

## CALENDAR

Go to [www.opeiu8.org](http://www.opeiu8.org) and click on Membership Assemblies and Chapters (icon on the right) to get the full schedule or contact the Local 8 office.

### Upcoming Chapter Meetings

#### Saturday, October 16

- Yakima  
Southeast Yakima  
Community Center  
1211 S. 7th St., Yakima  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

#### Saturday, October 30

- Aberdeen  
IAM Woodworkers Hall  
2600 Sumner Ave., Aberdeen  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

#### Wednesday, November 17

- Shoreline  
Shoreline Conference Center  
Sheriden Room  
18560 1st Ave. NE, Shoreline  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Upcoming Member Education

#### Saturday, October 16

- Seattle (New Steward Training)  
Skyway Library  
7614 S. 126th St., Seattle  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

#### Saturday, November 13

- Bellingham (Worker Rights)  
Fairhaven Library  
1117 12th St., Bellingham  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

# GHC Workers in Spokane Say Union, YES!

OPEIU has represented members at GHC in Western Washington for many years, and now their counterparts in Eastern Washington/Northern Idaho will have the same opportunity for a voice on the job and the protections a union provides. About 80 employees voted on September 22 to join with their union co-workers.

This was a hard fought victory for the 80 Patient Registrars, Transcriptionists, Health Information Specialists and other employees. Earlier in the year, workers lost their election by 4 votes as a result of GHC's threats of withholding a long overdue wage increase. The National Labor Relations Board held a two day hearing in which seven members of the Union Organizing Committee testified to GHC's objectionable conduct. The NLRB found in favor of the Union and ordered a new election to be held to enable employees to make their decision freely without employer interference.

The Union Organizing Committee dedicated themselves for months to educating their co-workers about why having a union would be beneficial especially during these uncertain times. Their perseverance made the difference, as well as, support from our GHC members in Western Washington. A special thanks to Executive Board Member **Michelle Ruiz**, and Shop Stewards **Jan Abberger** and **Elaine Carlson** who took time to go to Spokane to meet with their non-union co-workers.

Contract negotiations begin soon and we look forward to welcoming our newest members to OPEIU.



Local 8's Membership Assembly in Ellensburg, Sept. 25. Story Inside.

## Next Membership Assembly

Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011

- Aberdeen/Olympia Area  
Location TBA  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Executive Board

**Kellie McGuire**  
*President*

**Kathi Scott**  
*Vice President*

**Cindy Schu**  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

**Evelyn Bowles**  
*Recording Secretary*

**Karen White,**  
*Central*

**Valancy Blackwell,**  
*Central*

**Ruthie Cuthrell,**  
*Central*

**Anthony Forte,**  
*Central*

**Jan Hays,** *Central*

**David Olivera,**  
*Central*

**Carmen Paez,** *North*

**Audrey Gunderson,**  
*North*

**John O'Keefe,**  
*North*

**Mary Jo Dalzell,**  
*North*

**Kathi Taylor,** *South*  
*/West*

**Bill Messenger,**  
*South/West*

**Michelle Ruiz,**  
*South/West*

**Mike Gimlin,** *East*

**Barb Brennan,** *East*

**Robin Sullivan,**  
*East*

**Joan Weiss**  
*Trustee*

**Lois Jamieson**  
*Trustee*

**Heather Hanson**  
*Trustee*

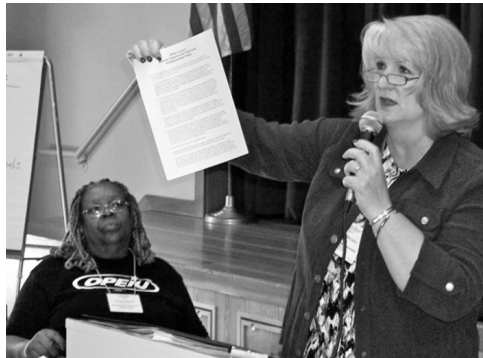
**Carol Rozumalski**  
*Trustee*

# 2nd Membership Assembly in Ellensburg Held September 25

In July 2009, Local 8 members voted on a new, historic governance structure designed to be more inclusive and responsive to members throughout the State. In January this year the new structure was launched with over 100 members attending our first Membership Assembly held in Seattle. Once again our Assembly, this time in Eastern Washington, had excellent attendance and participation.



Member Terry Hall, Executive Board Member Karen White and Election Chair Alan Wolfson count ballots for the Trustee Election.



Recording Secretary Evelyn Bowles and President Kellie McGuire address the Assembly.

## *A few highlights:*

- Congratulations to Lois Jamieson who was elected for a second term as a Local 8 Trustee.
- New Central Labor Council positions: Debbie Haney, Kitsap CLC; Mary Fassnacht, Twin Harbors CLC.
- Members voted to approve a new Member Hardship Fund to begin in January 2011.
- Other Committees met to plan actions for the coming months: Political Action; Shop Steward/Leadership, Diversity; and Chapter Meetings/Assembly.
- We approved our year to date financial statement which showed us in a stable financial position.



Our Sergeant of Arms, Shaunie Saelee

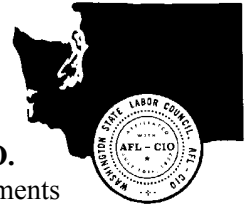


Our Providence Hospital Delegation, Laurel Coalwell, Executive Board Member Audrey Gunderson and Janice Herrera. Not pictured, Board Member John O'Keefe.



Members of the Political Action Committee.

# 2010 WSLC Endorsements



Following are the 2010 election endorsements of the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO. Delegates representing the WSLC's affiliated unions voted upon and approved the following endorsements at the conventions in May and August. If a race does not appear on this list, the WSLC has made no recommendation in that race. This list has been updated since the Primary Election.

## U.S. SENATE

**Patty Murray**

## U.S. HOUSE

1st – **Jay Inslee**  
2nd – **Rick Larsen**  
3rd – **Denny Heck**  
4th – **Jay Clough**  
6th – **Norm Dicks**  
7th – **Jim McDermott**  
8th – **Suzan delBene**  
9th – **Adam Smith**

## JUDICIAL

STATE SUPREME COURT

**Charlie Wiggins**  
**Barbara Madsen**  
**OPPOSE** Jim Johnson

COURT OF APPEALS

Div. 1 Dist. 1 Pos. 2: **Michael Spearman**  
Div. 2 Dist. 3 Pos. 2: **Jill Johanson**

## BALLOT MEASURES

### OPPOSE Initiative 1053

Tim Eyman's effort to impose 2/3 supermajority votes on revenue issues

### OPPOSE Initiative 1082

Privatizing Washington's public non-profit workers' compensation system

### SUPPORT Initiative 1098

Tax relief for middle-class families and small businesses, and creating a high-earners income tax in Washington.

### OPPOSE Initiatives 1100 & 1105

to privatize state liquor stores

### OPPOSE Initiative 1107

to repeal any part of the 2010 state revenue package

### SUPPORT Referendum 52

"Schools and Jobs" measure to finance energy-efficiency retrofits at schools

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### 1st LD

House 1 – Derek Stanford  
House 2 – Luis Moscoso

### 2nd LD

House 1 – Marilyn Rasmussen  
House 2 – Tom Campbell

### 3rd LD

House 1 – Andrew Billig  
House 2 – Timm Ormsby

### 5th LD

House 1 – Gregory Hoover

### 6th LD

Senate – Chris Marr  
House 2 – John Driscoll

### 8th LD

House 1 – Carol Moser

### 10th LD

House 2 – Tom Riggs

### 11th LD

House 1 – Zack Hudgins  
House 2 – Bob Hasegawa

### 17th LD

House 1 – Tim Probst  
House 2 – Monica Stonier

### 18th LD

House 1 – Dennis Kampe

### 19th LD

House 1 – Dean Takko  
House 2 – Brian Blake

### 20th LD

House 1 – Corinne Tobeck

### 21st LD

House 1 – Mary Helen Roberts  
House 2 – Marko Liias

### 22nd LD

House 1 – Chris Reykdal  
House 2 – Sam Hunt

### 23rd LD

House 1 – Sherry Appleton  
House 2 – Christine Rolfes

### 24th LD

House 1 – Kevin Van De Wege

### 25th LD

House 1 – John Thompson  
House 2 – Dawn Morrell

### 26th LD

Senate – Derek Kilmer  
House 1 – Sumner Schoenike  
House 2 – Larry Seaquist

### 27th LD

House 1 – Jake Fey

### 28th LD

House 1 – OPPOSE  
Steve O'Ban  
House 2 – Tami Green

### 29th LD

Senate – Steve Conway  
House 1 – Connie Ladenburg  
House 2 – Steve Kirby

### 30th LD

House 1 – Mark Miloscia  
House 2 – Carol Gregory

### 32nd LD

Senate – Maralyn Chase  
House 1 – Cindy Ryu

### 33rd LD

Senate – Karen Keiser  
House 1 – Tina Orwall  
House 2 – Dave Upthegrove

### 34th LD

Senate – Sharon Nelson  
House 1 – Eileen Cody  
House 2 – Joe Fitzgibbon

### 36th LD

Senate – Jeanne Kohl-Welles  
House 2 – Mary Lou Dickerson

### 37th LD

Senate – Adam Kline

### 38th LD

Senate – Nick Harper  
House 1 – John McCoy  
House 2 – Mike Sells

### 41st LD

Senate – Randy Gordon

### 42nd LD

Senate – Patrick Jerns  
House 1 – Al Jensen

### 43rd LD

Senate – Ed Murray  
House 1 – Frank Chopp

### 44th LD

House 1 – Hans Dunshee

### 45th LD

Senate – Eric Oemig  
House 1 – Roger Goodman

### 46th LD

Senate – Scott White  
House 1 – David Frockt  
House 2 – Phyllis Kenney

### 47th LD

Senate – Claudia Kauffman  
House 1 – Geoff Simpson  
House 2 – Pat Sullivan

### 49th LD

House 1 – Jim Jacks  
House 2 – Jim Moeller

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# Local 8 has a full-time salaried Union Representative position open based in the Tri-Cities area.

Duties for the position include but are not limited to:

- Serve as chief spokesperson in labor negotiations.
- Prepare contract proposals, formulate bargaining strategies.
- Administer contracts, resolve grievances, counsel and advise members and Shop Stewards.
- Prepare and present educational or informational programs.
- Participate in legislative, political, labor and community affairs.
- This position requires long hours with frequent evening and weekend work.
- Some travel is required within Washington State. Fluency in Spanish is highly desired.
- Salary depends on experience. A comprehensive package of benefits is provided.

For the full job descriptions, please call the **Local 8** office at 206-441-8880 or 1-800-600-2433. Submit your resume and letter of application by Monday, November 1 to OPEIU Local 8, 2800 First Ave. #304, Seattle, WA 98121-1114 or email [libby@opeiu8.org](mailto:libby@opeiu8.org). Fax: 206-441-0207.

## Two Membership Support Representative (MSR) Job Openings

**Local 8** is seeking applicants for 2 MSR positions. One position may be full or part time and is based in the Tri-Cities area. The other position is full time and is based in the Seattle area. These are entry level positions intended to provide leadership opportunities for Local 8 members interested in serving on the Union staff. Candidates must be a **Local 8** member in good standing or a former Local 8 member within the last 12 months with a valid Washington driver's license and a car. Spanish fluency is highly desired.



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