

Elect Steve Barrett OPEU Local 503 Secretary-Treasurer



Why I'm Running

My goal is to continue to build our fiscal strength to fight our enemies. If we don't have enough resources, we can't effectively get out our message. The biggest challenge we face is "Paycheck deception" as proposed by Sizemore. These measures would gut our ability to function effectively as a statewide union. It would force us to focus on constantly collecting money locally to run the union. The job of treasurer would be much more difficult and time consuming. The organization would have to devote much of its time to collecting the funds necessary to oppose future ballot measures. We can beat Sizemore and his cronies, but we need to have a sufficient war chest to do it decisively. If we win we continue as we are operating now. We will be able to organize other industries. If we lose we are faced with changing the duties of our field representatives and our local activists. This also means a much busier Secretary-Treasurer. The best way to win is to turn out our membership in the November election. We will do this by making certain that we have accurate contact lists of our members.

To the best of my knowledge, I am the only candidate to submit his/her entire nomination form and picture electronically. I want to carry our internal operations forward into the new century. We must know and use the available technology. This requires someone comfortable with rapid change.