

# Notice of Nomination and Election

## Delegates and Alternates



### **Process, Deadlines and General Information**

As an affiliate of AFT, OSEA's membership level makes us eligible for up to 190 duly elected delegates to the 2010 AFT National Convention. The convention is set for July 7–11, 2010, in Seattle, Wash. Delegates and alternates to the convention are required to be elected and to be members in good standing. The deadline for delegate registration is June 11, 2010.

The OSEA Board of Directors adopted OSEA Board Policy 1801 National Delegate Election Process in order to ensure OSEA's voice and vote are represented at the convention. OSEA's delegate count shall be determined by the OSEA Board. There shall be no less than 14 delegates and shall not exceed the maximum number of delegates allowed by the AFT Constitution. The determination of the number of delegates will be based on available funding and resources in any given convention cycle. For the 2010 AFT Convention, the OSEA Board has authorized a total of 21 delegates, including the three state officers and a ROSE delegate.

The OSEA president, vice president and secretary shall be automatic delegates to the AFT National Convention based upon their elected duties as state officers. All other delegate (17) and alternate positions to this convention shall be elected from among active members in good standing as defined in the OSEA Constitution, Article III, Section 2 Active Membership. The ROSE delegate and alternate shall be elected in a separate election among eligible ROSE members, except for those ROSE members who have an OSEA dual membership as per the OSEA Constitution, Article III, Section 7.

### **Eligibility**

Eligible candidates must be active members in good standing as outlined in the OSEA Constitution, Article III, Section 2 Active Membership. In addition, only those retirees who meet the criteria as outlined in the OSEA Constitution, Article III, Section 7 Dual Membership are eligible for delegate/alternate status.

### **Nomination Process**

All eligible members must submit a letter of nomination to the OSEA State Office no later than midnight, April 2, 2010. Nominations postmarked after the deadline shall not be considered. All candidates who meet the stated eligibility criteria shall be placed on the election ballot.

### **Election Process**

Election of delegates and alternates shall be by secret mail ballot. Upon verification of the eligibility of all candidates, a mail ballot with each candidate listed in alphabetical order — along with instructions, a secrecy envelope and a postage-paid return envelope — shall be mailed to all OSEA members. Members will be asked to sign the return envelope for verification. All ballots must be

returned via U.S. postal service mail and postmarked no later than April 30, 2010. OSEA shall arrange for a separate and secure post office box where ballots will be sent. Ballots will not be accepted in person.

All returned ballots shall be verified and tabulated by OSEA staff under the direct supervision of the OSEA executive director and the OSEA president, or his/her designee. It shall require a plurality vote to elect; in the event of a tie vote, determination shall be by lot. All contested/challenged ballots shall be set aside and sequestered, unless they will affect the outcome of the election. If the contested/challenged ballots will affect the outcome of the election, the OSEA executive director shall rule on the eligibility of the contested/challenged ballots. Any ruling of the executive director may be appealed to the OSEA Board of Directors at their next regular meeting. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

### **Alternates**

All candidates not selected as delegates shall be designated as alternates and ranked in descending order based on the number of votes received. An alternate will be called upon to fill a delegate vacancy based on this ranking.

### **Expenses**

OSEA shall provide all delegates with travel, housing, meals, time release and incidental expenses as provided for in OSEA Board Policy.

**This notice shall serve as notice of nomination and election for OSEA delegates to the AFT National Convention.**

