



Spring Newsletter
May 2004

Membership – Jana Ford

A message was sent out at the end of March 2004 as a reminder that membership dues must be submitted before April 1st. Currently there are 124 members. A membership drive will be held at the Fall Training Conference to encourage an increase in membership for 2005.

Nominations – Tery DeShong

The nominations period for officers and Board of Directors' members has not opened yet. The offices that will need to be filled this year are:

1. President-Elect and Treasurer-Elect (must run as team)
2. Secretary
3. Parliamentarian
4. One CAP/Tribal/Contract Board Member
5. Two CSE State Office Board Members
6. One DHS District Office Board Member

To be eligible to run for office, the individual must be a voting member in good standing for at least one year prior to the Business Meeting (September 17).

Newsletter/Publicity – Barb Perkins

OCSEA has developed a website to be able to distribute the newsletter and to gain more publicity. The website address is www.OCSEA.net. Information about the Association, newsletters and the conference are now being posted on the website. Additionally, it is hoped that registration for the conference can be handled through the website, as well.

Awards – Sharon Rogus

Nomination forms for awards will be coming out soon. The award categories are:

1. Office of the Year (District Office)
2. Attorney (District Office)
3. Office Manager (District Office)
4. Supervisor (District Office)
5. Caseworker (District Office)
6. Support Staff (District Office)
7. Investigator (District Office)
8. State Office Employee
9. Employer
10. Media
11. Judge
12. OCSEA Member (must be a member in good standing)

Fund Raising – Terri Mueller

The silent auction at last year's conference was very successful with the help of the CSE Esprit program. Keep your auction hats on because OCSEA is going to partner with Esprit again for this year's conference.

Programs Committee

Quite a bit of work has been done on the conference so far. It will be held at the National Center for Employee Development (U.S. Postal Training Center) in Norman. There will be two Child Support Specialists tracks, one Supervisor/Manager track, one Continuing Legal Education track and a general track. The general track will have presentations that will be enjoyed by all including the challenging Child Support Jeopardy Show hosted by a professional disc jockey!

Some of the expected presentations include:

[Child Support Specialist](#)

What Type Are You? (a fun presentation about DNA), Where is the Child?, How to Make Auto Locate Work for You, Dis-establishment of Paternity, Unlocking the Changes in the Child Support Guidelines, International Cases, Juvenile Court Process, Tribal Court Process, DNA Q&A, Interface Issues, Start Current – Stay Current Project and Other New Initiatives, Improving Your Performance, FIDM, Trial Preparation, Legal Pleadings, Child Support Lien Network, Pended Receipts, UIFSA and Overpayments

Supervisors/Managers

Time Management, True Colors, Coaching Skills for Supervisors, Skills for Staff Development, Handling the Difficult Employee, Written Communication, Hiring Tricks & Pitfalls, Workers' Compensation Issues

Continuing Legal Education

Coaching Skills for Managers, Unlocking the Changes in the Child Support Guidelines, Legal Issues with Corrective Discipline, Finance for Attorneys, Legal Cliffnotes for Attorneys, Changes in the Juvenile Court Process, Legal Issues Concerning the Enforcement of Interest and UIFSA

General

Child Support Specialists Certification Implementation, How to Protect Yourself from Exposure to Diseases from Contact with the General Public, Child Support Jeopardy, How to Do Community Outreach, Which Rush is a Rush?, Strategies for Improving Communication, Westlaw, and How to Work with OSIS

Plenary Sessions

Service Member Civil Relief Act, Teams for Successful Families, Ethics and Policy & Legal Update

The fees are \$75.00 early bird, \$85.00 after July 16th or \$50.00 early bird one day and \$60.00 one day after July 16th.