

SUBMITTED BY: Southwest BWC 3181 Chapter

SUBJECT: Assembly Delegates

RATIONALE: Section 2A – Whereas the BWC Assembly initiated a successful pure chapter organizing effort in Southwest Ohio and five individual BWC service offices have now joined OCSEA/BWC Chapter 3181. Whereas pure union chapters enable, enhance union power and more efficient member representation, and whereas pure union chapters interact with a single agency entities and OCSEA has historically supported the organization and development of pure chapters and whereas a local assembly delegates was the inadvertent consequent of this otherwise excellent organizing effort.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2(A) OF THE OCSEA CONSTITUTION BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article VI - Delegates**

**Section 1. OCSEA Convention Delegates**

**(A) Delegates-At-Large**

(1) Automatic

All state officers, members of the Board of Directors and Chapter District Council, or Assembly presidents of this Union shall be delegates-at-large to all conventions. In the event that the Chapter, District Council, or Assembly president is unable to attend the convention as the Chapter, District Council, or Assembly's authorized delegate, the vice president shall be the delegate-at-large.

In the event that the Chapter, District Council, or Assembly vice president is unable to attend the convention as the Chapter, District Council, or Assembly's authorized delegate, the secretary or secretary/treasurer shall be the delegate-at-large. In the event that the Chapter, District Council, or Assembly secretary or secretary/treasurer is unable to attend the convention as the Chapter, District Council, or Assembly's authorized delegate, the treasurer shall be the delegate-at-large.

(2) Succession

If a Chapter, District Council, or Assembly President is a delegate-at-large by virtue of another elected position, the Chapter, District Council, or Assembly vice president shall be the delegate-at-large representing

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24 the Chapter, District Council or Assembly. If a Chapter, District  
25 Council, or Assembly vice-president is unable to attend the convention  
26 as the Chapter, District Council Or Assembly's authorized delegate,  
27 the secretary or secretary/treasurer shall be the delegate-at-large.  
28 In the event that the Chapter, District Council, or Assembly secretary  
29 or secretary/treasurer is unable to attend the convention as the Chapter,  
30 District Council or Assembly's authorized delegate, the treasurer  
31 shall be the delegate-at-large.

32 **(B) Other Convention Delegates**

33 Each Chapter shall be entitled to at least one delegate and one alternate to the OCSEA  
34 biennial convention or any OCSEA special conventions, in addition to the delegate-at-large  
35 provided in Section 1(A). An elected delegate who is unable to attend shall be replaced by an  
36 alternate. If the Chapter has elected more than one alternate, the alternate shall be selected in  
37 order of the highest to the lowest number of votes received. In the event of a tie, the executive  
38 board of the affected Chapter, District Council, or Assembly shall select one of the tied  
39 alternates.

40 **(C) Additional Representatives**

41 A Chapter shall be entitled to one (1) additional delegate and alternate for each one  
42 hundred (100) members. Membership for this purpose shall mean the number of active members  
43 listed as of 60 days preceding the opening date of any convention.

44 **(D) Delegate Qualifications**

45 All delegates and alternates must be active members of the Union.

46 **(E) Election of Delegates**

47 Fifteen (15) days notice must be given prior to the election of delegates and alternates.  
48 The election shall be conducted in accordance with OCSEA's election procedure pursuant to the  
49 OCSEA Subordinate Body Constitution Article VI, Section 2 at least ten (10) days before but not  
50 more than 180 days prior to the start of a convention, and the credentials shall be forwarded  
51 immediately by the body's secretary to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union.

52 **Section 2. Assembly Delegates**

53 **(A)** Voting delegates to an Assembly shall consist of each Chapter President (if the  
54 Chapter President is employed by the agency that forms the Assembly), or his/her designee from

55 the appropriate agency and one other delegate from the appropriate agency elected by the  
56 members of the Chapter who are employed by the agency that forms the Assembly.

57 **IN THE EVENT AN AGENCY HAS MULTIPLE COUNTY LOCATIONS, SERVICED**  
58 **BY ONE CHAPTER, SUCH CHAPTER SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO ELECT ONE**  
59 **ADDITIONAL DELEGATE TO THEIR APPROPRIATE ASSEMBLY FROM EACH**  
60 **COUNTY LOCATION.**

61 (B) State Board of Directors members who work in the agency represented by the  
62 Assembly shall be voting members of the Assembly.

63 (C) The term of office for an Assembly delegate shall be three (3) years. Delegates shall  
64 be elected in conjunction with the Chapter's election of officers and executive board members  
65 pursuant to Article VI of the Subordinate Body Constitution. A Chapter shall be entitled to elect  
66 delegates to every Assembly which represents agencies covered by its jurisdiction.

67 (D) Delegates to the Assembly may be removed by the Chapter from which they were  
68 elected for failure to attend two (2) consecutive meetings of the Assembly without being  
69 excused. When an emergency precludes advance notification, the body may retroactively grant  
70 an excused absence.

### 71 **Section 3. District Council Delegates**

72 (A) Delegates to a council shall consist of each Chapter president or his/her designee and  
73 one other delegate elected by the Chapter.

74 (B) State Board of Directors members shall be voting delegates in the District Council  
75 from which they were elected.

76 (C) The term of office for a District Council delegate shall be three (3) years. Delegates  
77 shall be elected in conjunction with the Chapter's election of officers and executive board  
78 pursuant to Article VI of the Subordinate Body Constitution.

79 (D) Delegates to the District Council may be removed by the Chapter from which they  
80 were elected for failure to attend two (2) consecutive meetings of the District Council without  
81 being excused. When an emergency precludes advance notification, the body may retroactively  
82 grant an excused absence.

### 83 **Section 4. International Convention Delegates**

84 (A) The State Board of Directors shall determine the number of delegates to represent  
85 the Union at the Biennial Convention or any special convention of the International Union. By

86 virtue of election to their respective positions the State President, State Vice President, State  
87 Secretary-Treasurer and State Board of Directors members shall be eligible to be delegates to the  
88 International Convention.

89 (B) In the event that the State Board of Directors determines that the number of delegates  
90 to attend the International Convention is less than the number delineated above, the State Board  
91 of Directors shall determine which individuals from those delineated above, shall attend using  
92 the following order of priority: State President, State Vice President, State Secretary-Treasurer,  
93 one (1) Board Member from each of the State Board of Directors Districts and Board members  
94 selected proportionately, according to the Union membership of their respective districts.

95 (C) Should the number of delegates authorized by the State Board of Directors to attend  
96 such International Convention exceed the number of State Officers and Board of Directors  
97 members attending such International Convention, additional delegates shall be selected from  
98 amongst the Districts on a pro-rata membership basis.