OEA MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT 2024-2025

Monthly Membership Guide & Updates For Local Association Leaders

March 2025

April Reminders:

- 4/1/25 Early Enrollment begins
- 4/29/25—Dues payment to OEA. (Remember to include your local's 4digit ID number on your check payments.)
- The Local Association Reporting Form for 2025-2026 (Due April 1st Please send as soon as possible).
- Review your dues transmittal schedule to confirm you are on track to avoid any compliance issues.

Reference documents available to you on the OEA Website under Resources/ OEA Secretary/Treasurer page:

- ⇒ 24-25 Local Treasurer's Handbook
- ⇒ Monthly Treasurer's Memos (past 12 months)
- ⇒ 24-25 Dues Rates and Pro-Rate Dues Tables
- ⇒ Forms for reconciliation
- ⇒ Membership Update form

InfOEA HOURS -

Monday—Friday

8:30 AM-5:00 PM



Thanks for your continued efforts and support.

If you have questions or concerns please contact us by e-mail: membership@ohea.org

Or by telephone: InfOEA 1-844-632-4636

The March 2025 billing statement is now available in the eBilling Portal, https://ims.nea.org/ebilling/. The most current roster is available on the eBilling portal and is accessible at any time. Please be sure to take time to thoroughly review your billing statement and membership roster in order to reconcile your membership information.

- As a reminder Early Enrollment begins April 1st. The Early Enrollment program is available to
 any new active member who may want to join for the upcoming 25-26 Membership year and be
 eligible for certain NEA benefits prior to the beginning of the new membership year. Dues
 obligation is delayed until September for any early enrollee. Talk with your Labor Relations
 Consultant to establish an action plan for early enrollees. To join, go to www.ohea.org/
 why belong.
- You should have received the "Local Association 2025-2026 Reporting Form" requesting information about your local association. The information required on this form is critical for the printing of your 2025-2026 membership enrollment materials. This form was required to be completed, signed and returned to the OEA Membership Department by April 1st. If you have not already returned your form, please do so as soon as possible. The reporting form can be scanned and emailed to membership@ohea.org or returned in the payment envelope along with any payments and/or updates. If the form is not returned, OEA will utilize prior year information.
- 2025-2026 Membership Enrollment Materials including the OEA Fund contribution forms will be
 mailed to the home address of the treasurer on record once the details have been finalized. We
 anticipate the Membership Enrollment Materials to mail in mid-June. You may want to share this
 information with the other officers in your local. It is important to have the correct Treasurer, and
 other officers on record. Please report any new election results to your OEA field office with
 name, address, non-work phone number and a non-work e-mail address as soon as possible.

NO MORE CHECK WRITING!!!

As a reminder, OEA Membership offers electronic payments (ePay) via the eBilling Portal. It is a very easy, efficient, and secure process - you no longer need to write and mail a paper check. Over 70% of our locals have switched to this method.

- Once logged in to the eBilling Portal, click on the "EFT Account Setup" to enter your local's checking account information and click "Save" (one-time set up).
- Click on "Statements" to review your local's billing documents and then use the "Pay Current Year Dues" button to set up payment.
- You have two options, it defaults to "Pay Billed Amount" of the most recent billing statement or click on the indicator in front of "Pay This Amount" and enter the amount you want to pay in the "Dues Amount" box.
- You must click on the box in front of "I understand that checking this box constitutes a legal digital signature confirming my understanding and agreement to the above." The "Pay" button becomes active after clicking that box.
- Click on the "Pay" button to submit payment.
- Once you submit payment, you should see a message stating your payment was successful and the payment will be listed as pending. You will receive a payment confirmation email.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the Membership Department with any questions.

DUES PAYMENTS CONTINUE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS!

As summer approaches and the end of the current school year is in sight, we wanted to take this opportunity to mention the schedule of dues payments. As a reminder, your locals dues obligation is based on the Dues Transmittal Agreement on file with OEA. The dues transmittal agreement establishes your billing cycle. If the transmittal agreement includes "summer months" you will receive billing statements for these months and payments are required even when school is not in session. In order to avoid penalties, please be sure to keep your payments in line with your billing cycle. The new ePay option (see first page of this document for details) should help make this easier! If you have any questions, please contact the Membership department Monday—Friday 8:30 AM—5:00 PM.

- Please continue to report any new election results to your OEA field office with name, address, non-work phone number and a
 non-work e-mail address as soon as possible. Advising your OEA Field Office immediately of any change to your local leadership along with providing a non-work e-mail address and a non-work phone number for all local leaders helps support OEA's
 efforts in timely communication.
- The Local Association 2025-2026 Reporting Form requesting information about your local association was mailed in February and was due April 1st. The information required on this form is critical for the printing of your 2025-2026 membership enrollment materials. This form is required to be completed, signed, and returned to the OEA Membership Department. If the local is unable to report 2025-2026 local dues at this time, indicate this in the local dues section of the form, complete the remaining information, sign and return the form to the OEA Membership Department. Forms may be scanned and emailed to membership@ohea.org, Subject: 25-26 Local Association Reporting form.

ATTENTION NEW TREASURERS!

Are you new to being a Treasurer? Want to learn more about being a Treasurer and have the opportunity to have your questions answered? Make sure to sign up for a Treasurer's workshop, coming up this summer! You may attend any workshop you choose. Hint: Novice workshops are designed especially for our new Treasurers!

2025 District Treasurer's Workshops

The following OEA District Treasurer's Workshops have been scheduled and are open to other Leaders in your Local:

<u>CENTRAL</u> on June 5, 2025 Virtual (Novice and Experienced): <u>ECOEA</u> on June 18, 2025: <u>WOEA</u> on July 14, 2025 (Novice and Experienced): <u>NWOEA</u> on July 15, 2025: <u>NEOEA</u> Novice on July 16, 2025 and Experienced on July 17, 2025: <u>SEOEA</u> on July 24, 2025 (Novice and Experienced): <u>SWOEA</u> on July 30, 2023 (Novice and Experienced): <u>NCOEA</u> on August 4, 2023 Virtual option (Novice and Experienced): <u>EOEA</u> on August 5, 2025 Virtual (Novice and Experienced).

***PLEASE CONFIRM WITH YOUR LOCAL DISTRICT REGARDING RECENT CHANGES TO THESE SCHEUDLED DATES.
VIRTUAL SESSIONS HAVE BEEN NOTED ABOVE.

For your convenience, you can also attend another districts workshop by contacting them to reserve your seat if that date works better with your schedule.