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## Election Deadline

Mail Ballots Must Be  
Received by:  
Wednesday, February 24  
See right for details →

## Membership Education

Shop Steward Conference  
Saturday, May 14  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
South Seattle  
Community College  
(Watch for details soon!)

*Mark your calendar now!*

## The next Membership Assembly

Saturday, September 24  
Yakima



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## Election Notice for the South/West Region Executive Board Positions

In accordance with Article 14 of Local 8's Bylaws, this is notification that a mail ballot election will take place for **5 (five) South/West Region Executive Board Positions** to fill 3-year terms. Only members in good standing who reside in the South/West Region will receive ballots and are eligible to vote for 5 (five) of the candidates below. The South/West Region includes Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Grays Harbor, Thurston, Pierce, Pacific, Lewis, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Clark and Skamania Counties. **The secret mail ballots will be sent from the Local 8 office on Friday, February 5 and will need to be returned to the election post box in time to be picked up by the afternoon mail on Wednesday, February 24.** Ballots cannot be hand delivered; they can only be received in the special election post box that is identified in the voting packet. The results of the election will be posted on the Local 8 website at [www.opeiu8.org](http://www.opeiu8.org). If you live in the South/West Region and **don't receive a ballot by Thursday, February 11**, please be sure to email or call Jim at 206-441-8880 (ext.111) or [jim@opeiu8.org](mailto:jim@opeiu8.org).

Thank you to our **8 (eight) candidates for their participation in the South/West Region Executive Board Positions Election:**

- **Jan Abberger, *Group Health Cooperative***  
With a combination of extensive Union experience and passion to fight hard for the rights of each member, please consider retaining me as your Executive Board Member for the South/West Region. It is my pledge to continue listening and acting on your concerns as your voice on important union issues.
- **John L. Adams, *Thurston County Juvenile Corrections***  
Hello my fellow OPEIU Local 8 members. I have been an OPEIU member since 1989, former Local 23 President, and currently serve on our Executive Board. I am asking for your support and vote to continue serving on the board. Please call me with questions or comments (360) 507-2985.
- **Paul Bender, *Group Health Cooperative***  
As a 6 year steward, I'm excited to get involved and make a difference again! I've learned awareness and involvement are key to a strong and successful union. Previously on Local 23's Executive Board and a Trustee prior to that, I'm hoping to maintain and expand involvement with Local 8. *(continued on back page)*

• **Crystal Helsel, *Sea Mar Dental***

I would love to serve the Union on this board to learn more about the union processes. I want to contribute to the welfare of my co-workers and be part of the decisions that will be made that affect all of us. Thank you.

• **Sue Laguana, *Group Health Cooperative***

I am currently serving in a transitional Local 23 position on the Executive Board and find the experience greatly rewarding. I love the challenge of working closely with other Board members who want to make the best decisions for our UNION Members. Please consider supporting me to continue this work.

• **Tara Powell, *Group Health Cooperative***

I've been an OPEIU member for 10 years and a shop steward for 5. I'll work to ensure everyone has a voice, even if it is different from my own. I see this position as one of service, where I'll talk to my peers to see what the majority wants.

• **Doris Tucker, *Metropolitan Development Council***

I've been Chief Shop Steward at MDC for 15 years and served on Local 23's Executive Board for 12 years. Currently, I'm on Local 8's Board representing a Local 23 transitional position. I feel I'm a great asset to my fellow union members in this position. Please vote for me!

• **Karen White, *Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO***

I have been an OPEIU 8 member over 27 years and have been very active since day one. I watched this union grow in wonderful directions and have been an important part of that growth. I want to continue in this position and help our union grow even more.

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