

Council votes direct election

In a bold step toward expanding union democracy, General Council moved OPEU, after 51 years, into direct election of its President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Executive Director.

Organizing workers in private nonprofit agencies brought OPEU under the federal Landrum-Griffin Law which requires direct election,

thereby adding impetus to take this important step which has been debated internally for years.

Nominations for statewide offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer closed at General Council.

Nomination for the office of Executive Director opens with the notice below.

Notice of Election of the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Executive Director

Ballots to vote on all four offices — President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Director — will be mailed to members on November 30. **Marked ballots must be received at OPEU Headquarters no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 16, 1994.**

Notice of Nomination of the OPEU Executive Director

• The position is open to any active or staff member of the Union. (Minimum qualifications include experience in collective bargaining, contract administration, internal and external organizing, political activity, communications, fiscal management, and staff supervision.)

• The OPEU Executive Director serves a two-year term.

• Nomination forms for OPEU Executive Director can be obtained from District Directors, Assistant Directors, Local Officers, Stewards, or the Field and Headquarters offices of the Union.

• Nomination forms must be sent to: **OPEU President Dawn Morgan, P.O. Box 13773, Salem, OR 97309-1773, or hand delivered to OPEU Headquarters, located at 1730 Commercial Street SE, Salem, OR, no later than 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 21, 1994.**

Locals, District donate support to grocery strikers

In addition to \$1,500 previously donated, with donations made by Locals and District 4 at General Council, OPEU has supported striking Portland-area supermarket workers with \$8,325.

They are members of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555 and Teamsters.

Individual Local/District contributions, along with their amounts, came from:

- DMV Local 735, \$1,000.
- Parks Local 733, \$1,000.
- CSD Local 412, \$1,000.
- OSU Local 083, \$1,000.
- District 4, \$500.
- WOW Local 461, \$250.
- SDSD Local 411, \$1,000.
- OCWCOG Local 937, \$75.
- Employment Local 471, \$1,000.

OPEU District 5 opens nominations for ADD

District 5 is opening nominations for Assistant District Director. Nominations must be at Headquarters on or before October 31, 1994. Official forms are available from Headquarters. Nominations will also be accepted at the District 5 meeting on October 29, 1994, at 9:30 a.m. at the Kopper Kitchen in Pendleton.

Four steward training dates remain in year

OPEU steward training has been scheduled for four more dates through the end of the year.

Locations and times for

Basic Steward Training are:

• **Salem:** Friday, November 18, 6-9 p.m., and Saturday, November 19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., OPEU Hqtrs.

• **Klamath Falls:** Friday, December 2, 6-9 p.m., and Saturday, December 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., OIT campus, Mt. Mazama Room, College Union Building.

• **Baker City:** Friday, December 2, 6-9 p.m., and Saturday, December 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Location to be announced.

Advanced Steward

Training is scheduled for:

• **Eugene:** Saturday, December 3, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Location to be announced.

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