

**Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) – this meeting was via Zoom**

**OPEIU Local 8  
Membership Assembly  
Minutes  
September 24, 2022**

**Assembly Opening**

President Kellie McGuire opened the assembly at 10:01 am and welcomed everyone to our 26th Membership Assembly

**Native Land Acknowledgement** – was read by President Kellie McGuire

**Local 8's Code of Conduct** – was read by Vice-President John Adams

**Roll Call of Officers** – by Recording Secretary Shannon Mains

President Kellie McGuire, Vice-President John Adams, Recording Secretary Shannon Mains, Secretary-Treasurer Corinne Cosentino, Business Manager Suzanne Mode, Executive Board Members: Anthony Forte, Sara Franklin, Sara Jimenez, Misha Smith, Corina Yballa, David Olivera, Brandon Galovin (A), Lucy Lopez (A), Elizabeth Maass (A), JoAnn Ortiz, Barb Cameron (E), Catherine Houser (A), Rick Nesbitt, Robin Sullivan, Paul Bender, Sonja Blondeau-Heglin, Emmanuel Flores, Coreale Forrest (A), Debbie Guillot, Benjamin Peterson

Trustees- David Evans, Lois Jamieson (E), Joan Weiss, Valori Flake (A), Fred Hutchins (E)

**Initiation of New Members/Introductions/Welcome**

President Kellie McGuire initiated and welcomed new members.

**Approval of Minutes**

**M/S/C** to approve the January 22, 2022 Membership Assembly Minutes with 1 abstention and 1 correction

**Financial Report** by Secretary Treasurer Corinne Cosentino

**M/S/C** to approve the August 2022 YTD Financial Statement

**Special Order of Business** – Election Committee Chair John Adams introduced the Election Committee Members- Cindy Schu, Anthony Forte, Emmanuel Flores, Patrick Pederson, Valori Flake, Robin Sullivan and Karen White.

**Nominations and election of 2 Trustees** – Joan Weiss and Lois Jaimeson, nominated and elected by acclamation.

**Nominations and election of all vacant Central Labor Council Delegate Positions:**

**Cowlitz-Wahkiakum**, no nominations

**Kitsap County**, no nominations

**Martin Luther King Jr. County**, Ingrid Chapman, alternate, nominated and elected by acclamation

**North Central**, no nominations

**Northwest Washington**, no nominations

**Pierce County**, no nominations

**Snohomish County**, no nominations

**Southeast Washington**, no nominations

**Southwest Washington**, Sonja Blondeau-Heglin, nominated and elected by acclamation

**Spokane Reginal**, Alex Cassano, nominated and elected by acclamation

**Thurston-Lewis-Mason**, Ben Peterson, nominated and elected by acclamation

**Twin Harbors**, no nominations

**Yakima and South Central Counties**, no nominations

### **Nominations and Election of an Election Committee of 2 Members and 7 Alternates**

Misha Smith and Omar Cuevas Vega, nominated and elected by acclamation

**Washington State Labor Council Project Help** – Jessica Gallardo, the Director of Project Help gave us presentation on WSLC’s Project Help. The mission is to ensure that all stakeholders understand their rights and responsibilities under the law.

**Hardship Fund Report** – Rep Angie Wedekind and Organizer Nallely Flores kind gave the membership an update on the hardship fund, encouraged members to give to the Hardship Fund, and to get the word out to our members about the fund.

**Labor Notes Conference Report-** Emma Allen who works at the Department of Assessments shared her experience attending the very inspirational and educational Labor Notes Conference this summer in Chicago.

**State of the Union Report by Business Manager Suzanne Mode** – Suzanne gave us an update on staffing. Four (4) new bargaining units are being brought on. Corinne and Joan are carefully overseeing the budget. Remote work has created challenges for unions, making it harder to connect with members. Omar Cuevas Vega is our new apprentice organizer and he will be working on internal organizing in the Public Sector. Suzanne also said it is good to see in person meetings starting up again- i.e. the Union in the Park picnics. Staff is committed to getting back out there to meet with members in person.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Shop Steward Committee** – The Shop Steward Committee continues to meet monthly and is working on getting more turn-out. They have plans to update the shop steward training manuals. They also have plans to practice role-playing and going over procedures for investigative meetings.

**Race, Equity and Social Justice Committee** – Rep Valarie Peaphon shared a very inspiring video of staff, and members and families sharing their experiences being involved with the RESJI committee.

**Political Action Committee** – Chair Sara Franklin shared that the PAC is dedicated to supporting candidates that that support our union values and those of working families. David Olivera encouraged members to participate in Labor Neighbor and shared information on rank file voting. Reps Leslie Liddle and Erin Adamson encouraged members to contribute to the PAC fund and the process for contributing.

**Communications Committee** – Chair Kellie McGuire shared that the committee is working on branding and identity. They will be exploring what statewide community actions they will do in the future. She also reminded members about the Go Fund Me that supports the needs of the homeless populations our members serve.

**Public Sector Organizing Committee** – Chair Corinne Cosentino announced that apprentice organizer Omar Cuevas Vega will be inviting all the shop stewards in the public sector to a meeting

in October to plan how to reach out to public sector employees and get them signed-up to be members.

**Election Committee – no report**

**New Business:**

1. Review and approve any Committee recommendations. **No committee recommendations**
2. Approval of the Education Curriculum for 2023 Regional Meetings. **M/S/C to have the training on microaggressions.**
3. Approval of donation(s) to be collected at Local 8 events in 2023. **M/S/C to provide cooling devices for farmworkers and Thanksgiving meals to Union Gospel Mission.**
4. Review and approve OPEIU Local 8's Donation Policy. **M/S/C**
5. Approval of OPEIU Local 8 Sponsored 2023 Events. **M/S/C**

**Member Reports/Announcements-**

Annaliza Torres gave the membership an update on the Root Out Racism campaign dedicated to ending the epidemic of racism throughout King County worksites.

Sara Franklin shared information on the CTU conference on how to build membership and engage youth and the Reproductive Justice for All event in South Park at West Crest Park on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:58 p.m.