

SEIU's Frane tapped for international job

Leslie Frane, executive director of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 503 in Oregon, has been appointed director of SEIU's Public Services Division by the union's new president, Mary Kay Henry.

Henry was elected president of SEIU earlier this year following the retirement of longtime leader Andy Stern.

SEIU represents 850,000 public sector employees in the United States.

"We have big challenges ahead as we implement health care reform on a national level and look for solutions to the crisis facing workers all around this nation," Henry said, "and I have asked Leslie Frane to help replicate the extraordinary accomplishments we've seen in Oregon over the last eight years."

SEIU Local 503 has nearly doubled in size during Frane's eight-year tenure, growing to 44,000 members.

"The economic crisis we face puts human services, education and public safety services at risk across the nation," Frane said. "I can think of no more important work than leading public employees' efforts to protect and improve

the services our communities rely on."

Under Frane's leadership, SEIU Local 503 has increased its focus on improving public services, addressing problems at such agencies as Oregon State Hospital and the Oregon Youth Authority and expanding access to affordable quality child care for working parents and long-term care for seniors and people with disabilities.

"The lessons of Oregon are impor-

tant, and we want the voices and visions of people like Leslie to help us move forward," Henry said.

Frane will stay on through Local 503's biennial convention in August. The union's Board of Directors will elect an interim executive director for the final three months of her term, and union members will elect a new executive director, along with other statewide officers, this fall.



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...Trumka says accountability is key

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they're not wrong." Accountability, Hayes said, must now stretch to the top, instead of being confined to making the U.S. "a ruthlessly obsessed, punishing society" only for those below the top.

"There has to be a progressive story," Hayes continued. It should center on combating the financial crash, he added. "There were more morons than crooks" on Wall Street that produced

the tumult. "But the crooks were higher up."

Trumka extended the accountability theme to politicians, including Democrats whom labor supported in the past.

Nussbaum said accountability would be achieved through Working America's efforts to educate union and nonunion workers about issues, and comparing and contrasting politicians' stands with workers' values.

That's particularly relevant on the bank bailout, which draws mass ire nationally. The AFL-CIO has led large protests against the banks. It demands the financiers repay the billions the taxpayers lent to them, and that the government turn around and order redistribution of those funds to smaller institutions that would lend money to struggling homeowners and to businesses that actually create jobs.

If politicians, including Democrats,

don't support that stand and also oppose longer jobless benefits and vote against aid to workers, labor will not back them, Trumka said. "You could call us, in the future, unpredictable partners," he said.

Local Motion

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Union certifications and decertifications in Oregon and Southwest Washington, as reported by the National Labor Relations Board and the Oregon Employment Relations Board

Recognition elections

Name of employer Date	Name of union	Location	Results:		
			Union Yes	Union No	
Bend Pepsi (decertification) 5/4	Teamsters Local 962	Bend	1	4	
First Student (decertification) 5/18	OR School Employees Assc.	Molalla	26	17	
Safeway 5/20	Bakers Local 114	Clackamas	10	2	

Recognition by card check

Name of employer Date	Name of union	Location	Number of employees
City of Canyonville (classified staff & PT teachers) 5/10	IBEW Local 659	Canyonville	7
State of Oregon Longterm Care Ombudsman 5/14	Oregon AFSCME	Salem	10

Requests for recognition election

Name of employer Name of union	Location	Number of employees
First Student Oregon School Employees Association/AFT Local 6732	Gresham	108
First Student Teamsters Local 58	St. Helens	39

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