

Sheet Metal Workers Local 16 re-elects John Candioto

John Candioto was returned as business manager of Portland-based Sheet Metal Workers Local 16 in union officer elections held June 26 to 28, outpolling challenger Dennis Boyd 84 to 16 percent. Candioto has been business manager since his Dec. 1, 2011, appointment by Local 16's Executive Board. He succeeded Len Phillips, who retired.

Local 16 represents 1,938 sheet metal workers in construction and manufacturing in Oregon and Southwest Washington — including about 400 retirees.

Members also elected four full-time business representatives and 16 officers. Incumbent business representative Willy Myers won with 68 percent



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of the vote against challenger Robert Brewer, and incumbent business rep Russ Benton, who was appointed to replace Candioto in December, won with 64 percent of the vote against challenger Robert Riehl. Business representatives Dennis Dover and Del Brown were elected unopposed. Brown represents production employees, while the others represent members in construction.

Charles Johnson, Seth Kerner, and James Ramos were the top vote-getters for Executive Board for the local's construction members. All other officers were elected unopposed. Those were: president, Ric Olander; vice president, Art Himm; recording secretary, Matt O'Neill; Executive Board for production, Darrell Alcorn, Devin Hosking, and William Willman; Executive Board for Southwest Oregon, Joel Hutchinson; trustees, Ed Dawes, Tom Harding, and James Philley; and warden, Ron Hergenrader.

All terms are three years, and officers were sworn in July 11.

Candioto, 55, has been in the sheet metal trade since he went to work as an apprentice in 1976 in Local 242 (which is now Local 55) in Walla Walla, Washington. A 1975 graduate of Cleveland High School in Portland, his first union work was pouring concrete at Hanford

Nuclear Reservation as a member of Laborers Local 348. He moved to Portland in 1988, became a member of Local 16, and was elected to the Local 16 Executive Board in 2003, and business agent in 2006.

On the building trades side, work has picked up in the last couple years, at Intel and projects around Portland,

as well as at Facebook's Prineville data center; just under 12 percent of the union membership are currently out of work. Construction sheet metal workers install heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and ductwork, as well as architectural and structural and decorative sheet metal, including metal roofs and siding.

WSLC convention Aug. 6-9 in Wenatchee

WENATCHEE, Wash. — The 2012 Constitutional Convention of the Washington State Labor Council (WSLC) will be held Monday through Thursday, Aug. 6-9, at the Coast Wenatchee Hotel and Convention Center. The WSLC is comprised of more than 500 affiliated labor organizations, representing some 400,000 rank-and-file members across the state.

Under the theme "Stronger Together," the convention agenda will feature AFL-CIO Executive Vice President Arlene Holt Baker and labor-endorsed candidates, including U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell and Jay Insee for governor. In addition, there will be panels on Jobs and the Economy; Trade, Immigrant Workers and Trafficking; and Union Organizing.

Special convention events include a golf tournament and opening reception Aug. 5; film night Aug. 6; a COPE barbecue fundraiser Aug. 7; and convention banquet Aug. 7. Also on Aug. 5, the Washington Young Emerging Labor Leaders (WA YELL) will hold its first convention.

For more info about the convention, contact Jan or Karen at 206-281-8901.

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