CONVENTION AGENDA

Oregon Public Employees Retiree Chapter 75

April 16, 2019

1. Call to Order 10:00-10:05

Flag Salute/Moment of Silence

1. Welcome/Introductions 10:05-10:20
2. Guest Speakers

Jeff Klatke, Council 75 President 10:20-10:35

Carlos Lopez, International Retiree Western Region Organizer 10:35-10:50

1. Approval of August 11, 2018 Convention Minutes 10:50-10:55
2. Reports

President 10:55-11:10

Vice President Vacant

Treasurer 11:10-11:20

Secretary 11:20-11:25

Region 1 VP (SC46) 11:25-11:35

Region 2 VP 11:35-11:45

Region 3 VP (SC41) 11:45-11:55

Trustees 11:55-12:05

Staff Liaison 12:05-12:15

1. Lunch/Guest Speakers 12:15-1:30

Stacy Chamberlain, Council 75 Executive Director 12:30-1:00

Pat Riggs-Henson, Planning & Outreach 2019-2020 1:00-1:30

1. Committee Reports 1:30-1:45

Communications/Membership

Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO)

1. Nominations and Elections (2 year terms) 1:45-2:45

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Vice President Region 1 (greater Portland area)

Vice President Region 2 (greater Salem area)

Vice President Region 3 (greater Eugene/Springfield area)

Vice President Region 4 (central Oregon)

Vice President Region 5 (eastern Oregon)

Trustees (3)

Council 75 Executive Board member (1)

1. Other Business 2:45-3:15

Scholarship fund

1. Swearing in of Officers 3:15-3:30
2. Adjournment 3:30

Oregon Public Employees Retiree Chapter 75 Convention

Salem, Oregon

April 16, 2019

Convention called to order in Salem at 10:15 am by President Pat Riggs-Henson, introductions were made of all present and a moment of silence held for members who have passed in the last year.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

* Jeff Klatke, Council 75 President: the biennial Council convention is being held in Salem on Apr 26-28, all positions open for election, Jeff has been President for 6 years, ran a slate last convention and for the first time in Council history women hold the majority of state officers, and are under the age of 36, because of the Janus decision a clause in the constitution was triggered making for a smaller board than usual, based on the calculation locals can have only 1 representative and an alternate instead of the current allowance of 2 representatives, voting representation will be the same, there are pros and cons of this model, votes are by board member not total membership, convention updates can be found on Facebook and Twitter, AFSCME Lobby Day is at the capitol on Apr 25, they will be talking to legislators about PERS and new revenue sources, launched Smart Center statewide in January, a call in resource center, all incoming calls are routed directly to Smart Center.
* Carlos Lopez, Int’l Retiree Western Region Organizer, they are a small department with three organizers and a field manager, Carlos supports 19 retiree chapters, best practices shared between chapters, works with exec boards for growth through organizing and mobilization of retirees, developing AFSCME Strong in the face of Janus decision, 19,000 retirees joined post Janus, retiree chapters continue to grow, Chapter 75 added 500 new members in the last year, nationally there are 200,000 retiree members, most states have at least one retiree chapter, continuing membership drives, mobilizing, standing in solidarity with striking locals, building political and legislative power, holding elected officials accountable and supporting AFSCME agenda, retirees can maintain dual membership or join a subchapter where you live, working on resolving retiree recognition with PEOPLE contributions.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

* Convention minutes of August 11, 2018 were submitted for approval. **MOTION:** Rick Henson, second Robin Mariani-Moffit, to approve minutes as submitted. **MOTION PASSED.**

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

* President: Pat Riggs-Henson reported there has been lots of growing pains since the membership drive, need to interact with new members and welcome new chapter officers, shout out to Mary Botkin for organizing a phone bank in Portland for the Governor race, Lane County unseated an unfriendly commissioner, need participation on lobby day on Apr 25, need to educate members to protect retiree benefits in 2020, struggling with organizing a subchapter in Salem area.
* Vice President: Robin Mariani-Moffit gave a report on Chuck Moffit, he passed away in February in Cancun, Mexico while celebrating their 18th anniversary, Robin befriended a couple in the elevator who work for DC37.
* Treasurer: Robin Mariani-Moffit presented a financial report for the period ending Apr 14, 2019. **MOTION:** Rick Henson, second Janice Larkin, to approve the financial report as submitted. **MOTION PASSED.**
* Secretary: Janice Larkin reported there are 14 delegates, 1 guest, 1 Council staff, and 1 Intl staff at today’s convention.
* Region 1 Vice President: Subchapter 46 meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Portland AFSCME office, membership increased this last year from 150 to 336 members, one-year interim officer elections were held last month.
* Region 2 Vice President: Larry Myllenbeck reported forming a subchapter in Region 2 has been difficult, has tried to contact people by phone without any luck, tagging along with SC41 survey that is being finalized and will be ready for distribution soon.
* Region 3 Vice President: Lou Sinniger reported that Subchapter 41 meets monthly on the 1st Monday at 11:30 am at the Eugene AFSCME office, membership increased this last year from 62 to 152 members, officer elections held last month, reached out to members via a survey, 17% return, planning meet and greets with outlying areas.
* Trustees: Jim Gerhardt presented the approved audit report for calendar year 2017.
* Staff Liaison: Dan Torres is working at the Capitol today. Pat cannot sing enough praises for Dan, he works tirelessly supporting us at the Capitol, Dan is hot on the trail with the governor’s budget and PERS.

**LUNCH SPEAKERS:**

* Stacy Chamberlain, Council 75 Exec Director, addressed the group. AFSCME is a member led, member driven organization, local presidents are chairing negotiations, stepping back and accessing each local to up their game and bring them into the next level, seeing membership numbers grow since Janus decision, building deep relationships with members, staff dedicated to the Smart Center to triage and answer questions and support leadership and rank and file members through their needs, new investment in new employee orientation in their first year of employment, working with jurisdictions on getting correct membership and dues information, hired data communications coordinator (Susana Betancourt) and data entry staff (Dan Gibson) to work on reporting issues, the governor is proposing taxing current public employees to pay down unfunded liability of current retirees, proposal most likely illegal, Int’l President Saunders called Governor Brown to raise our concerns, pressure on the governor to do something, may see a draft bill on Friday, it is a liability for current employees (tax vs debt), working with other union directors, Oregon at top third of country at 80% funded, will work on talking points for rank and file/retirees, show up at lobby day Apr 25, holding 30 minute town hall phone meetings on a quarterly basis, if you have statewide topics you want to hear about, let Stacy know, moving from GoToMeeting to GoogleMeet.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

* Communications/Membership:

802 members in Feb

Region 1 336

Region 2 146

Region 3 152

Region 4 44

Region 5 37

Region 0 87

* Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO): Lou Sinniger reported on HCAO activities, they continue to work on a state based universal measure, veterans under attack, lots of medical/industrial enemies out there that want to privatize veterans, Peter DeFazio is hosting a town hall meeting devoted entirely to health care tomorrow night in Eugene, publically funded health care studies completed but didn’t go anywhere because they couldn’t come up with a finalized amount that it would cost the state, grand idea but where is the money coming from, how are we going to get there, took bill to James Manning out of Junction City, he gutted the old bill and created new bill SB770 that has moved into Ways & Means, had 130 people participating on their lobby day to talk to legislators about SB770 and paid family leave, has to be done by legislative committee by 2021, gives facts and figures and several suggestions on how to pay for it, no arguments, just do you want to move forward or not, HCAO is holding their statewide conference in Eugene on June 8 in Eugene at First United Methodist Church, James Manning is a guest speaker, with Dr. Joseph Jarvis as the key note speaker, he is a retired doctor out of Utah, author of “The Purple World,” telling stories of his career and the problems he ran into and how that story would be different with universal health care, National Single Payer Conference in Portland on Oct 18-20, HealthCare for All fundraiser in Portland on Apr 27.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

* Treasurer Robin Mariani-Moffit opened nominations for President.

Pat Riggs-Henson nominated.

* President Pat Riggs-Henson opened nominations:
* Vice President: Tina Turner-Morfitt nominated.
* Treasurer: Robin Mariani-Moffit nominated.
* Recording Secretary: Judy Langdon nominated.
* Vice President Region 1: Beverly Swanson nominated.
* Vice President Region 2: No nominations received, position open for appointment.
* Vice President Region 3: Lou Sinniger nominated.
* Vice-President Region 4: No nominations received, position open for appointment.
* Vice President Region 5: No nominations received, position open for appointment.
* Trustees (3): Bing Wong, Jim Gerhardt, and Janice Larkin nominated.
* Council 75 Executive Board: Janice Larkin nominated Robin Mariani-Moffit as exec board representative. Robin Mariani-Moffit nominated Tina Turner-Morfitt as alternate.

**MOTION:** Mary Botkin, second Rick Henson, that all positions are elected by acclimation. **MOTION PASSED.**

* Council 75 Convention: **MOTION:** Rick Henson, second Mary Botkin, to appoint Robin Mariani-Moffit as the alternate to the Council 75 convention. **MOTION PASSED. MOTION** Jim Gerhardt, second Barbara Limbrick, to reimburse Robin Mariani-Moffit up to $350 for Council 75 convention travel, lodging and meal expenses. **MOTION PASSED.** Robin Mariani-Moffitt will be there for the 2 days of convention at the Retiree table.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

* Scholarship: Jim Gerhardt reported on the Michael Arken Scholarship, new fliers are available for the regional offices, a new scholarship will be awarded this summer, balance approximately $5,400.

**SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS:**

* New officers sworn in by Carlos Lopez.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

* Tina Turner-Morfitt suggested tuning into KBOO 90.7 FM for Labor Radio segment every first Monday from 6:00 - 6:30 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

* Convention adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Larkin, Recording Secretary