

Stewards' meeting trains and honors stewards' efforts

Workshops on eight topics, an address from an aide to the U.S. Secretary of Labor, discussions on organizing, and worker participation and the Government Efficiency Act were features of the Stewards' Conference on August 12, 13, and 14 in Salem.

Additionally, 15 stewards received outstanding stewards awards at the conference.

POLITICAL PROGRAM -

Stewards prepared to mobilize Union members for the political challenges ahead of us, both the ballot measures that threaten our jobs and services, and assisting the candidates we are supporting for the Legislature, for Governor, and in local government.

WORKER PARTICIPATION -

OPEU President Dawn Morgan led a discussion on Worker Participation and the Government Efficiency Act (Senate Bill 1130). Morgan showed how the role of the Union is critical to worker participation and protecting workers' rights and benefits, as she updated stewards on what is happening in OPEU-represented workplaces.

WORKSHOPS -

Workshops included handling pre-dismissals, worksite organizing, discrimination, contract language, workers' compensation, workplace teams, advance grievance handling, and workplace violence.

STEWARDS HONORED

Outstanding stewards honored at the conference included:

• *District 1 - Ed Eustice*, DMV Local 735. • *District 2 - Don Contreras*, OSH Local 392; OPEU President Dawn Morgan, VRD Local 582; Lee Orton, OSH Local 392; Wendy Stone, DCBS Local 440; and Jack Youngers, DMV Local 735. • *District 3 - Lexy Lieurance*, UofO Local 085; and Pat Loewinger, CSD Local 412. • *District 4 - Phil Newton*, SDS Local 411; Debbie Niemeyer, WOW Local 461; and Carla White, JCEA Local 497. • *District 5 - Merrily Brotherton*, Umatilla County Sheriffs Local 597; and Marsha Thomas, WOW Local 461. • *District 6 - Fred Biesen*, ODOT Local 730; Tim Cummins, CSD Local 412; and Donna Massey, CSD Local 412.

Vice President Gore, Kitzhaber, Hightower to speak OPEU General Council Sept. 21-25

Vice President Al Gore is a possible speaker to be added to appearances by Democratic candidate for Governor John Kitzhaber and progressive political analyst Jim Hightower to highlight OPEU/SEIU Local 503's General Council, September 21-25, in Portland.

Also this year, the Union changes the way the Union elects its statewide officers.

VOTING PROCEDURES

Beginning with the current election cycle, the statewide offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer will be elected by a direct vote of the membership rather than by the delegates to the Council. This was necessitated by our representation of private sector workers — such as those at CODA, Children's Farm Home (See Page 6), and those that have become newly privatized such as OPB. We now come under federal labor relations statutes, such as the Landrum-Griffin law, which require that union local officers be elected by rank-and-file members rather than a delegate assembly. The Board of Directors took action at its July 9 meeting to modify procedures for electing statewide officers.

Because of this change:

• Nominations for OPEU President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer have been extended to noon on the first day of General Council, September 22, 1994.



GORE

• The election date for these three officers will be held in early December 1994, the specific dates to be determined by the Council.

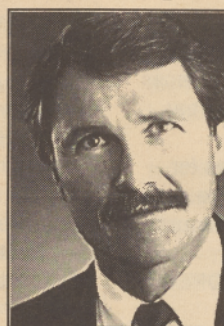
• The terms of the current officers — none of whom is running for reelection to their current office, have been extended through January 14, 1995, when the new officers will be installed at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

VICE PRESIDENT MAY SPEAK

Gore is scheduled to be in Oregon for a fundraiser for 1st District Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse. Because the fundraiser is scheduled for September 24 and likely will be at the Hilton Hotel, arrangements are in the works for him to speak to General Council delegates.

FEATURED SPEAKER -

Hightower, who now produces a radio show on progressive and labor-oriented issues, will give the keynote address to Council. In Oregon, his weekend call-in show can be



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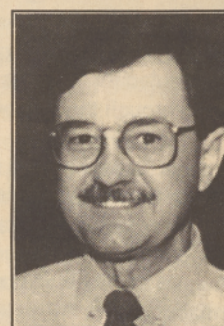
heard on KXL Radio in Portland.

KITZHABER FOR GOVERNOR - Kitzhaber, endorsed by OPEU and the Oregon AFL-CIO for Governor, will speak to delegates during the three-day convention.

TRAINING WORKSHOPS - Thursday and Friday, workshops are planned for Media Training, the Anti-Worker Agenda, OPEU History, Jobs with Justice, Health and Safety, and Political Motivation for Survival Training.

Council committees consider the resolutions submitted by Union members and then make their reports to the Council for action by the delegates. Friday morning, delegates who are members of OPEU councils and committees will meet.

• OPEU members unable to attend Council will have an opportunity to hear Hightower at a Kitzhaber fundraiser Wednesday evening before he speaks to OPEU. More details to come.



HIGHTOWER

Join OPEU team in Race for the Cure, Sept. 25

General Council delegates and Portland-area OPEU members wanting an opportunity for exercise, helping a good cause, and Union sisterhood will want to join the OPEU/SEIU Local 503 team entering the Race for the Cure on Sunday, September 25, the last day of Council.

The Race for the Cure is an annual event which raises money for research, education, and prevention of breast cancer.

This year's event features a one-mile coed walk beginning at 8:30 a.m. and a 5K (about 3 miles) women-only walk/run beginning at

9 a.m. Both events leave from Portland's Water Front Park, just a few blocks from the General Council site at the Hilton Hotel.

OPEU's Women's Council has entered OPEU as a team for this event and encourages all General Council delegates, their families, and friends to participate.

To register, complete a registration form, write "OPEU" in the space for team name, and return it with your check before the September 14 deadline. Registration forms are available at OPEU offices and in a delegate mailing. An OPEU team photo will be taken the day of the race.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

