

# OPEIU LOCAL 8 COMMITTEES

**Political Action Committee (PAC)** Organizes, coordinates and recommends to the Executive Board and/or membership any action on political candidates and political issues. Coordinates PAC fund-raisers and get-out-the-vote campaigns. Meets monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. by Zoom.

Contact: **Erin Adamson** (ext. 105) or [erin@opeiu8.org](mailto:erin@opeiu8.org).

**Shop Steward/Education Committee** Recommends member involvement activities, decides member education and reviews other Shop Steward initiatives. Creates member communication materials, plans steward conference. Hosts monthly steward workshops. Meets as needed.

**Steward Workshop** Supports stewards with monthly trainings and mentorship. Meets the last Wednesday of the month from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.

Contact: **Ida Kovacic** at 1-800-600-2433 (ext. 117) or **Patrick Pedersen** (ext. 121) or [ida@opeiu8.org](mailto:ida@opeiu8.org) or [patrick@opeiu8.org](mailto:patrick@opeiu8.org).

**Race, Equity and Social Justice Committee** The Race, Equity and Social Justice (RESJ) Committee works to support and empower marginalized workers. We know our fates are interconnected and many workplace injustices are rooted in racism and discrimination. We are committed to fighting for social and economic justice for all through training, educational resources, public advocacy, community organizing, and creating space for hard conversations. Together in solidarity we can work to end racism and all forms of oppression. Meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6:00 p.m. by Zoom.

Contact: **Valarie Peaphon** at 1-800-600-2433 (ext. 103) or **Tara Powell** (ext. 106) or [valarie@opeiu8.org](mailto:valarie@opeiu8.org) or [tara@opeiu8.org](mailto:tara@opeiu8.org).

**Communications Committee** Builds Local 8's visibility and involvement in our communities. Enhance our outreach to constituency groups and cultivate Local 8's "branding" strategy.

Contact: **Corinne Cosentino** at 1-800-600-2433 (ext. 113) or **Suzanne Mode** (ext. 101) or [corinne@opeiu8.org](mailto:corinne@opeiu8.org) or [suzanne@opeiu8.org](mailto:suzanne@opeiu8.org).

**Young Worker Group** Newly created group to recruit and engage young members, under the age of 35, to become active in the Union.

Contact: **Phoebe Feldsher** at 1-800-600-2433 (ext. 119) or **Omar Cuevas Vega** (ext. 116) or [phoebe@opeiu8.org](mailto:phoebe@opeiu8.org) or [omar@opeiu8.org](mailto:omar@opeiu8.org).

**Hardship Fundraising Committee** Coordinates fundraising events for the Local 8 Hardship Fund. Meets as needed.

Contact: **Angie Wedekind** at 1-800-600-2433 (ext. 122) or **Nallely Flores** (ext. 109) or [angie@opeiu8.org](mailto:angie@opeiu8.org) or [nallely@opeiu8.org](mailto:nallely@opeiu8.org).

**Bylaws Committee** Examines in detail the Bylaws of Local 8 and recommends any changes as needed. Meets on an as-needed basis.

Contact: **Suzanne Mode** at 1-800-600-2433 (ext. 101) or [suzanne@opeiu8.org](mailto:suzanne@opeiu8.org).

**Finance Committee** Reviews and makes recommendations on the Local 8's financial/dues structure and budget. Meets 1-2 times a year.

Contact: **Corinne Cosentino** at 1-800-600-2433 (ext. 113) or [corinne@opeiu8.org](mailto:corinne@opeiu8.org).

**Grievance Review Committee** Hears appeals from members who disagree with the Union's resolution or recommendation of their grievance. Meets on an as-needed basis. Three (3) experienced Shop Stewards are appointed by the President of Local 8 in accordance with the Standing Rule on Grievance Appeals.

Contact: **Erin Adamson** at 1-800-600-2433 (ext. 105) or [erin@opeiu8.org](mailto:erin@opeiu8.org).

**Committees are open to all members except Grievance Appeals whose members must be experienced Shop Stewards appointed by the President of Local 8.**

**New members always welcome!**