

CALENDAR

Go to www.opeiu8.org
for latest details
or contact Local 8

Tuesday, Feb. 9

- Ballots for Regional Executive Board and Alternates will be mailed to Members in the North, South/West and East Regions.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

- Ballots must be returned to the Election post office box by 5:00 p.m. Ballots counted by the Local 8 Election Board.

Next Issue:

March 2010

- Detailed report on Local 8's First Membership Assembly.

Reminder:

- The Membership Assembly and Chapter Meetings will take the place of our previously scheduled Membership Meetings in Seattle. Watch for a schedule of Chapter Meetings on our website.

Special Election Edition Notice of 2010 OPEIU Local 8 Elections

In accordance with Article 14 of Local 8's Bylaws, this is notification that mail ballot elections will take place for certain Regional Executive Board positions. The Regions in which an election will be held are: **North, South/West and East. Only members in good standing in those Regions will receive ballots and be able to vote for the candidates in the Region in which he/she resides.** The secret mail ballots

will be sent from the Local 8 office on **Tuesday, February 9** and will need to be returned to the Election post office box in time to be picked up by the Election Board at **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24.** The results of the election will be tallied that evening by the Election Board. The results will be posted on the Local 8 website at www.opeiu8.org. If you live in one of the Regions holding an election and you did not receive a ballot by **February 16**, please be sure to call Libby at the Local 8 office at 1-800-600-2433 (ext. 112) or Libby@opeiu8.org. The counties associated with each Region are described in Candidate Statements inside.



New Members being sworn in at Local 8's first Assembly.

Results of the 2010 OPEIU Local 8 Elections

Nearly 100 members from all over the State attended Local 8's first Membership Assembly on Saturday, January 23. Watch for more information on the Local 8 website and in upcoming Newsletters.

In addition to nominating members for the Regional Board positions mentioned above, Local 8 members took the following actions:

The following positions were elected to serve three (3) year terms: Business Manager, **Suzanne Mode**; President, **Kellie McGuire**; Vice President, **Kathi Scott**; Secretary-Treasurer, **Cindy Schu**; Recording Secretary, **Evelyn Bowles**; Central Regional Executive Board Members (King County): **Valancy Blackwell, Ruthie Cuthrell, Jan Hays, Karen White, Anthony Forte, David Olivera**; Central Regional Executive Board Alternates, **Sue Smithson and Jessie Gross.**

Continued on page 4

Statements of Candidates

Executive Board

Verlene Jones

President

Kellie McGuire

Vice President

Cindy Schu

Secretary-Treasurer

Evelyn Bowles

Recording Secretary

Valancy Blackwell

Mike Gimlin

Audrey Gunderson

Ruthie Cuthrell

Carmen Paez

Kathi Scott

Kathi Taylor

Karen White

Staff

Suzanne Mode

Business Manager

Cindy Schu

Organizing Director

Ligia Velázquez

Union Representative

Mary Maloy

Union Representative

Shelby Mooney

Union Representative

Benita Hyder

Union Representative

Amanda Saylor

Union Representative

Colleen Shelton

Office Manager

Libby Alejandro

Administrative Secretary

Betty Devereaux

Secretary/Receptionist

Lori Risteyn

Bookkeeper

Mary Silver

Billing Clerk

Project Organizers

Blanca Garcia

Josie Lopez

Social Work Interns

Kevin McGill

Kendra Gritsch

In accordance with Local 8's Election Policy, each nominee has been given space for a fifty (50) word statement to support his or her candidacy for a Regional Board or Alternate position.

Statements from Candidates for the Regional Executive Board NORTH. Members from the North Region (Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, San Juan and Island Counties) will be voting on 4 Executive Board Positions.

Audrey Gunderson, Providence Regional Medical Center Everett

I participated at both retreats where development of the new state structure became reality this year. I attended the 2008 International Convention in Las Vegas. As a Shop Steward I represent over 800 members. If reelected, I will continue to represent all of the North Region, at the State level.

Mary Jo Dalzell, Visiting Nurse Home Care

I grew up in a Union family. From a young age I learned the importance politics plays in issues for working families. I've worked for VNHG for 19 years. I served on the bargaining team and am a Shop Steward. I believe I can contribute and learn. Thank you.

Carmen Paez, Sea Mar Community Health Centers

I'd like the opportunity to continue serving on the Executive Board North Region of Local 8. It has given me an opportunity to learn that we have very strong, solid committed individuals. I will work hard to make good decisions for all, and support and encourage diversity in our leadership.

Lisa Arce, Sea Mar Community Health Centers

I would like to be an OPEIU 8 Executive Board Member because I have personally experienced the benefit of Union representation and I would like to work on policies supporting the Union. Also, this position would allow me a pulpit to promote OPEIU 8 to other Hispanic and minority workers.

John O'Keefe, Providence Regional Medical Center Everett

I've been a Local 8 Member for 7 years. I've also been a Shop Steward for 4 years and was involved in contract negotiations for 2006/2009. I value the opinions of my co-workers and feel I would be a great asset to the Board. Your vote would be appreciated.

Statements from Candidates for the Regional Executive Board NORTH Alternates. Members from the North Region (Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, San Juan and Island Counties) will be voting on 4 Alternate Executive Board Positions.

Lori Province, Washington State Labor Council

I am a proud OPEIU #8 member that has worked at the Washington State Labor Council since July, 1996; bargained the last two contracts, and been Shop Steward for 2 years. I am seeking this position so that I serve a learning apprenticeship and to represent my fellow Northern members.

Pam Hansen, Visiting Nurse Home Care

I'd like to be an Alternate Board Member. I'm a Shop Steward, active Union member and have been on the contract negotiating team. I've also gone to Olympia to lobby for my co-workers. I'm also on the Team for the Caregivers Support Fund and attend my Union meetings faithfully.

Dalene Robinson, Visiting Nurse Home Care

I have 4 years of experience as a Shop Steward. I have been on the bargaining team and health and safety committee at work. If you elect me, I will strive to do my very best for my fellow workers.

Janice Herrera, Providence Regional Medical Center Everett

Growing up Union I've seen many problems for workers, like in sweat shops in the Eastern U.S. I've worked in Health Care for 20 yrs. I'm concerned with the Union and the people we represent and want to be more involved in issues state wide. Thank you for your vote.

Laurel Coalwell, Providence Regional Medical Center Everett

I'm running for Alternate on the Board for the North Region. I have been a Shop Steward for six years and have been on the Providence negotiation team the last two contracts. I want to make a difference and I like the direction we are going in. Thanks Laurel Coalwell.

Candidate Statements, continued

Statements from Candidates for the Regional Executive Board EAST. Members from the East Region (all Washington State Counties except those in the North, South/West and Central Regions) will be voting on 3 Executive Board Positions.

Mike Gimlin, City of Ellensburg

For the past three years it has been my pleasure to serve as the Executive Board member for the East, I would like your support in a second term. I have been a dedicated voice for the East during the many changes that have taken place in the past year.

Rosario Lunar, Community Health Center La Clinica

I helped start the Union 5 years ago at my workplace, which was a big challenge and struggle. I now serve as Shop Steward and continue to be very active. I want to get even more involved in my Union and feel I can contribute to our strength.

Robin Sullivan, Senior Life Resources Home Care

I've worked at Senior Life Resources for the last six years. I was involved in getting my workplace to become Union 5 years ago and it's been very educational. I have learned a lot but would love to have the chance to learn much more by representing the Eastern Region.

Barb Brennan, Senior Life Resources Home Care

I've worked in Yakima for SLR 17 years. My goal when elected is to serve on the Executive Board and to make sure the Eastern Region's members voices will be heard and will be included in all Union business. I would appreciate your vote! Thank you, Barb Brennan.

REMEMBER: Executive Board Members are elected only by those members who reside in the region.

Statements from Candidates for the Regional Executive Board SOUTH/WEST. Members from the South/West Region (Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Gray's Harbor, Thurston, Pierce, Pacific, Lewis, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Clark and Skamania Counties) will be voting on 3 Executive Board Positions.

Michelle Ruiz, Group Health Cooperative

I've been a Local 8 member for 15 years serving as Shop Steward, Contract Bargaining Team Member which was very enlightening. I will also be on the Labor Management Committee. I want to be involved in all aspects of my Union and feel our membership can get things accomplished.

Tony Nordin, Willapa Harbor Hospital

I've over 10 years of Shop Steward and contract negotiation experience at Willapa Harbor Hospital. Our contracts include all employees except RN's and management. Therefore to be effective, I must be flexible and willing to understand many job categories. I think this experience will serve all members of Local 8.

Jan Abberger, Group Health Cooperative

I'm Committed! As an Executive Board Member, I will be committed to keep our Union strong. As an experienced contract negotiator for your Union, I am committed to working hard in the best interests of our membership. It would be my honor to serve as your representative.

Vivi Zepeda, Sea Mar Community Health Centers

No statement provided.

Kathi Taylor, Olympic Community Action Home Care

I represent over 100 Homecare Aides who work at OLYCAP. I've been their Shop Steward for 13 years. I am the only Nominee who represents Homecare workers in this Region. I have been active with our Legislators In Olympia and a fierce advocate for Aides and the clients they serve.

Bill Messenger, Washington State Labor Council

I'm honored to run for the Board. My interest is I feel I can give back, if only in a small way, for the benefits we all enjoy. I've been an OPEIU 8 member for 4 years. I would consider it an honor and a privilege to represent you.



Local 8 Journal

PRE-SORT FIRST CLASS
**U.S. POSTAGE
PAID**
SEATTLE, WA
PERMIT #1244

OPEIU Local 8, 2800 First Ave., Rm. 304, Seattle, WA 98121-1114

Address Service Requested

Email: opeiu8@opeiu8.org
www.opeiu8.org



**Be sure to check
the Local 8
website
often for updates.**

**Look under
Membership
Assemblies
and Chapters
for the most current
information.**

Continued from page 1

Seven (7) Member Election Board Elected for a three (3) year term as follows: **Alan Wolfson (Chair), Christopher Wright, Heather Hanson, Daphne Becker, Terry Hall, Tony Sosa and Jessie Gross.** The Election Board oversees all Local 8 elections.

Two (2) Trustees Elected to finish serving three (3) year terms vacated by Rose Schuler and Lily Wilson-Codega as follows: **Carol Rozumalski and Heather Hanson.** Four (4) Trustees meet quarterly to review and audit Local 8's financial records.

Twelve (12) Delegates Elected to the Washington State Labor Council Convention to serve a two (2) year term. The Business Manager is an automatic Delegate. The 2010 Convention will be held August 9-12 in Tacoma, Washington. The elected Delegates are: **Charlie Best, Patrick Neville, Valancy Blackwell, Annaliza Torres, Corrine Cosentino, David Olivera, Kellie McGuire, Ligia Velázquez, Shelby Mooney, Mary Fassnacht, Kathi Scott, Kathi Taylor.**

Four (4) Delegates Elected to the OPEIU International Convention to be held in June 2010. The Business Manager is an automatic Delegate. The elected Delegates are: **Cindy Schu, Kellie McGuire, Kathi Scott and Janice Herrera.**

Open Central Labor Council positions elected: Delegates to Central Labor Councils (including the MLKCLC) will be held January 2011; however several vacant positions are open and have been filled as follows: Bellingham, **Lori Province**; Pierce, **Jan Abberger, Michelle Ruiz**; Snohomish, **Ligia Velázquez**; Thurston, **Regina Smith** and Twin Harbors; **Bill Messenger** and **Avis French.**