

Willy Myers re-elected to lead Columbia Pacific BCTC

Willy Myers was re-elected executive secretary-treasurer of the Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council. The CPBCTC represents approximately 20,000 construction workers employed by more than 2,000 signatory employers, representing 25 crafts.



WILLY MYERS

Myers was first elected to head the council in December 2013 to finish out the term of Jodi Guetzloe Parker, who stepped down. A former business agent for Sheet Metal Workers Local 16, Myers, 45, served as president of the Building Trades Council from 2010 until his election as executive secretary.

In other election results, Robert Camarillo, a business rep for Iron Workers Local 29, was re-elected president; Matt Eleazer of Bricklayers Local 1 was tapped for vice president; and Steven Purdy of Sprinkler Fitters Local 669 was newly elected sergeant-at-arms.

Brett Hinsley, business manager of Cement Masons Local 555, Russ Garnett, business manager of Roofers Local 49, and Gary Moore, business agent for Laborers Local 296, were elected trustees. Garnett and Moore are serving for the first time.

All candidates ran unopposed. Terms are for three years.

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Local Motion

December 2014

A list of Oregon and Southwest Washington workplaces deciding whether to be union-represented – as reported by the National Labor Relations Board and the Oregon Employment Relations Board.

Voting in union elections

| Date | Workplace (Location) Union | Yes | No | |
|-------|---|-----|----|---|
| 12/11 | Sweed Machinery (Gold Hill) Machinists District Lodge W24 | 21 | 3 | 👍 |
| 12/18 | Stelcor Energy (Wilsonville) IBEW Local 48 | 5 | 6 | 👎 |

Requesting a union election

Workplace (Location) Union Number of workers in unit

There were no requests for union elections in Oregon or SW Washington in December 2014.

LEGEND

👍 : workers will be union-represented 👎 : workers will be on their own

Quote of the Month

“That someone who labors all year to gross \$80,000 bears the same federal income tax burden as someone making \$5 million per week illustrates how much the tax cuts signed into law by Presidents Bill Clinton, a Democrat, and George W. Bush, a Republican, benefited investors rather than workers.”

DAVID CAY JOHNSTON, PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING TAX JOURNALIST
ON AN IRS ANALYSIS OF AMERICA’S 400 HIGHEST-INCOME TAX RETURNS

...Labor-backed alliance to push bold agenda in Salem

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for states to set up a kind of “public option” retirement plan. All employers that don’t offer a retirement plan would be required to give employees the option of contributing by payroll deduction to a state-sponsored retirement savings plan. To encourage saving, a default contribution rate would be set at maybe 3 or 6 percent, but employees could also set their own contribution rate or opt out entirely. To minimize administrative costs and thereby maximize returns, funds would be pooled, and investment decisions would be made by a state board along the lines of the Oregon Investment Board, with the goal of assuring workers a lifetime stream of income when they retire. The plan would have lower fees than an IRA, and unlike a 401(k), wouldn’t be tied to a particular employer. The proposal has passed in several states thus far, and is backed by AARP and a variety of other groups. In Oregon, the Fair Shot for All coalition will campaign for the bill, with SEIU Local 503 taking point.

BAN THE BOX. Crime knows no class or color, but prisons and jails overwhelmingly house the poor and minorities. Upon release, they face a

big barrier to going straight — the “have you ever been convicted” box on so many housing and employment applications. The box is blind to circumstances, takes no account of reform, and because it makes it harder to get a job, it makes re-offending more likely. Urban League of Portland will lead a campaign for a law to ban the box from initial applications. Employers and landlords could still do criminal background checks and discriminate based on convictions that are relevant to the job being applied for. But ex-offenders would at least get an opportunity to explain their record, and make a case for giving them a second chance.

RACIAL PROFILING. Data from Portland and Eugene show something disturbing: African-Americans and Latinos are as much as three times as likely as Whites to be stopped and searched by police while driving or walking, but they’re no more likely to be found with contraband. The Center for Intercultural Organizing, an immigrant civil rights group, will head up a campaign for legislation to address that, first by defining racial profiling and beginning to collect more comprehensive data on it, and then by giving the state attorney general the ability to analyze the data.

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