



*A Union of Professionals*

## FEDERATION OF STATE CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS LOCAL 2382

Hello, and Welcome to the inaugural e-newsletter from your union, the Federation of State Cultural and Educational Professionals (FOSCEP) Local 2382. FOSCEP represents over 300 of your fellow state workers in 9 different agencies, covering over 40 different job classifications from Erie to Philadelphia.

FOSCEP members are members of the national labor movement, represented by AFT Pennsylvania at the state level and nationally by the American Federation of Teachers and AFL-CIO, which help us advocate on state and national issues that affect the institutions and constituents we serve. To read more about who we are, what we do, and what your rights as a member are, please visit our [About Us](#) page on our website.

To all those who are not members of FOSCEP, we encourage you to follow the link above and consider joining the union. Any of the officers listed below would be happy to discuss union membership with you. If you are not sure whether you are an actual member or not, please contact us via email at [foscep@comcast.net](mailto:foscep@comcast.net) and we will let you know!

### OFFICERS

Here is a list of your FOSCEP officers. Our terms end on June 30, 2019, so you should be receiving election ballots for the next slate of FOSCEP representatives, who will serve a two-year term, from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any questions or concerns:

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| Brett Reigh        | President  |
| John Kashatus      | Vice President   |
| Gerald Bennett     | Treasurer  |
| Dara DeRoiste      | Secretary  |
| Matthew McClelland | 2nd Vice-President Corrections                                 |
| Tina Weaver        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Department of Education         |
| Monica Harrower    | 2nd Vice-President Other Agencies                              |
| Curt Miner         | 2nd Vice-President Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission |
| Kevin Spangenberg  | 2nd Vice-President State Library of Pennsylvania               |
| Maria Suhadolnik   | Director Corrections   |
| Kevin Mauro        | Director Department of Education                               |
| Charles Wayne      | Director Department of Education                               |
| Doug Ranck         | Director Department of Education                               |
| Kevin Mock         | Director Other Agencies  |
| Linda Powell       | Director Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission           |
| John Gardosik      | Director Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission           |
| Stacey Mulligan    | Director State Library   |

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (members only)

We hope all union members will be able to join us for your annual General Membership Meeting on Monday, February 11 at Noon. The meeting will be held at the PDE Building, 333 Market Street in Harrisburg in the Honor's Suite, which is located on the first floor. AFT National organizer Jennifer Porcari and AFT Pennsylvania Legislative Liaison Jeff Coyne will be our featured speakers. Lunch will be provided.

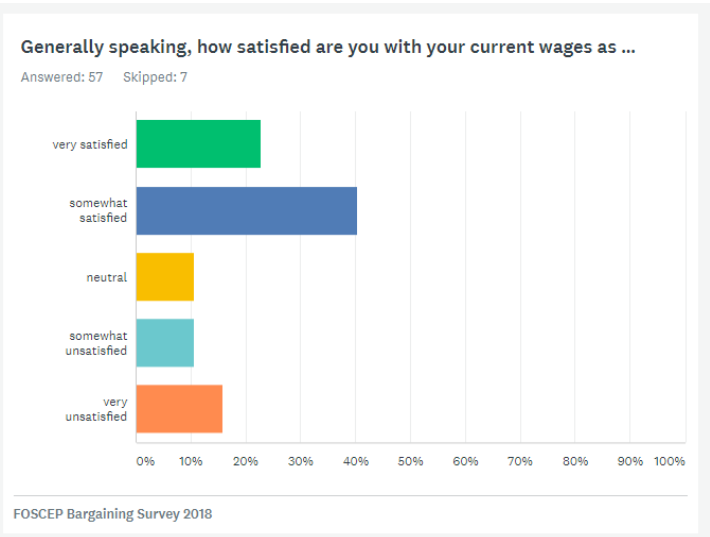
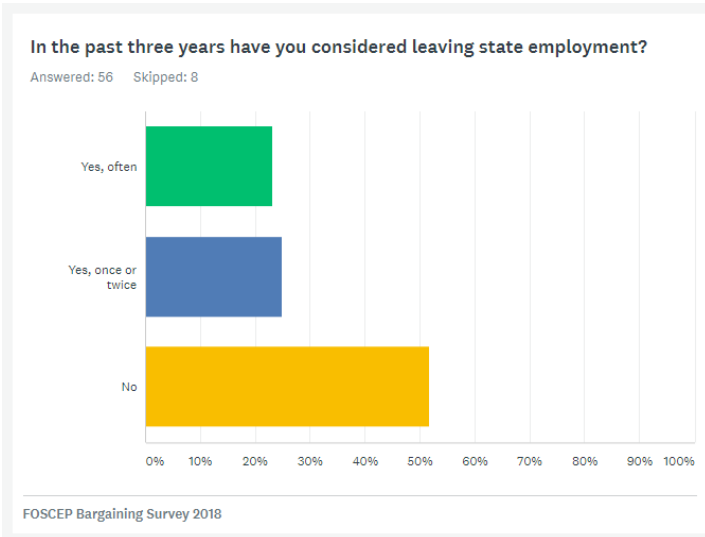
## NEW OFFICE

FOSCEP has moved to a new office in the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Building, which is located at 600 North Second Street in Harrisburg. We are in Suite 506, if you would like to stop by and see our new digs, please call the office at 717.238.9878 or email us at [foscep@comcast.net](mailto:foscep@comcast.net). Either president Brett Reigh or our office manager Zarine (Z) Kashatus would be happy to show you around.

## MEMBER SURVEY

FOSCEP recently sent out a survey to our members, asking a variety of questions about their employment with the Commonwealth, as well as soliciting some information that we can use during contract negotiations, which will be beginning soon. We received 64 responses, thank you to our members who took the time to complete the survey! Below are a few charts with responses for a few selected questions:





## FOND FAREWELL

All of us here at FOSCEP would like to extend a fond farewell to our AFT Pennsylvania Staff Representative Barbara Supinka. Barb is retiring at the end of January after over 30 years of faithful service to our local. As Staff Rep Barb tirelessly assisted the local in numerous ways, including giving timely advice on administrative matters, representing members in grievance hearings, and simply being there to lend a helping hand to a number of different FOSCEP Board members, especially the local presidents. Below is a picture of Barb at her final FOSCEP Board of Directors meeting a few weeks ago. THANK YOU Barb for all you've done for us, you will be missed!!



## GET INVOLVED

We are always looking for folks to get involved with the important work we do for our membership, as well as helping to plan social events. If you would like to participate and have a greater voice in your union, please contact the office via phone or email.



FOSCEP VP John Kashatus and President Brett Reigh at a Harrisburg Senators game this summer

## CONTACT US

There are a number of different ways to get in contact or interact with FOSCEP:

- Website: <http://foscep.pa.aft.org>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Foscep2382>
- Email: [foscep@comcast.net](mailto:foscep@comcast.net)
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