

# CGE General Membership Meeting

4-23-2015, 5:30 PM, Corvallis Senior Center

**Member Recognition:** We recognize some CGE superstars.

- Organizing (most office visits in Spring Membership Drive): Araby Belcher and Lara Peguero.
- Solidarity superstars (went to Eugene to support the GTFF on their strike): Thomas Morrill, Kris Osterloh, Kevin Weitemier, Ryan Beaston, Meredith Booker, Melissa Crocker, Clint Mattox, Jesse Engebretson, Michelle Marie, Allison Dorko, and Juan Muglia.
- Solidarity super-duperstars (went many times): Kevin, Thomas, and Kris.

**Welcome** from CGE President Shannon Andrews

**Contract Ratification:** An *ad hoc* bargaining team TA'ed with OSU's team on new contract language to create a system for deducting summer health insurance payments over three months (while retaining as an option the old system where summer deductions all come out of the May paycheck). The changes can be viewed here: <http://cge6069.org/tentative-agreement-on-summer-health-insurance/>. CGE's VP for Bargaining, Thomas Morrill, presents the CBA changes and the members vote by secret ballot.

**University Budget Discussion:** We've heard from several members in different areas that their programs are cutting grads' tuition waiver funding. Programs are having to pay for more of their own tuition waivers. In some areas, grads have heard that they'll only be supported for the first year of a 2-year program, or for only 2 out of 3 terms per year. Many other members here at the GMM have not heard of such things happening in their programs. Members are encouraged to talk to their steward or an officer if they see or hear communications about this in their areas.

**State of the Grad Union:** Shannon lists many of the things CGE has accomplished over the last year, with highlights that include ratifying a contract in the fall with great updates to salaries and insurance, participating in lots of conferences and conventions, and raising almost \$8,000 for the Linn Benton Food Share through the Brew-Off.

**AFT-OR Convention Update:** We sent 24 delegates to the annual state convention. We had submitted 4 resolutions (3 passed) and an amendment to AFT-OR's per capita structure (did not pass, but was submitted to the AFT-OR EC, who are tasked with bringing an amendment to Convention next year.

**Officer Nominations:**

- President: Kris Osterloh (out of town; had requested to be nominated)
- VP for Collective Bargaining & Grievances: Thomas Morrill
- VP for Organizing: Vance Almquist
- VP for Communications: Stephanie Parreira
- Secretary-Treasurer: Chris Mihiar
- External Relations Chair: Clint Mattox (will arrive late to GMM; had requested to be nominated)
- Social Activities Chair: Zhian Kamvar and Roshan Adhikari

**Candidate Speeches:** Those candidates present give brief speeches about why they're running for office and want to be elected. Kris had recorded a video speech that is played on the projector.

**Election Committee:** Alisha Jones, Drew Hatlen, and Dwight Holland volunteer to count the ballots. They collect the ballots for Executive Council positions. Votes for EC positions will be counted now,

during the meeting. Votes for the contract ratification and Constitution & Bylaws amendments will be counted within a few days.

**Steward Council Nominations:** CGE's VP for Organizing, Béatrice Moissinac, explains the purpose and role of the Steward Council. Stewards will be elected for a yearly term that begins in mid-May. Nominations have been open online all week (open through tomorrow, April 24). We also accept some nominations now from the floor. Elections will run next week, Monday through Thursday. Members should check for an email with a link to their area's election.

**Election Results:** Zhian won the election for Social Activities Chair by a narrow margin.

**Constitution & Bylaws Amendments:** Kevin Weitemier presents the proposed amendments that he and a few other members drafted. The changes can be viewed here: <http://cge6069.org/constitution-bylaw-amendments-2/>. We move to small groups to discuss. We come back to the full group to discuss. There is an amendment from the floor to change the capitalization of "Local" to "local" in a couple places for consistency. The members vote by secret ballot.

**Open Floor:**

- Gloria tells us about some upcoming social events: GTFF's Great Cover-Up (the evenings of May 8 & 9) with the Union Cup soccer game on the afternoon of May 9; Social Hours on "the 5's at 5"; CGE Trivia Night on May 7; and meeting at McMenamini's tonight after we wrap up here.
- Drew tells us about the Graduate Student Success Center now open in the MU.
- Zhian tells us about the KBVR radio show he hosts, "Inspiration Dissemination," where grads can share their research.
- Sam tells us about the Solidarity Action Network, a coalition of unions, social justice organizations, and community groups, who are organizing the 4th Annual Solidarity Fair at the end of May.
- Thomas tells us about the May Day Reader's Theatre at the city library at 7 PM on May 1, which is also being hosted by the Solidarity Action Network.

**Singing of "Solidarity Forever" to Adjourn**