

Labor Roundtable of SW Washington bestows honors at annual banquet

VANCOUVER, Wash. —The Labor Roundtable of Southwest Washington held its 20th annual awards banquet Oct. 1 at the Vancouver Hilton Hotel and Convention Center.

Fire Fighters Local 452 was named “Local Union of the Year.”

Shannon Walker, a member of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555 and president of the Southwest Washington Central Labor Council was named “Union Leader of the Year.”

Harold Abbe, a retired political di-

rector for the Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers, took home “Union Member of the Year.”

Glenn Shuck, retired executive director of Labor’s Community Service Agency, received a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Democratic Party activists Pete Aller and Marsha Manning received “Community Service” awards and a “Special Appreciation” award was presented to the Northwest Labor Press, which this year celebrated its 110th anniversary.

...ATU rails against TriMet

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cause of their contact with the public, tight schedules, and navigating through heavy urban traffic.

TriMet’s insurance costs are also higher than most because employees continue to have what used to be a standard benefit — employer-paid health insurance that covers employees and

their dependents. Hunt said union members have made past compromises on pay increases to keep that benefit, and won’t just give it away.

Hunt said Local 757 will mount a legal challenge to the changes.

ATU’s Jennings now on C-TRAN board

Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 757 has a seat at the table at C-TRAN, Clark County’s transit agency. Under a Washington state law passed last year, transit district boards must add a non-voting member representing district employees.

ATU President Jon Hunt notified C-

TRAN Sept. 2 that a vote took place and Local 757 Executive Board member Roy Jennings, a C-TRAN employee, was appointed to the board position. The law says the employee representative is to be selected by majority vote of the labor organizations representing public employees of the agency. C-TRAN drivers are represented by ATU, while a smaller group of maintenance workers belong to Machinists Local 1432.

Mohlis, Riggs sworn into leadership posts

John Mohlis was sworn in as executive secretary of the Oregon State Building and Construction Trade Council. He succeeds Bob Shiprack, who retired.

Mohlis comes from the Columbia-Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council, where he has been executive secretary treasurer since 2005.

Mohlis began his career as an apprentice bricklayer in Montana at Local 5. Later in his career, he served as business manager for Bricklayers Local 1 from 1994 to 2005.

Paul Riggs of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48 was elected to finish out the executive secretary term at the Columbia-Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council that expires in December 2011. Riggs also was elected delegate to the Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council.

Additionally, Willy Myers of Sheet Metal Workers Local 16 was elected president. He succeeds Jim Pauly of Iron Workers Local 29. Pauly was recognized for his five years of service.

Matt Eleazer of Bricklayers Local 1 was elected vice president and Jeff Brooke of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 5 was elected trustee.

All three fill unexpired terms following resignations. All terms expire in December 2011.

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