Interstate Bank.

Authorized a WATS line for the Pendleton branch office.

Reduced the escrow fund for petitions to increase Local operating funds from 10 percent to 5 percent.

Rescinded the board motion from 9/27/81 directing members to boycott air travel in American air space in support of the strike by PATCO.

Instructed Rules Committee to review "Rank of Rules" with legal counsel.

Deferred naming appointments to the BUBB board until Jan. 1982.

Required all board members to fill-out subscription applications to Citizen Action.

Replaced Steve Green with D. H. Petry as signator on all OPEU accounts at First Interstate Bank.

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