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July 24, 2007

Ms. Karen Dogan  
Taxation Assembly President  
1500 Bramblewood Circle NW  
Massillon, Ohio 44646

Dear Sister Dogan:

A challenge has been filed questioning the submission of Proposed Constitutional Amendment #20 from your Assembly. It has been alleged that no quorum was present at the April 14, 2007 meeting and that the proposal was not voted on by the Assembly.

This issue has been forwarded to the Convention Constitution Committee for resolution.

You are encouraged to appear before the Constitution Committee to present evidence regarding the matter. The item will be on the first day's agenda.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Sandra F. Bell*

Sandra F. Bell  
General Counsel

Enclosure(s)

Cc: OCSEA Executive Committee  
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I have attached the minutes that reflect a quorum was not established at the April meeting. A challenge is therefore unnecessary.

We did successfully challenge the quorum at last Saturdays meeting where again a quorum was not present and the minutes should also reflect this when they are present at our next quarterly meeting.

I have since spoken to Jim LaRocca and he advised that he would check to see whether or not Pat Young is a delegate for his chapter. He also advised that his Chapter does not pay the wages of its delegates. This is a shame as I feel it should never cost a delegate to represent the membership. However, this is a matter for his chapter and not an issue for me. If Pat Young is a delegate for the chapter then how could she be an alternate for the Assembly?

Additionally, how could she be anything if there hasn't been a vote of the Assembly body to elect her as such. This being the case as there was no quorum present at either the April meeting or last Saturdays the issue of expenditures is now rendered moot. She has not been elected and therefore is not an Alternate for the Assembly and funds should not be used.

I have nothing personal at all against Ms Young and in fact I appreciate her walking into a sandstorm as Treasurer of the Assembly.

I do however have respect for the Constitution and believe that it should be followed to the best of our abilities.

John Anthony  
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Subject Your emails

OCSEA/AFSCME Local 11  
27<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention  
August 23 - 25, 2007  
Columbus, Ohio

**Proposed Amendment to the OCSEA  
State Constitution, State By-Laws or  
Subordinate Body Constitution**

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**USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PROPOSAL**

OCSEA OFFICE OF  
GENERAL COUNSEL

Use this form to propose an amendment (change, deletion or addition) to the OCSEA State Constitution, State By-Laws or Subordinate Body Constitution. Send it to OCSEA, Attn: Tracy Tackett, 390 Worthington Road, Suite A, Westerville, OH 43082-8331 by 5:00 p.m. **June 25, 2007**. Proposed amendments received after this date will not be considered by the OCSEA convention body.

This is a proposed amendment to the (CHECK ONE) State Constitution \_\_\_\_\_ State By-Laws \_\_\_\_\_ or Subordinate Body Constitution X Article: X Section: 1-C. Explain your concern/intention:

The above referenced section states:

Section 1. No Body business shall be conducted without a quorum present.

C. A quorum for an Assembly shall be a majority of the Executive Board plus three (3) other delegates representing at least two separate chapters.

The concern is that Assembly has not been able to meet the requirement to have three (3) other delegates representing at least two separate chapters present at meeting. Consequently Assembly's ability to conduct business has been hindered.

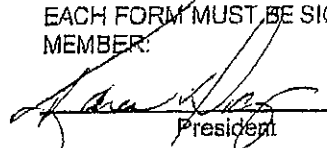
Therefore, be it resolved that the OCSEA (CHECK ONE) State Constitution \_\_\_\_\_, State By-Laws \_\_\_\_\_ or Subordinate Body Constitution X Article X Section 1-C be revised to state (write the actual proposed language):

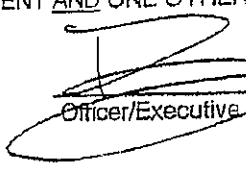
C. A quorum for an Assembly shall be a majority of the Executive Board, plus one delegate.

Adopted formally on 4-14-07 by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ District Council \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly X  
(date) (circle one)

meeting of the # 7 TAXATION ASSEMBLY  
(name of the body)

EACH FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT AND ONE OTHER OFFICER/EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Officer/Executive Board Member PATRICIA YOUNG  
Treasurer

SUBMITTED BY: Taxation Assembly

SUBJECT: Business

RATIONALE: Section 1(C) – The concern is that assembly has not been able to meet the requirement to have three (3) other delegates representing at least two separate chapters present at meeting. Consequently, assembly's ability to conduct business has been hindered.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE X, SECTION 1(C) OF THE OCSEA SUBORDINATE BODY CONSTITUTION BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article X- Business**

**Section 1.** No Body business shall be conducted without a quorum present.

A. A quorum for a Chapter shall be a majority of the Chapter's Executive Board Members.

B. A quorum for a District Council shall be a majority of the Executive Board plus 35% of the active Chapters within the Council.

C. A quorum for an Assembly shall be a majority of the Executive Board plus ~~three (3)~~ ONE other delegates representing at least two separate Chapters of the Assembly.

**Section 2.** No funds shall be disbursed or expended without the prior approval of the Chapter, District Council, or Assembly or its Executive Board, and the vote duly recorded in the minutes of the meeting. All Chapter, District Council, or Assembly and executive board meeting minutes shall contain detailed motions and seconds and be presented at the next regular Chapter, District Council, or Assembly meeting for approval.

**Section 3.** All checks and financial reports shall be signed by the President and the Treasurer. Should either be incapacitated, the Chapter, District Council, or Assembly shall designate an alternate to sign checks until the incapacitated officer resumes office or is replaced. At all times financial accountability and reporting shall comply with provisions of the Union's State Constitution and State By-Laws.

**Section 4.** All Officers and Executive Board members shall be responsible for their actions in handling the Chapter, District Council, or Assembly's funds. Where any one (1) or more of said Officers and Executive Board members fails to properly handle Chapter, District Council, or Assembly funds, each shall be held fully accountable and must repay such improperly handled funds to the Chapter, District Council, or Assembly or to the Union's Comptroller.