

NW Oregon Labor Council makes endorsements in Multnomah County, Washington County races

The Northwest Oregon Labor Council has endorsed Jeff Cogen for chair of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners. The labor council previously had endorsed incumbent Ted Wheeler, but prior to the March 9 filing deadline. Wheeler left to accept an appointment from Gov. Ted Kulongoski to serve as state treasurer. The appointment came following the death of Ben Westlund. Wheeler then filed to run for treasurer in the May primary.

Upon Wheeler's departure, Cogen,

who had filed to run for re-election as Multnomah County commissioner in District 2, withdrew to run for County chair.

Eight candidates then filed to run for Cogen's open seat in District 2. One of them, Tom Markgraf, was endorsed by the labor council.

Markgraf is a public policy consultant and former staffer to Congressman Earl Blumenauer. He has been involved in the Columbia River Crossing and other transportation issues for many

years. Markgraf supports building a new bridge over the Columbia River.

In addition to Cogen and Markgraf, the labor council endorsed Dan Staton for Multnomah County sheriff and Dick Schouten for chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners.

Schouten is currently a Washington County commissioner representing the Aloha, Beaverton, and Cooper Mountain area. He has held the seat since 2000.

Longtime Washington County Chair Tom Brian is not seeking re-election.

Unions for Kids asks for 'an hour of pay' to help Doernbecher's

Unions for Kids, the non-profit all-volunteer organization that hosts the Motorcycle Poker Run and Chili Cook-off Fundraiser for Doernbecher Children's Hospital, has added a new twist to its fundraising efforts.

A major part of raising money is a raffle for a new Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Tickets are \$10 each, with only 4,000 sold. Additionally, Poker run riders pay a \$10 registration fee, union locals and businesses buy "sponsorships" and vendor space to the event, and some companies donate in-kind printing, promotions, signage, etc.

This year, Unions for Kids is asking union members to donate one hour of their net take-home pay to the cause.

"If you are fortunate enough to be working in this economy and can help, please do," said Lee Duncan, a mem-

ber of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 48 and president of Unions for Kids. "If you have friends, family and/or neighbors that may be able to help, please let them know that for each dollar they contribute, they can be assured that the full dollar goes up the hill to those brave kids that need your help."

This year's Motorcycle Poker Run will be held Saturday, June 12, starting and finishing at the IBEW Local 48 hall in Northeast Portland.

To be a sponsor, to donate an hour's pay, or to buy a raffle ticket for the motorcycle (a 2010 Heritage Softail Classic in red-hot sun-glo; retail value \$18,804), go online to www.unionsforkids.org or call Duncan at 503-260-5905.

Building trades council backs Saltzman, Fish

The Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council has endorsed the re-election of Portland City Commissioners Dan Saltzman and Nick Fish.

The organization comprised of construction unions also supports Jeff Cogen for Multnomah County chair; Tom Markgraf for Multnomah County commissioner; Rex Burkholder for Metro president; Duke Shepard for Metro councilor; and the re-election of for Clackamas County Commissioner Ann Linger.

Cogen, Markgraf, Burkholder and Shepard are running for open seats.

The Oregon primary election is May 18.

Obama taps labor's candidates for NLRB during Easter recess

Organized labor cheered President Barack Obama's recess appointment of Craig Becker and Mark Pearce to the National Labor Relations Board.

The appointment was one of 15 that Obama announced March 27.

Republicans and business associations are opposed to Becker because of his work as a lawyer for both the AFL-CIO and the Service Employees International Union. In February, Senate Republicans blocked Becker's nomination using a filibuster.

"I simply cannot allow partisan politics to stand in the way of the basic functioning of government," Obama said.

According to the White House, the 15 nominees have been pending for an average of 214 days — or seven months. Obama currently has 217 nominees pending before the Senate, including 34 nominees pending for more than six months.

The NLRB has been operating with only two Board members since Dec. 31, 2007.

For more on the NLRB appointments, see "NLRB grinds to a halt as U.S. Senate fails to confirm," at www.nwlaborpess.org.

IN MEMORIAM

MARCIA RAE TAMLYN, an office receptionist at International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 125 for the past 35 years, passed away March 8 at age 63. No cause of death was given.

Tamlyn was a member of Office and Professional Employees Local 11.

Tamlyn was born Dec. 21, 1946, in Watertown, South Dakota, to Lucille and Ray Tamlyn. The family moved from South Dakota to Wishram, Washington when she was six. Marcia graduated from Goldendale High School in 1965, and then moved to Vancouver, where she attended Clark College.



Marcia did volunteer work creating Life Story Books for children being adopted in Clark County. She was an active participant in Bible

Study Fellowship.

She is survived by her mother, Lucille; brother, Steve; sister, Jean Beaty; and several nephews and godchildren. Her father, Ray, preceded her in death.

Remembrances can be made in her name to the American Cancer Society.

Oregon AFL-CIO to hold noon memorial for workers April 28

SALEM — The Oregon AFL-CIO will hold a memorial service at the new Fallen Workers Memorial at noon Wednesday, April 28, Workers Memorial Day.

The Fallen Workers Memorial is located near the main entrance of the Labor and Industries Building, 350 Winter St. NE.

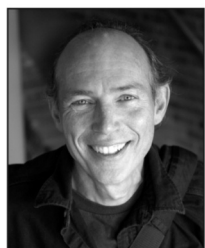
The memorial service will include the reading of the names of the 58 Oregon workers killed on the job in 2009, as well as the eight Oregon soldiers killed in military service last year. The Oregon AFL-CIO also is asking union members to make arrangements with their employers to observe a moment of

silence that day.

Workers Memorial Day was enacted by the AFL-CIO in 1989 to remember workers killed or injured on the job. April 28 was chosen because it is the anniversary of the creation of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the day of a similar remembrance in Canada.



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