

Shuler, Kitzhaber to appear at Oregon AFL-CIO gathering

BEND — Newly elected AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Liz Shuler will be a keynote speaker at the Oregon AFL-CIO Convention Oct. 25-27.

Shuler, a member of Portland-based IBEW Local 125 who last month was elected on a slate with President Richard Trumka, will address delegates Tuesday morning, Oct. 27.

Also on the speaking docket are Larry Cohen, international president of Communications Workers of America; Stewart Acuff, assistant to President Trumka; and former Oregon governor and candidate for governor John Kitzhaber.

The convention opens Monday, Oct. 26, at 9 a.m. at the Riverhouse Convention Center with an opening address from President Tom Chamberlain.

Prior to that, at 8 a.m., first-time delegates are invited to attend an orientation seminar, where experienced union leaders will walk through convention rules and procedures and discuss how to effectively participate in the process.

CWA's Cowen and Kitzhaber also will address delegates Monday morning.

Monday evening at 5 p.m. the International Association of Fire Fighters will host a barbecue, followed by the popular Union Label Show at 7 p.m.

In addition to Shuler, Tuesday will feature a report by Oregon AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Barbara Byrd, and remarks from Jerome Ringo of the Apollo Alliance and Bob Baugh, director of the AFL-CIO's Industrial Union Council.

A Welcome Party featuring Carl Wolfson, comedian and host of The Morning Show on 620 KPOJ-AM, will be held Sunday, Oct. 25 starting at 5:30 p.m.

On Sunday afternoon starting at noon the Oregon AFL-CIO Executive Committee will meet, followed by the

Executive Board, General Board, and Committee on Political Education (COPE) Board.

At 4 p.m. the state labor federation will meet with AFL-CIO constituency groups to discuss ways in which members can become more active in workplace issues. Among the groups invited to attend is the Youth Caucus for delegates ages 35 and under.

AFL-CIO constituency groups include the Coalition of Labor Union Women; the Labor Coalition for Latin American Advancement; the A. Phillip Randolph Institute; the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists; the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance; Pride At Work; and the Alliance for Retired Americans.

For more information, e-mail Graham Trainor at graham@aflcio.org.

Convention registration opens at noon, Sunday, Oct. 25, in the lobby of the Riverhouse Hotel and will continue until 8 p.m. Registration tables will be open Monday and Tuesday starting at 8 a.m.

The deadline for resolutions from statewide organizations is 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 25.

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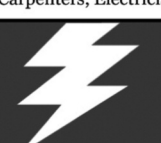
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