

# Chapter Chatter

## Agenda: April 17th Chapter Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Reading and Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting
5. Executive Board Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Announcements and Upcoming Events
8. Member and Committee Reports
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business-Scholarship Committee: Request, Steward Training: Request
11. Other-Election of Conference Delegates
12. Good of the Order
13. Door Prizes & "Cash Drawing"
14. Adjournment

### Childcare available!

*We hope to see you on April 17 at 5:30 pm at the Madras High School Library*

## Chapter delegates to attend OSEA Annual Conference in Portland in June

OSEA will hold its Annual Conference June 28-30 in Portland. Each chapter elects delegates to represent the interests of their members at this state-wide conference. The delegates that attend determine member dues and membership requirements, approve the OSEA annual budget, and insure that the mission and goals of the Union reflect the interests of the members. It is at Conference that

delegates vote on resolutions that are submitted by OSEA members. See the May issue of the *OSEA Journal* for a list of resolutions to be voted on at Conference.

Chapter 54 is allowed ten delegates. If you would like to attend Conference and be involved in the important policy making that drives your union, please contact Chapter President Nikki Carson as soon as possible.

## Site Rep/Steward training in April

Site Representatives and Stewards are an integral and important part of OSEA's ability to assist its members. Site Reps/Stewards are its eyes, ears, and sometimes arms and legs in the workplace. Because members know their schools and workplaces, they are OSEA's most important assets. Being a Site Rep/Steward involves a bit more responsibility than being a member, so it's not always for everyone; but the satisfaction of knowing you've made a big difference in someone's life can be a worthy reward.

Site Rep/Steward training is available to all members; you do not need to

attend. If you want to know more about how your contract works, how to interpret the language in it, what constitutes a grievance, how to deal with management, how to investigate a possible grievance, and what rights you have in the workplace as a Union member, then this training is for you.

A trained group of Chapter members can make the difference between having power and being powerless. If you would like to attend the next Site Rep/Steward training April 27-28 in Redmond, please contact President Nikki

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**Keep yourself updated  
on the meeting  
minutes, newsletter,  
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***Upcoming Events.....***

**509J School Board Meeting:** Monday, April 9, 2007 at 7:30 pm at SSB

**Chapter Meeting:** Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at 5:30 at Madras High School Library

**509J School Board Meeting:** Monday, April 23, 2007 at 7:30 pm at SSB

**Site Rep/Steward Training:** Friday, April 27 6:00 pm-9:00 pm and Saturday, April 28th 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Redmond, OR (see Page 1 for details)

**509J School Board Meeting:** Monday, May 7, 2007 at 7:30 pm at SSB

**Chapter Meeting:** Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 5:30 at Madras High School Library; last meeting of the school year!

**509J School Board Meeting:** Monday, May 14, 2007 at 7:30 pm at SSB

**Memorial Day, no school:** Monday, May 28, 2007

**Last Day of School:** Thursday, June 14, 2007

**OSEA Conference:** June 28-30, 2007 in Portland, OR (see Page 1 for details)

**Member Organizing Summer Institute (MOSI) Training:** July 20-22, 2007 in Salem, OR

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