

# WWW.OSAUNION.ORG - A Short Overview

Since 1997, OSA has communicated with members on the Internet at [www.osaunion.org](http://www.osaunion.org). A multi-page guide to everything on the website is mailed to all new OSA members. Here, we provide a short overview of the sections of the website and the information and resources you can find there. If you have suggestions for other types of information that you think union members would find useful on an ongoing basis, email OSA Director of Media Services Rob Spencer at [webmaster@osaunion.org](mailto:webmaster@osaunion.org).

**The Main Page (pictured right)** is the gateway to the site. Click on the buttons on the left to go to the section that is relevant to you. Subscribe to periodic emails from the union by using the big blue button in the middle of your screen.

**OSA Intro Video:** The union put together a short video overview of its history and mission in 2010. The twelve minute video provides an introduction to OSA's various departments and functions.

**OSA Photo Gallery:** Slide shows of the union's events and activities are available for your viewing. The photos are posted on the website Flickr and are organized by the month and year in which the event occurred.

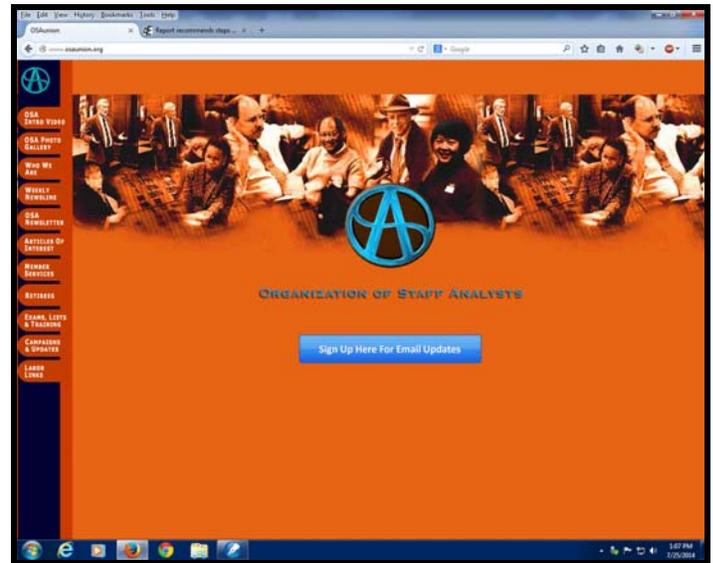
**Who We Are:** A brief introduction to the union and its mission, this page includes a list of current OSA and OSART (our affiliated professional association) board members.

**Weekly Newslines:** Providing current "breaking news" of interest to analysts, this section is updated weekly most of the year, and every two weeks during slower news periods.

**OSA Newsletter:** In-depth news and information for analysts, updated on a (usually) monthly or bi-monthly basis.

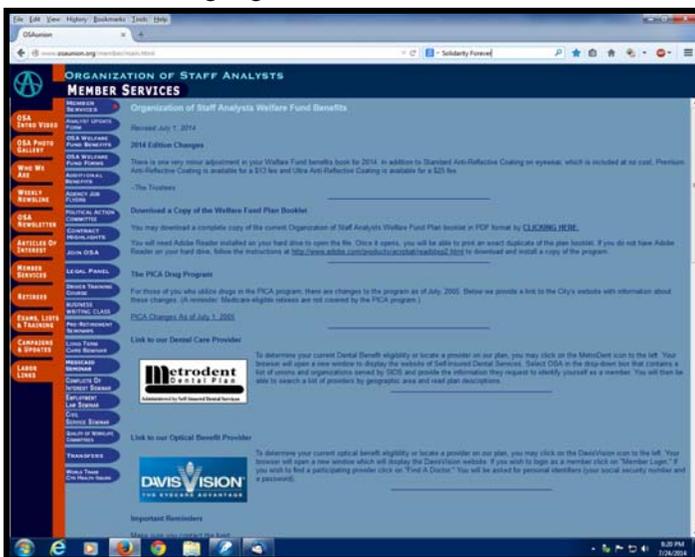
**Articles of Interest:** We post articles from the mainstream and alternative press that we think may be of interest to members.

**Member Services:** A range of information for union members from highlights of the unit contract between OSA



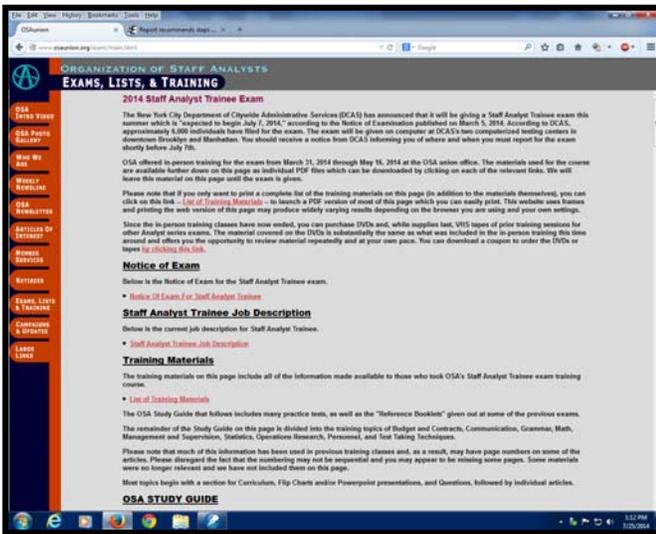
and the City to a copy of the current Welfare Fund booklet to information about forums, services and committees. The section has a series of dark blue buttons to click to go to the subsection that interests you:

- The **Analyst Update Form** is a form you should complete and return to the union if your personal contact information changes, including your address, work, home or cellphone numbers, agency or job title.
- **OSA Welfare Fund Benefits** outlines the package of benefits available to you through our Welfare Fund. You can download, in PDF format, a copy of the current Welfare Fund benefits booklet. From this page, you can link directly to SIDS, our dental provider, and Davis Vision, our vision care provider.
- **OSA Welfare Fund Forms** provides access to most of the forms you will need for services under the Welfare Fund. You can download and print out forms for non-participating dental and optical providers, a form for new participants in the Welfare Fund or for those updating personal information, forms to enroll in Welfare Fund coverage for young adults who are dependents of OSA members, a form for Superimposed Major Medical claims, and a form to name beneficiaries for OSA's basic life insurance benefit.
- **Additional Benefits** describes a few non-Welfare Fund benefits offered to members through payroll deduction, including optional group term life insurance coverage and short term disability insurance.
- **Agency Job Flyers** offers links to the employment-related sections of the websites of a range of city agencies.
- **Political Action Committee** describes our PAC and includes information on how you can contribute through



voluntary check-off.

- **Contract Highlights** summarizes the major provisions of the unit agreement between OSA and the City, the current salary scale, an overview of the steps of the grievance procedure and the current longevities received by OSA-covered titles. You can also download, in PDF format, the complete citywide agreement, which covers general working conditions, as well as the most recent complete unit agreements between OSA and the City.
- **Join OSA** explains the importance and benefits of union membership and lets you download a voluntary dues authorization form.
- **Legal Panel** describes OSA's services for members' personal, non-work related legal matters – real estate, bankruptcy, divorce and family matters, wills, etc.



### Current Seminars

- **Our Business Writing Class**, given each year, covers the skills you need to improve the quality, clarity and effectiveness of your business writing.
- **Our Pre-Retirement Seminar** offers you the chance to learn about the issues and problems of life-after-work.
- **OSA's Long Term Care Seminar**, offered once a year, provides an overview of Long Term Care insurance options available through various sources.
- **A Civil Service Seminar** presented by union Executive Director Sheila Gorsky, explores civil service exams, appeals, lists and other issues.
- **A Statistics** seminar will help you on the job and on future civil service exams.
- A seminar on the **basics of the City's deferred compensation plan** and using that plan for retirement should help you in your own financial planning.
- An introductory class on **Public Speaking** should help make you a more proficient public speaker.
- **Quality of Work Life Committees** are active in many City agencies. Download a form to take part.
- **Transfers** describes the process through which individuals can ask for a transfer from one agency or job to another and offers a form to set the process in motion.
- **World Trade Center Health Issues** provides information

on treatment options for 9/11-related health conditions, as well as workers' compensation and disability pension concerns for those who were affected by the WTC disaster.

**Retirees:** The Organization of Staff Analysts' Retirees Club has its own section. Formed in 1992, OSARC began with five members and has grown to almost 1300 members in 2013. Monthly OSARC meetings bring speakers of special interest to the membership. OSARC has a monthly newsletter sent on an introductory basis to all newly retired union members, and then only to those members who have paid their OSARC dues. Other forms of interest to retirees are posted here as well.

**Exams, Lists and Training:** Updated periodically, this page provides information about civil service exams in titles represented by the union, including training the union offers to prepare for the exams. It is also the place for information about civil service lists and their movement.

**Campaigns & Updates:** This page provides an overview of the status of the union's organizing campaigns as well as other union activities. Each year, OSA honors an individual, group of individuals or an organization that has made a significant contribution to City labor with our "Labor Hero of the Year Award." In this section, you can also view each of the advertisements placed in the civil service newspaper, *The Chief*, during Civil Service month.

**Labor Links:** We provide links to a variety of labor organizations and resources we think OSA members might find of interest.

- Looking for the latest information of interest to Analysts? *Start with the Weekly Newslines page.*

## A Quick Review

- Trying to find detailed information for Analysts? *Start with the OSA Newsletter page.*
- Need Welfare Fund forms? *Go to Member Services, then OSA Welfare Fund Forms.*
- Need Welfare Fund plan information? *Go to Member Services, then OSA Welfare Fund Benefits.*
- Want to join the Organization of Staff Analysts' Retirees Club? *Go to the Retirees section.*
- Looking for the website for New York City or other unions? *Go to Labor Links.*
- Want information about civil service exams and lists? *Go to Exams, Lists and Training.*
- Looking for photos of union events and activities? *Go to the OSA Photo Gallery section.*