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GREETINGS!

Welcome to the 18th Triennial Convention of the Office and Professional Employees International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC



From June 10 to 16, 1989, delegates from OPEIU's more than 250 local unions across Canada and the United States will meet together in committees and in the convention to determine the union's policies and its direction for the next three years.

The delegates, elected by their local union memberships, will represent the interests of the members on issues as wide-ranging as child care and family leave to pension terminations and free trade. They will also represent the members as they elect the International Union officers for the next three-year term of office.

Whether you are a delegate or a member interested in the proceedings, you will find the highlights listed here. Definitive action taken by the delegates will appear in the next issue of *White Collar*.

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OPEIU Convention Highlights

Education Program

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1989

1:30-2:30 p.m. U.S. Session: Labor Law Since the Last Convention (Grand Ballroom)
Amy Gladstein, attorney, Gladstein, Reif, and Meginniss
Canadian Session (Bal Masque)

2:45-5:00 p.m. **Joint Workshops**
Regulations for Local Union Secretary-Treasurers and Trustees (Bal Masque)*
Gilles Beauregard, OPEIU International Secretary-Treasurer, and Peter Novak, Thomas Havey & Company Privatization (Floridian)
Panel: Marshall Barry, Ph.D., Center for Labor Research, Florida International University and a Canadian expert (to be announced)

Child Care (Grand Ballroom)
Panel: Amy Wilkins, Children's Defense Fund, U.S., and Dr. Laura Johnson, Research Director, Child, Youth and Family Policy Research Center, Canada
AIDS in the Workplace (Caribbean Room)
Panel: Burt Arruza, Director, Outreach, Health Crisis Network (Florida); and Bill Roberts, Business Representative OPEIU Local 30

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1989

3:00-5:00 p.m. Effective Lobbying Techniques (Floridian Room)
Michael Gildea, Legislative Dept., AFL-CIO

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1989

2:00-3:30 p.m. Stress Reduction (Westward V)
Bill Roberts, Business Representative, OPEIU Local 30

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1989

3:00-5:00 p.m. Organizing and the Law U.S. Session (Floridian Room):
Harold Melver, Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO, and Mark Reader, OPEIU Director of Organization
Canada Session (Garden Terrace A):
Hemi Mitic, Organizing Director Canadian Auto Workers
Layout and Design of Local Union Newsletters (Westward V)
Judy M. Miller, Creative Director, Union Privilege Benefit Programs

*The accountant will be available to meet with interested local unions individually throughout the Convention.

Committees

As usual OPEIU delegates meet in committees prior to and during the Convention to prepare policy statements, resolutions, constitutional amendments, proposed legislation, and much more for presentation and vote on the convention floor.

All committees meet Saturday, June 10 and frequently Sunday June 11 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The following are the official committees and their meeting locations.

Committees	Locations
Constitution and Laws	Gordon Terrace B—Lower Lobby
Resolutions	Westward II—Mezzanine
Legislation	Gordon Terrace A—Lower Lobby
Organization Rules	Westward V—Mezzanine
Officers	Westward I—Mezzanine
Reports	Westward III—Mezzanine
Publicity	Eastward—Mezzanine
Official Publications	Westward IV—Mezzanine

Insurance Conference

Those delegates from local unions representing members who work for insurance companies will meet Saturday, June 10 to discuss mutual problems and goals.

What had traditionally been the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Conference was expanded in 1988 to include all insurance company representatives. The first meeting for the expanded group occurred prior to the 1988 Full-Time Staff Conference in New York. The nationwide Blue Cross union-busting campaign was discussed in-depth, as well as corporate campaigns, the "task force" concept, and other local union concerns.

Prior to this convention the delegates will meet again to exchange contracts and ideas. They will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Pan Am Room (main lobby level). Coffee, tea and rolls will be provided.

HEADLINERS

Several nationally and internationally renowned speakers will headline the various mornings of the OPEIU International Convention. For your general information on these important addresses is the following schedule:

Monday, June 12

Gordon Wilson, President, Ontario Federation of Labour

John Bowers, President, International Longshoremen's Association

Tuesday, June 13

Mary Barry, President, TWU Local 553 Eastern Air Lines

Thomas Donahue, Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO

Wednesday, June 14

Joyce Miller, President, Coalition of Labor Union Women

Cesar Chavez, President, United Farm Workers (tentative)

Romeo Corbeil, Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus, OPEIU

Elections

Thursday morning, June 15, OPEIU delegates will nominate the International Officers to represent them internationally, nationally, and regionally. International offices open for election include President, Secretary-Treasurer, four Canadian Vice Presidents and eleven United States Vice Presidents. Canadians will elect a Canadian Director.

If offices are contested, a secret ballot vote will be conducted. Delegates will vote their representation, and a majority of votes cast will determine the winners.

If a secret ballot election is required, it will take place Thursday afternoon.

WATCH FOR

OPEIU's new publications, presented for the first time at this Convention:

The OPEIU Organizing Manual

Welcome to OPEIU! (the new members' brochure)

Registration and International Office

The International Union will have the Medallion Room as its headquarters throughout the Convention. Anyone needing assistance can find it there. Registration will occur at the following times and locations:

Date	Time	Location
Friday, June 9	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Medallion - Main Lobby
Saturday, June 10	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Hallway to Grand Ballroom—Main Lobby
Sunday, June 11	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Hallway to Grand Ballroom—Main Lobby
Monday, June 12	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Hallway to Grand Ballroom—Main Lobby

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