



Service Employees International Union	Member Affairs
Local 503,	Resolution 1
Oregon Public Employees Union	2022 Committee Recommendations:
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Documenting the History of SEIU 503 OPEU

1 **Subject:** Documenting the History of SEIU 503 OPEU

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5 **WHEREAS,** There is no comprehensive history compiled of the Labor Union now known as SEIU 503,
6 OPEU (The Union),

7 **WHEREAS,** That the memories and personal stories of two great events in The Union’s history, the
8 strikes of 1987 and 1995, are disappearing with the involved members passing,

9 **WHEREAS,** 2023 will be the 80th anniversary of the start of the Public Employee labor movement in
10 Oregon,

11 **WHEREAS,** It is important to remember our heroes and detractors of the past,

12 **WHEREAS,** It is more important to commemorate our successes, leaders, activists, actions, and
13 membership and ensure that their work and sacrifices are not forgotten to time.

14 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the time, resources and commitment of The Union be engaged to
15 document The Union’s history from its beginning as an Employee Association in 1943 to its current form
16 as SEIU 503, OPEU through General Council 2022 and create a book-like publication.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this publication shall be created in four (4) volumes of roughly 20 years
18 each.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that these volumes will be created in print and electronic format.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this history will be provided to members of The Union’s Board of
21 Directors and Assistant Board of Directors as part of their on-boarding process and print copies made
22 available to members of The Union at the cost of printing.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the electronic format of this history will support the submission of
24 stories from members and past members about their participation in the historical events through
25 photos, videos, and text narratives.

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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this history would be presented to The Union’s Board of Directors
29 meeting in March 2023 or at the meeting closest to the actual birthday of Public Employee Collective
30 Association in Oregon and we encourage the Board to highlight the history throughout the year,
31 incorporate in trainings, and included in an annual history event.

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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SEIU 503, OPEU** that continued documentation of The Union’s history is
34 maintained by the production of “an annual” document of The Union’s actions, activities, struggles,
35 leadership, and engagement with members. This document would be created on a biannual basis to
36 coincide with the General Council meeting. The period of the first of these “Annuals” is to begin with
37 General Council 2022 and delivered to General Council 2024.

38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** when the History is complete it is to be announced to members and a
39 digital copy be posted to the website.

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