Nominations and Elections at our Next Assembly

Recording Secretary

This is notification that nominations and election for Recording Secretary will be held at the September 28, 2019 Membership Assembly in Bellingham. The Local 8 Constitution and Bylaws describes the duties and responsibilities of Recording Secretary as keeping the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Local Union and the Executive Board. The successful candidate will serve until January 2022. Our Recording Secretary of many years, Rosalinda Aguirre, recently resigned from the position. Many thanks to Rosalinda for her years of dedication and leadership.

Three Trustee Positions

Also at the upcoming Membership Assembly, we will be nominating and electing three (3) Trustee positions. Each will serve a three-year term. The Trustees meet quarterly in the evening at the Seattle Labor Temple to review all union disbursements and to audit financial records. Trustees provide an important role in ensuring Local 8’s financial transactions are carried out in accordance with policies and member mandates.

All nominees must be in attendance at the Assembly where they are nominated or declare in writing their willingness to accept the nomination. Written declaration (no texts) must be presented before the close of nominations. The Local 8 Constitution and Bylaws describe the duties and responsibilities of each position and can be found at -www.opeiu8.org under “About Us.”
The Passing of a Dear Friend

OPEIU Local 8 is mourning the sudden loss of one of our own – our Union sister, Mary Maloy. Mary was a beloved member and leader of Local 8 for 27 years. Coming out of the rank and file from Group Health Cooperative, Mary joined the Local 8 staff as Union Representative in 2001.

Mary pursued her vision of a better world each and every day with a dedicated career empowering workers and fighting to ensure all were treated justly and compensated fairly. She never hesitated to take on greedy, clueless and heartless bosses with unending humor and unwavering persistence.

It will be impossible for us to remember Mary without smiling. She was the last great holdout against texting, often wore her big, dark sunglasses during indoor meetings and was always quick to share a story that was sure to make us laugh. She was kind and funny; strong and steady.

They say legacies that matter are connected with people, and we know Mary helped a lot of people. We at Local 8 will remember her with much love and respect. Rest in peace, Mary.

Richard Cox
Trustee
David Evans
Trustee
Lois Jamieson
Trustee

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Sara Jimenez-Orozco
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David Olivera
Central
Shannon Salinas
Central
Elizabeth Maass
North
Tara McIntosh
North
Jan Abberger
South/West
Paul Bender
South/West
Elaine Carlson
South/West
Becky Mowry
South/West
Karen White
South/West
Barb Brennan
East
Rick Nesbitt
East
Robin Sullivan
East
Help Local 8 Members in Need

The OPEIU Local 8 Hardship Fund was established in 2011. We are the only OPEIU local in the nation with a fund to help its union members in need. Since the fund was created, it has issued more than 1,000 awards to members who have suffered an emergency or catastrophe – such as a fire or accidental injury.

The Hardship Fund is supported solely by contributions. There are many ways to give: a payroll deduction at work, a direct deduction from checking or a one-time donation to help your OPEIU brothers and sisters.

You can use the Hardship Fund Donation Form found under the “Hardship Fund and Resources” link on our website (www.opeiu8.org). Please send contributions via check or money order, made payable to the “OPEIU Local 8 Hardship Fund,” at OPEIU Local 8, 2800 First Ave #304, Seattle, WA, 98121.

Any donation is welcomed! Since last year, your contribution is tax deductible.

Local 8 Promotes Corinne Cosentino to Organizing Director!

Corinne joined OPEIU Local 8 in 2007 as a member working at the Carpenters Trust of Western Washington after graduating from Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon. She became active in our Union as a Shop Steward and the Political Action Committee (PAC) Chair. Corinne came on staff in 2012 as our Membership Support Representative. As MSR, she quickly moved into organizing and so far has successfully organized five new groups and over 500 members in the past six years – with more to come!

When asked about her promotion to Organizing Director, Corinne said, “I’m excited to continue developing our organizing program in these times of challenge and opportunity. We will keep growing our Union and our labor movement to benefit all working people.”
Membership Assembly

Saturday, September 28, 2019

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Assembly
(coffee/sign-in at 9:30 am)
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Social Hour/Auction

Four Points by Sheraton
Bellingham Hotel & Conference Center
714 Lakeway Dr, Bellingham, WA  98229
Lunch Provided

Register with Mike at mike@opeiu8.org or 1-800-600-2433 (ext. 118) as soon as possible. Travel stipends may be available.

Assembly Highlights
• Officer election for the position of Recording Secretary
• Election of three Local 8 Trustee positions each to serve a Three-Year Term
• Election of vacant CLC positions
• Adoption of next year’s curriculum for our Regional Meetings
• Special guest speaker from UW to talk about the 1919 Seattle General Strike
• PAC Auction