

Notice of Union Elections

Only through our collective action have we achieved our most important and largest victories as a Union family. Most notably, the elections of 2000 where we handed Bill Sizemore a defeat on all six of his ballot measures. That's where our important work as member activists, officers, General Council delegates, board members, and statewide officers comes in. Now is the time (already!) to begin thinking about General Council Delegate nominations, as well as Local, District, and Statewide Officer elections. Here's a calendar for the upcoming year that you will find useful on the overall timelines and processes for the Union Year to come.

2002 GENERAL COUNCIL/ ELECTIONS CALENDAR

- November 2001**
- Election Timelines/Guidelines Published in TOPE (includes District Officer & Statewide Officer Nominations/Election Notices; Information on District General Council Delegate Nominations/Election; Locals to Follow Timelines in their C&B for Electing Officers & General Council Delegates & Alternates) Resolution Guidelines/Timelines Published in TOPE
- 11/10** Board Meeting
- December 2001**
- 12/8** Executive Committee Meeting
- January 2002**
- 1/12** Board Meeting
General Council Planning Committee Appointed
Election Timelines/Guidelines Mailed to Leaders/Posted on Website
Resolution Guidelines/Timelines Mailed to Leaders/Posted on Website
Official Delegate Report Mailed to District & Local Leaders (Based on Dec. Membership Rept/Previous 12-Mo. Avg)
- 1/25** District & Statewide Officer Candidate Nomination Forms Mailed to Leaders/Posted on Website
- February 2002**
- 2/1** Nominations Open for District Officer Elections (District Directors & Assistant Directors) (Feb. 1-Feb. 21, 5 pm)
Nominations Open for Statewide Officer Elections (Pres., Vice Pres., Sec.-Treas., & Exec. Dir.) (Feb. 1-Aug 23, 5 pm)
- 2/9** Executive Committee Meeting
- 2/21** Nominations close at 5pm for District Officer Elections
- March 2002**
- 3/9** Board Meeting
General Council Resolutions Review Committee Appointed
- 3/15** TOPE mailed (Candidate Profiles for District Directors & Assistant District Directors;
- 3/25** Ballots for District Officers (District Directors & Assistant Directors) Mailed
- April 2002**
- 4/8** District General Council Delegate Nomination Forms Mailed to Leaders/Posted on Website
- 4/12** 5:00 pm Deadline for Receipt of District Director/ADD Election Ballots at HQ

- 4/13** District Election Ballots Counted at HQ
- 4/13** Executive Committee Meeting
- 4/15** Nominations Open for District General Council Delegates (April 15-May 3, 5 pm)
- May 2002**
- 5/3** 5:00 pm Deadline for Receipt of District Delegate Nomination Forms @ HQ
- 5/10** 5:00 pm Deadline for Submitting General Council Resolutions to HQ
General Council Resolutions Review Committee begins Working on Resolutions Submitted
- 5/14** District General Council Delegate Ballots Mailed
- 5/18** Board Meeting
- 5/28** General Council Delegate Report Forms & Credentials Forms Mailed to Local Presidents & District Directors
- June 2002**
- 6/4** 5:00 pm Deadline for Receipt of District General Council Delegate Ballots at HQ
- 6/5** District General Council Delegate Ballots Counted at HQ
- 6/8** Executive Committee Meeting
- 6/10** AFL-CIO COPE Convention
- 6/15** Local & District GC Delegate Report Forms & Credentials Forms due at HQ
- 6/21** General Council Registration Packets Mailed to Delegates
- July 2002**
- 7/1** General Council Registration Form & Committee Assignment Request Forms Due at HQ
- 7/1** Employer Notification Letters of GC Delegates Mailed
- 7/1** 5pm Receipt Deadline for Statewide Officer Nom. Forms at HQ for Publishing in TOPE Voters' Guide
- 7/3** Standing Comm. Budget Planners Mailed
- 7/13** Board Meeting
Appointment of General Council Committee Members, Chairs, Pages, Sgts.-at-Arms
- 7/19** TOPE w/ Statewide Officer Voters' Guide Mailed
- 7/21** Hotel Deadline for Room Reservations
Hotel Confirmations & Delegate Credentials Mailed to Delegates
- 7/22** 5:00 pm Deadline for Board Resolutions
- 7/22** Standing Committee Budget Deadline
- August 2002**
- 8/9** Finance Committee Budget Meeting
- 8/10** Executive Committee Meeting
- 8/21** Pre-General Council Board Meeting
- 8/21-25** GENERAL COUNCIL SESSION
- 8/23** 5pm Close of Statewide Officer Nominations at General Council
- 8/25** Board Meeting (Statewide Officers & Newly Installed Board Members)
- 8/26** 5:00 pm Deadline for Submission of Statewide Officer Candidate Statements for Enclosure with Ballots
- September 2002**
- 9/14** Board Meeting (if needed)
Mid-to-Late September: Statewide Officer Ballots Mailed
- October 2002**
- 10/12** Executive Committee Meeting
Mid-to-Late October:
Statewide Officer Ballots Counted by Ryder Election Services (Results on Hotline and Website)
- November 2002**
- 11/5** General Elections
- 11/15** District/Local Budget Deadline
- 11/15** Newly Elected Statewide Officers Installed
- 11/16** Board Meeting
- December 2002**
- 12/14** Executive Committee Meeting

Election Processes for Statewide Officers, District Directors, ADD's, and Delegates and Alternates to General Council

Statewide Officer Elections: Statewide officers are the Union President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Director. Nominations for statewide officers are opened and closed in conjunction with those of District Directors and Assistant Directors. Nominations will be opened on February 1, 2002 and close at 5pm on August 23, 2002, the second day of General Council. Nomination forms must be received by 5pm July 1, 2002 for publishing in the Statewide Officer Voter's Guide of the July issue of The Oregon Public Employee. District Officer and Statewide Officer nomination forms and election guidelines will be mailed to leaders throughout SEIU Local 503, OPEU in late January for posting at worksites. The forms will also be available on the SEIU Local 503, OPEU website (www.opeseiu.org). Ballots for statewide officers will be mailed to all active SEIU Local 503, OPEU members mid-to-late September. Candidates' statements will be included with the ballot mailings. Ballots will be counted by Ryder Election Services mid-to-late October 2002. Election results will be available on the SEIU Local 503, OPEU Hotline and on the website.

District Directors and Assistant District Directors: District Directors and Assistant District Directors are elected on a representational basis according to the distribution outlined in Article VI of the SEIU Local 503, OPEU Constitution. Nominations open February 1, 2002 and close February 21, 2002 at 5:00 pm. Nomination forms will be posted at worksites and on the website. Candidate profiles for these offices will be published in The Oregon Public Employee in the March edition. Ballots for each district will be mailed to each eligible voter in their respective districts on or about March 25, 2002. The deadline for return of these ballots to SEIU Local 503, OPEU Headquarters will be April 12, 2002 at 5:00 pm. Ballots will be counted April 13, 2002.

Delegates To General Council: Delegates come to General Council as elected representatives either from their District or Local or from the Board of Directors. Alternate District and Local delegates are elected for the purpose of filling any delegate vacancies that may arise.

Every Local in SEIU Local 503, OPEU has the right to a minimum of one delegate. Delegate strength is based on membership, with one delegate for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof. The number of delegates will be determined by the December 2001 membership report or by the average annual membership of the previous twelve (12) months, whichever is higher.

District Delegate representation is based on one delegate for each five hundred (500) active members or major fraction thereof determined by the December 2001 membership report or by the average annual membership of the previous twelve (12) months, whichever is higher. District Director-elects and Assistant Director-elects who are not incumbents take the first District delegate positions; remaining positions are filled with elected District delegates. Alternates are elected to make provisions for filling possible vacancies in delegate positions.

District Directors and Local Officers will be notified of their official delegate counts in January. Locals should elect their General Council delegates and alternates in accordance with their bylaws and forward election results to Headquarters by June 15, 2002.

Nominations for District General Council delegates open April 15, 2002 and close at 5pm on May 3, 2002. Nomination forms will be posted both at worksites and on the website. Brief candidate statements will be mailed with ballots on or about March 25, 2002. Ballots must be received by SEIU Local 503, OPEU Headquarters by 5pm, June 4, 2002. Ballots will be counted on June 5, 2002.

Direct any questions concerning election guidelines, resolution processes or General Council to your Local Officers, District Directors or any Statewide Officer.