



SEIU's Alice Dale considers run for attorney general

Alice Dale, a high-ranking official of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), is considering a run for attorney general of Oregon.

Hardy Myers, the current attorney general, announced he will not seek another term, and two candidates have so far filed to run for the office. If Dale enters the race, she would be competing with Lake Oswego State Rep. Greg Macpherson and Lewis & Clark Law School professor John Kroger for the Democratic nomination in the May 2008 primary. No Republican has yet filed to run for the office.

Dale is president of 6,800-member SEIU Local 49 based in Portland, and vice president of the SEIU international. SEIU is an affiliate of the Change to Win labor federation. Prior to that, she was the longtime executive director of SEIU Local 503, also known as the Oregon Public Employees Union. Dale also serves on the governor-appointed Oregon Health Policy Commission.

Oregon state law requires candidates for attorney general be members of the Oregon Bar Association; Dale, an attorney, is a member.

"She'd be a formidable candidate," said Oregon AFL-CIO President Tom Chamberlain. "She's one of the top leaders not only of the labor movement, but of Oregon. I don't think anyone ought to underestimate her."

Dale has been meeting with labor leaders and others to gauge possible support, and said she'll most likely make a decision by mid-October.

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Kucinich, Edwards will pay visit to Oregon AFL-CIO convention

SEASIDE — Democratic presidential hopeful Dennis Kucinich, a congressman from Ohio, has been added to the lineup of speakers at this year's Oregon AFL-CIO convention.

Kucinich will join former North Carolina U.S. senator and presidential candidate John Edwards, national AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski, and several other politicians on the speaking docket.

The 50th biennial convention starts Monday morning, Oct. 8, and runs through midday Wednesday, Oct. 10.

Kucinich will speak at a welcome party scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 7, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Best Western Oceanview Motel, which also will serve as the convention headquarters. The state labor federation's Executive Board, General Board and Committee on Political Education will meet Sunday starting at 1 p.m., also at the Best Western Oceanview Motel.

Sweeney is slated to speak at 10 a.m. on the opening day, Monday, Oct. 8. Kulongoski is scheduled to appear at 4:30 p.m. Following adjournment, delegates will canvass sections of the city with Working America, a community affiliate of the national AFL-CIO that is partnering with labor to create a massive workers' movement. After the can-

vass, volunteers will have a barbecue at Broadway Park in Seaside.

On Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m., Edwards will address delegates. At 7 p.m. that evening the popular Union Label Show will be held at the Seaside Convention Center.

On Wednesday, delegates will elect new officers and Executive Board members. Both president and secretary-treasurer posts are up this year and the only declared candidates at this point are incumbent President Tom Chamberlain and incumbent Secretary-Treasurer Barbara Byrd. Chamberlain is completing the term of Tim Nesbitt, who stepped down in mid-term, and

Byrd is completing the term of Brad Witt, who was deemed ineligible to serve following the departure of United Food and Commercial Workers to the Change to Win labor federation.

Nominations will be held at 11:45 a.m. Oct. 8.

The convention begins at 9 a.m. all three days.

An Executive Board meeting will be held immediately following adjournment on Oct. 10.

Delegates can register from noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7 at the Best Western Oceanview Motel, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 8-9, at the Convention Center.

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