

**OCSEA AFSCME Local 11**

# **Official Convention Call**

**to Subordinate Body  
Presidents & Secretaries**

**for the**

**35<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention**

**August 24-26, 2023  
Columbus, Ohio**



**OCSEA 35th Biennial Convention**

This is the official Convention Call to all OCSEA subordinate bodies. Included in this call is important information about Convention registration, special events at the Convention, how to elect your delegates and more. Please read it carefully as this will be the only mailing providing you with the opportunity to register your delegates.

**NOTE: The Secretary's packets have a copy of the delegate and alternate form. The original forms are in the President's packets.**

## **When and Where**

The convention will take place August 24-26, 2023 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Events, registration, and some committee meetings will be held at the Hyatt Regency. Overnight accommodations will be at the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215, 614-463-1234. In the event that the Hyatt is sold out, you can contact the Drury Hotel at 800-325-0720, located at 88 East Nationwide Blvd., Columbus, OH 43215.

## **Convention Theme**

**This year's convention theme is:**

***"Together Again, Fighting to Win"***

This year's convention theme, "Together Again, Fighting to Win," recognizes the moment we are experiencing right now! As union members and leaders, we're getting back together in solidarity, and we couldn't be happier. We're holding in-person meetings, sponsoring union trainings, launching special events, attending conferences, and gathering together in all the ways that make OCSEA strong. At the same time, the theme recognizes that our battles aren't over (far from it) and that anti-union efforts continue. A new state legislature is starting to take swipes at public sector unions. And an effort to keep us from bringing citizen's initiatives to the ballot will have us on the highest possible alert. Another big fight will be when we sit down to bargain our state contract at the end of year. But doing all these things together, with all the power of our well-organized, union membership means we are more prepared than ever to take on these challenges. We do not stand alone in this fight: Together Again, Fighting to Win!

# Delegates and Elections

## Number of Delegates

Article IX of the OCSEA Constitution sets forth the formula for determining the number of delegates each chapter can send to the Convention.

Pursuant to the Constitution, the official count of delegates for this year's Convention cannot be certified until June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Because it would be extremely late for Chapters to wait until June 23<sup>rd</sup> to elect their delegates for an August 24<sup>th</sup> Convention, we are advising Chapters of the **probable** number of delegates they will be entitled to send.

Chapters should proceed to elect delegates to the OCSEA Convention—pursuant to the AFSCME Elections Code and our Constitution and By-Laws—based on the estimate of probable delegates indicated below. ***Another mailing confirming the number of delegates the chapter is entitled to send to Convention will be mailed out on or about June 23, 2023 to those chapters with an increase or decrease in delegates.***

If the number of delegates your chapter is entitled to increases as a result of the June 23<sup>rd</sup> membership count, the Chapter President will be required to certify the credential(s) for additional delegate(s). However, if the delegate count decreases, the Chapter President will be required to designate which delegates will not be attending. ***Whether the chapter is entitled to additional or fewer delegates, the Chapter President will be required to make this decision based upon the order of finish in the initial Delegate election.***

All Chapters are entitled to send the Chapter President and one delegate to the Convention. If the Chapter President is a delegate-at-large by virtue of being a member of the Board of Directors, or an Assembly or District Council President, the Chapter Vice President, shall attend as the delegate-at-large in the President's place. (See Article IX, Section 1(A) for the full substitution rules). Additionally, each Chapter is entitled to one additional delegate for each 100 members.

As an example, a Chapter with 170 members would be entitled to three delegates (President, plus one, plus one delegate based on its membership size.) Chapters are also entitled to elect an alternate for each delegate, which in this example would include 3 alternates. (Alternates may attend the Convention as observers, but do not have floor privileges unless they are moved up and seated as delegates by the Credentials Committee. Alternates will be given a Convention kit only if a registration fee is paid for them.)

Chapters whose current membership hovers around the "100's" mark have the greatest potential for a change in final delegate count. As stated above, if the number of delegates you are entitled to changes as a result of the June 23<sup>rd</sup> certification, you will be notified by mail to the Chapter Presidents & Secretaries. You may rely upon the foregoing numbers **unless** you are notified to the contrary.

## Other Delegates at Large

In addition to Chapter delegates, the OCSEA Officers, Board Members, Assembly Presidents and District Council Presidents are delegates at large to the Convention. If an Assembly or District Council President is unable to attend the Convention, the Vice President shall be the delegate. Any further substitution is governed by Article IX, Section 1(A). There is no right of substitution for a Board Member.

## Delegate Elections

All delegates to Convention must be elected pursuant to the same rules that apply to the election of any OCSEA/AFSCME officer. **This means that all eligible members must be given written notice of the election by mail to their last known address at least 15 calendar days prior to nominations and elections.**

To assist you in getting this notice out to your members, we have enclosed a meeting notice

request form. After completing it, send it to OCSEA, Attn: Kiere Miller 390 Worthington Rd. Suite A Westerville, Ohio 43082-8331, or fax it to 614-865-4777. You may also utilize the online election notice at [www.ocsea.org](http://www.ocsea.org). Upon receiving your timely request, the union office will mail out the notice and deduct the cost of the mailing from your next rebate. Keep in mind the union office must receive requests for election notice mailers 23 days prior to the date of the nomination to get your mailing out on time. **NOTE: Notices that cannot be mailed at least 15 days in advance of the nominations will not be mailed.**

## ***Registration and Logistics***

### **How to Register**

All delegates and alternates must register on the enclosed forms. The delegate form and/or the alternate form must be returned to the OCSEA office by **5:00 p.m. on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. In order to facilitate the processing of registration forms and the appointment of Convention committees, we ask you to send delegate and alternate forms sooner if possible.

All registrations must be accompanied with a check for the appropriate amount. There is no charge for Delegate registration. The Convention Registration Fee for Alternates is \$25. See the enclosed instructions on the registration form for full details.

***Registrations received after August 4<sup>th</sup> will be considered late registrations. Delegates, except automatic delegates, will not be seated until after the Credentials Committee makes its report.*** (This involves a trip to the Credentials Committee to get your status resolved and then waiting for the Convention body to accept the Credentials Committee report before you can be issued a delegate's badge and seated as a delegate.)

### **Important Information:**

**Documents will be sent to attendees' emails during the convention. Please fill out your **personal** email address on the credential paperwork to ensure you receive these documents.**

### **Lodging**

Lodging will be available at the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, Columbus, OH. For reservations please contact the hotel directly at 614-463-1234 or visit <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CMHRC/G-QDGM>. The room block is under the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association with reference code G-QDGM. The Room rate is **\$174.00 plus tax** for single, double and triple occupancy. **The deadline for reservations is August 4, 2023.** For any questions regarding the hotel, please contact Gina Ison at [gison@ocsea.org](mailto:gison@ocsea.org) or Kiere Miller at [kmiller@ocsea.org](mailto:kmiller@ocsea.org).

### **Parking**

There are two parking garages. The South Garage connected to the Hyatt is \$17.00 overnight. The Chestnut parking is across the street from the Hyatt, connected via skywalk at \$22.00 overnight. The Hyatt valet is \$40.00 overnight. Any parking that is not overnight will be charged at an hourly rate. In the event that the Hyatt parking is sold out, the Convention Center also has parking available.

## ***Events***

**Special Event:** On Thursday evening, August 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special event at Huntington Park with the Columbus Clippers. Further details will be announced from the convention floor and will be available in your convention program that you receive at registration.

**Convention Reception:** A Convention Reception will take place Friday evening, August 25<sup>th</sup> in the Hyatt. There is no charge for Delegates and Alternates to attend. Additional tickets for guests can be purchased at \$20 each. Drinks and heavy appetizers are included.

### **OCSEA's Minority and Community Affairs and Women's Action Committee Lunch**

Both Committees will host its luncheon on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$40.00 and are sold on a first come, first served basis. Refunds will only be made for checks received

after the lunch is sold out. If there are any tickets left after registration, they will be sold at the Convention.

### **New Delegate Workshop**

Each year a New Delegate workshop is conducted. The workshop is a great place for any delegate (not just the new ones) to get information on how the Convention is run, parliamentary procedure, rules of the Convention and other helpful tips for delegates. The workshop will be held on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning.

## ***Convention Business***

### **Resolutions and Constitutional Amendments**

In accordance with Article XVI of the OCSEA Constitution, proposed amendments to the Constitutions and By Laws must be submitted in writing to the OCSEA office, Attn: Layne Reed, 390 Worthington Rd. Suite A Westerville, Ohio 43082-8331 by **5:00 p.m. on June 23<sup>rd</sup>** to ensure that such amendments can be distributed to all chapter presidents at least 30 days prior to the Convention. Subordinate bodies may be asked to submit a copy of the body's minutes showing that the body did adopt the recommended amendment at a meeting of the body.

**Constitutional amendments received after June 23<sup>rd</sup> will not be considered by the Convention.** Proposed amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws or Subordinate Body Constitution must be signed by the President and one other officer of the subordinate body proposing the amendment. At the Convention, a two-thirds vote is required for amending the Constitution. Amendments to the By-Laws or Subordinate Body Constitution require a simple majority vote.

The delegates to Convention also consider **Resolutions** for adoption. Resolutions put the union on record as supporting various issues such as privatization, for example. They do not involve amending the Constitution or By-Laws. Resolutions must be submitted in writing to OCSEA by **5:00 p.m. on August 4<sup>th</sup>**. **Resolutions submitted after August 4<sup>th</sup> will not be considered by the Convention.**

In this mailing are forms on which proposed amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, Subordinate Body Constitution, or Proposed Resolutions can be submitted. If your chapter is planning on proposing a large number of amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws, it would be appreciated if they are submitted on a USB drive in addition to the hard copy. The preferred format is Microsoft Word.

### **QUESTIONS**

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