



Frequently Asked Questions

Heard about the OCSEA Convention...? ...but don't really know what it's all about?

Here's the Why, How and When – plus other valuable convention information – so you'll be in the know!

Get complete convention details at www.ocsea.org/convention

What happens at convention?

Three main types of business take place at convention: 1) approving resolutions; 2) amending the constitution; and 3) every four years, electing OCSEA's president, vice president and secretary treasurer. This year is an election convention.

Who may participate in convention?

Each chapter is entitled to be represented by the chapter president and at least one additional delegate. The number of additional delegates is based on the number of members in the chapter.

In addition to chapter delegates, the OCSEA statewide officers, board members, assembly presidents and district council presidents are delegates. If a chapter, assembly or district council president is unable to attend the convention, pursuant to Article IX of the OCSEA Constitution, another officer shall be the delegate.

Who gets to vote at convention?

Only elected and certified delegates to the OCSEA Convention may vote for the executive officers, amendments to the constitution and resolutions.

How are delegates elected?

The OCSEA and AFSCME Constitutions require that all delegates to conventions be elected. Like subordinate body elections, all chapter members must be notified by mail 15 days prior to their chapter's election of delegates. Most convention delegate nominations and elections took place earlier this summer, so that delegate registrations could be submitted by July 17 to OCSEA Headquarters for the Credentials Committee. However, elections can take place as late as Aug. 14.

What are the delegate qualifications?

All delegates and alternates must be: 1) members in good

standing of the union with their dues payments current; 2) elected at least 10 days before the convention, but no more than 180 days before; 3) a member for two years prior to the date of the election.

What can alternates do at convention?

Alternates can observe the convention proceedings but cannot sit with delegates and are not permitted to vote. They can, however, participate in workshops and observe committee meetings. Alternates also can substitute for a delegate if the Credentials Committee approves the conversion. □

Getting down to THE BUSINESS of THE UNION

Convention delegates directly affect the union's direction. OCSEA's Biennial Convention is where statewide leaders are elected, changes to the constitution are approved and resolutions are adopted.

New delegates unfamiliar with the convention's process are encouraged to attend the "New Delegates Orientation" workshop in the early days of convention.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association, revised after every convention, will help you understand how the governance of OCSEA plays out at its biennial convention. You can access this document online at ocsea.org/constitution.