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*For Local 8 Members at Northwest Carpenters Trust*

June 7, 2023

## **Merger Update and Steward Elections**

Many of you heard the Pacific Northwest Council was dissolved effective yesterday June 6, 2023, and its geographical and trade jurisdiction was merged into the Southwest Council. Provided further, that all Local Unions affiliated with the Pacific Northwest Council, i.e., Local Unions 96, 196, 206, 360, 425, 503, 541, 1243, 1281, 2520, 2761, 2851, 2949 shall be affiliated with the Southwest Council.

After our members meeting, OPEIU sent an information request and a demand to bargain to your employer. This is the information we received.

*Hi Ida, this will respond to your RFI dated May 26, 2023.*

*Gene Price is the Senior Administrator and Randy Parker is the Salaried Administrator. They each are responsible for administering the trust funds, including authority over the staff.*

*There is no written plan to merge. The trusts are meeting on June 7 to discuss a request from the SW to do a merger study. At this meeting, there may also be a discussion about possibly bringing in an outside Carpenters administrative corporation to assist and/or take over the administration, and/or hiring certain management positions.*

*The Trusts are unaware of any correspondence sent to any members of the PNRCC about a pending merger with the SWRCC. Hopefully the attachments and the above answers the questions you asked. Please let me know what your proposed dates you would like to have for bargaining.*

We don't know yet how this may impact you and your coworkers. OPEIU is preparing to bargain, and we expect to know more after today's trusts meeting.

## **Steward Elections**

We currently have two stewards Celia and Allyson (who is on leave), we are holding steward elections for two more stewards. Click on [this link](#) to vote for 2 stewards by the close of business on June 12, 2023.

Thank you, please let Ida know if you have questions. We will let you all know when we hear more.

***If you have any questions, please contact Ida Kovacic, Union Representative, [Ida@opeiu8.org](mailto:Ida@opeiu8.org), 206-441-8880 x117***



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