

Holliday returns as business mgr. of Operating Engineers #701

Mark Holliday has been re-elected to an unprecedented sixth three-year term as business manager/financial secretary of Operating Engineers Local 701 after turning back a challenge from Dan Wagoner. The vote was 875-348.

Re-elected to a third term as president was James "Jimbo" Anderson. He defeated Michael Bradach 838-381.

Re-elected to office by acclamation were: Vice President Kevin Miller; Recording Corresponding Secretary Steve Bradley; Treasurer Nelda Wilson; Conductor Dave Carter; Guard Melvin "Butch" Sarin; District I Representative Mike Thun; District II Representative Harold Chevrier; District III Representative Darren Glebe; District IV Representative Ray Akers; District V Representative Mike Watters; and District V Representative at Large Richard Laud-back.



MARK HOLLIDAY

Elected as auditors were Ken Humber, Frank Bott and Ted Drayton.

Holliday has served in the 4,000-member union's top post since 1995. In 2008 he was appointed a general vice president of the international union — the first from Local 701 to ever hold that position.

The election was held Aug. 5 at Local 701's hall in Gladstone. A total of 1,267 ballots were cast.

Officers will be installed Sept. 24. Terms of office are three years.

Bender, Link set to retire from WSLC

OLYMPIA — Washington State Labor Council's two top officers presided over their last state AFL-CIO convention Aug. 9-12 at the Tacoma Convention Center. President Rick Bender and Secretary-Treasurer Al Link are not seeking re-election in this fall's WSLC elections. Bender has served as president for 17 years, and Link has served as secretary-treasurer for 16 years.

Bender has led WSLC through Democratic and Republican administrations. He oversaw the campaign to increase the state's minimum wage and make Washington the first state in the nation to tie minimum wage increases to the cost of living. After a number of international unions pulled out of the AFL-CIO to form the Change to Win labor federation in 2005, Bender continued to work with many Change to Win state and local affiliates through solidarity programs.

Before becoming WSLC president, Bender served 18 years in the state legislature — 10 years in the House representing Washington's 1st legislative dis-



RICK BENDER



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trict (north of Seattle) and eight years as a state senator representing the 44th legislative district (east of Everett).

Bender began his career in organized labor in 1966 as an apprentice with Cement Masons Local 528. He later became a member of Laborers Local 242 and Elevator Constructors Local 19. He served as executive secretary of the Seattle Building and Construction Trades Council from 1987 to 1991, and executive secretary of the King County Labor Council from 1991 to 1993. He also was WSLC vice president during that time, from 1988 to 1993.

Link has been a member of the United Steelworkers of America since

1961. He chaired the Steelworkers Legislative and Education Committee for 15 years. And he was president of Steelworkers Local 329, representing workers at the Kaiser Aluminum plant in Spokane, from 1991 to 1994.

He was also president of the Spokane County Central Labor Council from 1989 to 1994, and served as WSLC Vice President throughout that time, from 1982 to 1994.

Bender and Link retire Jan. 5, 2011, at the expiration of their current terms.

...Trumka to hand out fliers at Portland Building Aug. 24

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Trumka will join union members at SW 4th and Madison in downtown Portland for a brief rally. He then will head one block north to the Portland Building to hand out fliers to City of Portland employees who are arriving to work. Employees and the District Council of Trade Unions are in difficult bargaining with the City for new contract.

At 1p.m. on Monday, Trumka will join labor leaders on a tour of Oregon Iron Works, the only American street-car manufacturing plant.

Washington CLUB Golf Tournament raises \$70,000 for three local charities

BREMERTON, Wash. — Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the Washington CLUB Charity Golf Tournament in June raised \$70,000 for three local charities.

CLUB stands for Contractors, Legislators, Unions and Business.

More than 280 golfers participated in the tournament held at Gold Moun-

tain Golf Course. Over the past decade the organization has raised over \$745,000 for its three benefiting charities — Holly Ridge Center, The Chil-

dren's Hospital-Seattle, and the Diabetes Research Institute.

Next year's event is scheduled for June 16-17.

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