



## Oregon School Employees Assoc. Chapter 54

# Chapter Chatter

*We hope to see you on Tuesday, Sept. 16 5:30 pm at Abby's Pizza for the 0809 kickoff chapter meeting followed by pizza and socializing.*

### **Agenda: Sept. 16 Chapter Meeting**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Approval of minutes of the May meetings
5. Executive Board Report from Aug. 19 meeting
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Field Rep Report from Bob Bradetich
8. Announcements and Upcoming Events: scholarship recipient, Conference, Fourth of July Parade, MOSI, COCAP
9. Committee Reports: Sunshine—Linda Hale; Membership—Bear Ross
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
12. Other
13. Good of the Order
14. Door Prizes & "Cash Drawing"
15. Adjournment

## **Get involved with your union**

"A Member's Union" is OSEA's motto for good reason: it's the members who make our union succeed. There are many ways you can participate in your chapter, from joining a committee to serving as a representative in your workplace to running for executive board. If you can provide the dedication, OSEA can provide the training. Interested in being a representative and distributing and posting written materials such as newsletters and chapter meeting minutes to maintain good communication in your building? Building Employee Representative (BER) training will take place after the November chapter meeting. Want to get even more involved as a steward

and work to maintain good relations between your fellow members and building and district administration? Take the Steward training, a more intensive, informative, and yes, fascinating training which will be offered in October. Maybe you would like to help out but have limited hours you can offer. Consider serving on a committee, several of which meet only occasionally or at certain times of the year. Contact President Nikki Carson about volunteering in any of these capacities. Whatever time you can donate to your chapter, you can be assured that it will make a difference in the lives of your fellow members.

## **Ross and Bildeau attend MOSI, return with enthusiasm, ideas to improve Chapter 54**

Chapter 54 Vice President Bear Ross and member/BER Byron Bildeau attended the Member Organizing Summer Institute (MOSI) in Salem this summer with the aim of learning techniques and strategies for strengthening our chapter membership and organization. After the intensive three-day workshop, Ross and Bildeau returned energized and eager to present their proposed action plan to the chapter membership. They had identified several issues they felt challenged the chapter: the low rate of member involvement; the need for better education of members about their union,

their contract, and their OSEA/AFT benefits; and inconsistent communication with previous district administration and board members. The proposed action plan that they drafted with the assistance of MOSI directors will be presented to the members at the September chapter meeting. Additionally, the e-board will be sending out a survey to gauge members' needs and solicit feedback. Stay tuned!

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**Upcoming Events.....**

**School Board Meeting:** Monday, Sept. 8, SSB 7:30 pm

**Deadline to sign up for health insurance plans:** Monday, Sept. 15

**Chapter Meeting:** Tuesday, Sept. 16, Abby's Pizza 5:30 pm

**School Board Meeting:** Monday, Sept. 22 Madras Elementary 7:30 pm

**Late Start Schedule:** Wednesday, Sept. 27

**State Board Meeting:** Wednesday, Sept. 27 Salem

**Statewide Inservice:** Friday, Oct. 10; no school

**School Board Meeting:** Monday, Oct. 13, SSB 7:30 pm

**Conferences/Inservice:** Thursday and Friday, Oct. 16-17; no school

**Chapter Meeting:** Tuesday, Oct. 21, Metolius Elementary Library 5:30 pm

**Late Start Schedule:** Wednesday, Oct. 22

**State Board Meeting:** Wednesday, Oct. 25 Salem

**School Board Meeting:** Monday, Oct. 27, JCMS 7:30 pm

**Chapter Meetings 2008-2009.....**

September 16, 2008: Abby's Pizza, 5:30 pm  
October 21, 2008: Metolius Elementary Library, 5:30 pm  
November 18, 2008: Metolius Elementary Library, 5:30 pm  
December 16, 2008: Metolius Elementary Library, 5:30 pm  
January 20, 2009: Location to be announced  
February 17, 2009: Metolius Elementary Library, 5:30 pm  
March 17, 2009: Metolius Elementary Library, 5:30 pm  
April 21, 2009: Metolius Elementary Library, 5:30 pm  
May 19, 2009: Metolius Elementary Library, 5:30 pm  
June 16, 2009: No meeting. Have a great summer!

**Site Reps and Stewards of Chapter 54**

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