

Davis re-elected business manager of IBEW #48

Clif Davis defeated Barry Mitchell in a run-off election for business manager/financial secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 48. The vote was 912-619. Ballots were tallied July 13.

Neither candidate was able to obtain the required 50 percent-plus-one majority in the first mail-in election June 23. Three candidates were in that race, including Paul Riggs, Mitchell and Davis, the top two vote-getters, then went to a run-off.

Davis, 53, has served as business manager of the 3,800-member local since 2007, when he unseated Mitchell, who was wrapping up his first term in office.

Davis is a Portland native and 1974 graduate of Benson High School. He started in the labor movement as a Fred Meyer cashier and member of Clerks Local 1092. After six years as a cashier, and six as a Fred Meyer manager, he worked three years at Frito-Lay as a member of the Teamsters Union. He entered the IBEW apprenticeship program in 1988 and turned out in 1993.

Davis also holds an associates degree in applied science from Portland Community College.

He worked as a general foreman and as an instructor at the NECA-IBEW Electrical Training Center in Northeast Portland before being hired in 1996 as an organizer for Local 48. In 2001, he took a job as a business representative for the local.

In other election results, Erik Richardson defeated incumbent Phil Parker for president, while Gary Young out-pollied Joe Jacobs for vice president. John Sargent and Kathy Duncan ran unopposed for treasurer and recording secretary, respectively.

In a 12-person race for six Executive Board seats, the top vote-getters were Rod Belisle, Paul Behrman, Dan Maher, Bob Blair, Paul New, and Marjorie Ramirez.

Jason Jenkins, Alan Keser, and Cari Ebbert were elected to the Exam Board in a four-person race.

Fourteen members ran for eight slots as convention delegates. Elected were Lee Duncan, Bruce Zimmerman, Kathy Duncan, Lisa Serrano, Eric Hayes, Bob Carroll, Ryan Brown, and Joe Esmonde.

Officers, Board members, and delegates were sworn in July 28. Terms of office are three years.



CLIF DAVIS

Building Trades to host labor night with Beavers on Aug. 19

Building Trades Night with the Portland Beavers will be held Thursday, Aug. 19, at PGE Park.

Infield reserve tickets are only \$12. A bloc of 100 tickets have been reserved for union members and their families. Gates open at 6 p.m. with the first pitch at 7:05 p.m.

The Beavers are hosting Round Rock Express.

To order your tickets, contact Brian Pollard at 503-553-5441 or bpollard@pgepark.com and be sure to mention you are with the building trades event. Deadline to order tickets is Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 5 p.m.

MACG organizing 100 homes in Cully for clean energy program

Over 300 residents from Portland's Cully neighborhood gathered at Rigler School July 29 to learn about the "Changing the Climate in Cully" initiative. As part of the Clean Energy Works Portland residential weatherization retrofit program, eligible homeowners who choose to participate in the project will improve the comfort and value of their homes, save energy, and create family-supporting jobs in the community.

Sponsored by Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good (MACG) and a coalition of other community partners, the event — which also featured free ice cream, music, and family entertainment — marked the kick-off of the neighborhood-led initiative. Homeowners in attendance learned more about home weatherization, and many signed up for an energy assessment. Through outreach and volunteer activities such as door-knocking, phone banks and house parties, MACG's "Changing the Climate in Cully" effort will organize 100 Cully homes by September for retrofits this year.

Beyond energy efficiency, "Changing the Climate in Cully" is concerned with creating family-supporting jobs and growing the area's economy. As a start, the program will create 17 new jobs, while sustaining another 16. In order to provide the highest quality work to customers, while ensuring the highest quality job creation, six small, local construction contractors and workers from the Laborers Union have teamed up to perform the weatherization retrofit work, guaranteeing living-wage jobs and health care benefits for all workers employed on the project.

With a new weatherization training program, the Laborers Union has been providing training and credentials in jobs as weatherization installers and supervisors. In addition, subcontractors representing three trade union locals — Sheet Metal Workers Local 16, Electrical Workers Local 48, and Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 290 — will be performing specialty work on the project.

"Our members are walking the streets of Cully talking with residents about the program, helping to build this innovative organizing model, and most importantly to us, will perform this

work under a union contract," said Greg Held, Business Manager of the Oregon, Southern Idaho and Wyoming District Council of Laborers. "Thanks to the efforts of MACG and its partner organizations, workers on this green energy efficiency project will all be making living wages and receiving health care."

Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Energy awarded the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability a \$20 million "Retrofit Ramp-Up" award to weatherize thousands of homes and commercial buildings statewide through an expansion of the pilot program called Clean Energy Works Portland (CEWP).

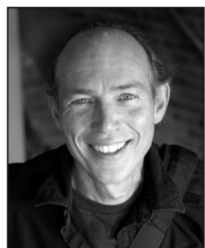
"Changing the Climate in Cully" is part of that larger CEWP program, which has already retrofitted 158 homes in Portland and has another 228 homes in progress.

In the coming weeks, MACG's Cully neighborhood volunteers will talk to their neighbors about the project through house parties and community events. Outreach activities will wind down at the end of September, with the 100 home retrofit goal to be reached by December 2010.

Washington residents: the deadline to register to vote in the Aug. 17 primary election is Monday, Aug. 9



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