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Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2005 3:41 PM  
To: sfnlgmembers@eff.org  
Subject: Governor's Pension "Reform"Hello, all -

I'm a member of the Bay Area Chapter of the Guild, and an employee of California state government, as I know a number of our local members are. State lawyers, ALJs and hearing officers are represented by CASE, a professional organization/union that should be at the forefront of the battle against Arnold Schwarzenegger's so-called pension reform efforts, but is not.

My coworkers and I have been active in organizing ourselves for the battle, including writing letters to the governor, our legislators and various newspapers, as well as to CASE leadership. We're wondering whether CASE members in other state agencies in the Bay Area would want to meet with us to share ideas and possibly to organize our members statewide.

CASE leadership's response to our letters is to urge us not to make waves while they're in the middle of bargaining for a new contract. (We're operating under a Memorandum of Understanding since our contract ran out awhile ago.) And incidentally, they won't share what it is they're bargaining for, not trusting their membership to keep our mouths shut.

Essentially, then, we're being asked to go along, on faith alone, with CASE leadership's not being on the front lines of this fight.

So -- this is an invitation to contact me if you'd like to be invited to a meeting at the California Department of Insurance offices at 45 Fremont Street (between Mission and Market Streets, a half block from the Embarcadero Muni Station), San Francisco, now tentatively scheduled for March 2.

Please email me at [ossiasc@insurance.ca.gov](mailto:ossiasc@insurance.ca.gov) or call me at 415-538-4124 (my direct line) with your preferred mail address if you'd like the details. I hope to hear from you.

Thanks!  
Cindy Ossias