



COPPEA CLIPS

A Newsletter for the COPPEA Chapter of Professional & Technical Employees Local 17

Fall 2016



Bargaining for the next contract starts in January; meet your team!

Local 17 will begin bargaining the next COPPEA Chapter contract in January. In late-August, Chapter officers solicited nominations for the team from the membership. Chapter President Rachel Whiteside announced the team at the October member meeting. In addition to Local 17 staff, Amy Bowles and Elliot Levin, the team is: **Ana Brophy (BES), Paul Cone (BTS), Andrew Neuman (BES), Priscilla Partch (BDS), Sarah Spotts (Water), Gerry Verhoef (Parks), Rachel Whiteside (BDS), and John Wilson (PBOT)**. Alternates are: Peter Hurley (PBOT), Neil Revello (BES), Mia Sabanovic (Water), Manish Thakore (BTS), and Jamie Wilde (Water). We expect all primaries and alternates to attend bargaining strategy sessions and discussions.

Upcoming Membership Meetings

Nov. 1
1900 Bldg.
Room 7A

Dec. 6
Portland Bldg.
Fir Creek Room
(3rd floor)

All meetings held from 12-1 p.m. Dessert provided -- bring your lunch!

Chapter elections in December; nominate now!

Chapter Elections will take place via electronic vote before the December member meeting. Nominations are due via email to Nikola Davidson (nikola@pte17.org) by 11:30 a.m. on Nov 1. Or, nominations can be in-person at the Nov. 1 membership meeting (1900 Building, Rm 7A at noon). The Secretary position is open, as well as 4 REC delegate and alternate positions. Please contact Amy Bowles (amy@pte17.org) if you have any questions.

Welcome New Members to Local 17!

If you haven't received a new member packet from a Local 17 Steward, please contact your Steward or Nikola Davidson, Local 17 Special Projects Coordinator (nikola@pte17.org). She'll send you a packet that contains your contract, an explanation of your rights as a union member, a copy of COPPEA Clips, and other important Local 17 information.

Want to learn more about what's happening in the Local 17 COPPEA Chapter?

Visit our webpage where you'll find meeting notes, training opportunities, important updates, legislative actions, COPPEA Clips archives, and more!

pte17.org/coppea

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Member Profile: Marie Walkiewicz

Marie Walkiewicz, Environmental Program Coordinator at BES, has been with the City for 18 years and is an ex officio (non-voting) member of the Portland Utility Board (PUB). She is a resource for voting PUB members on the work behind high-level budget items and provides first-hand perspectives on BES's work.

Marie shares that she wanted to be part of the PUB at its inception because she's interested in how "we establish practices that will guide PUB's work well into the future." She also understands the importance of good infrastructure in sustaining strong communities – and setting investment priorities for the Utility bureaus.

The first year at the PUB has been gratifying. Voting members have transitioned from learning about the complex utility bureaus to advising City Council on such issues as the Low-Income Discount and Council's decision to use of BES property as a homeless shelter. Marie expects that in Year Two the PUB will further discuss cost managements, how to improve climate and earthquake resiliency and affordability.



Be a COPPEA Chapter Steward!

We're looking for Stewards in Parks and around the City! Stewards play a key role in advocating on behalf of members and making sure members are up-to-date on important workplace issues. Being a steward is a great way to build your leadership skills! If you're interested in learning more, contact Nikola Davidson at nikola@pte17.org or 800.783.0017, ext. 111. For a full list of current stewards, go to: pte17.org/coppea.

How do I... *learn more about classifications?*

Members have recently asked what the difference is between classifications. You can find all City classifications on the City of Portland Bureau of Human Resources website: www.portlandoregon.gov/bhr/28266. For example, if you are comparing an Engineering Tech 1 and Tech 2 then you want to look at the section called "Distinguishing Characteristics." This site will explain the difference.

Meet Your COPPEA Officers & Stewards!

Rachel Whiteside, President (BDS)

Paul Cone, Vice President (BTS)

Sarah Spotts, Secretary (Water)

Priscilla Partch, Treasurer (BDS)

Stewards:

Bureau of Environmental Services

Ana Brophy, Andrew Neuman, Stephen Rae, Neil Revello

Bureau of Technology Services

Paul Cone, Ed Connolly, Brian Ventura

Bureau of Transportation

Ruthanne Bennett, John Wilson

Bureau of Development Services

Lizbeth Dance, Priscilla Partch, Rachel Whiteside

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

Tyler Bump

Parks

Yoko Silk, Gerry Verhoef, Jorge Villavicencio

Water Bureau

Patrick Bardel, Mia Sabanovic, Sarah Spotts, Jamie Wilde

Shared (Fire, Police, Revenue, Bureau of Gov. Relations, City Attorney's Office)

Karen Obana