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Members:

Joint Membership Meeting a Big Success

Wednesday's Joint Union Membership meeting packed the house! There was standing room only in the HQ Boardroom for this historic meeting of the three unions. The leadership has been holding monthly meetings since March. We have found common ground on which we can work together. There will inevitably be issues or strategies that we may differ on, but we can agree to disagree. The important thing is that we continue to communicate with one another and express our concerns in a professional, respectful and collaborative way. My thanks to the leadership of PMA, ES and EA. We look forward to continuing to work together.

October Membership Meeting

We're changing things up on folks in October! Since we just had a joint membership meeting yesterday, we are moving our regular first Wednesday meeting to the second Wednesday for just this month. Our next membership meeting will be October 10, at noon in B-108. We'll send out a meeting notice to get it on your calendars.

And, since EA is not meeting on October 3, you may want to attend the OLA brown bag with guest speaker Catherine Sandoval from the California PUC!

Officer election notice out

Look for the officer election schedule in the mail and on our website. Thanks again to Election Committee members **Patty Ross** (chair), **Jan Romanski** and **Penny Larussa**.

In closing

We were sad to hear that Jim Crowley tragically lost his 20 year old son Tadhg. In a message received through PMA, Jim thanked everyone for their emails, phone messages, thoughts, prayers and support during this very difficult period. Our hearts go out to Jim during this difficult time.

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