

Tackett, Petroff re-elected to top posts at Northwest Oregon Labor Council

Bob Tackett has been re-elected to a third term as executive secretary-treasurer of the Northwest Oregon Labor Council. He ran unopposed.

Tackett, 62, is a 41-year member of United Steelworkers Local 330. Prior to becoming a full-time officer of the labor council in 2009, he worked for the Oregon AFL-CIO as its Workforce Investment Act labor liaison.

In other election results, Bob Petroff, 61, a business representative of Machinists District W24, was re-elected to a fifth term as president of what is now the state's only labor council. He ran unopposed.

Also re-elected without opposition were First Vice-President

Jeff Anderson, secretary-treasurer of United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 555; and Second Vice President Everice Moro, a retired member of the Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA)-American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Local 6732.

Seven at-large Executive Board members were re-elected by acclamation. They are:

Position 1: Sandy Gillis of OSEA-AFT Local 6732, Reynolds Chapter 37.

Position 2: Terry Lansing, financial secretary-treasurer of Bakers Local 114.

Position 3: Janet Irwin of Multnomah County Employees AFSCME Local 88.

Position 4: Sam Gillispie, business representative of UFCW Local 555.

Position 5: Dave Tully, business representative of Teamsters Local 223.

Position 6: Will Lukens, business representative of Machinists District W24.



Bob Tackett



Bob Petroff

Position 7: Ed Barnes, retired business manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 48.

Elected as reading clerks were Vicki Nelson, president of OSEA-AFT Chapter 113; and Ellen Ino, a member of Laborers Municipal Employees Local 483. Mike McLaren of Machinists Lodge 1005 and John Vandermosten, a retired member of IBEW Local 48, were elected sergeants-at arms. And Mike Housley of Machinists Lodge 1005, Joe Esmonde, a union

representative of IBEW Local 48, and Amanda Hill of Oregon Federation of Nurses & Health Professionals Local 5017 were elected trustees.

Final nominations were held at the delegates' meeting Nov. 23. Since there was no opposition, all of the candidates were declared winners. Officers will be sworn in at the Jan. 23 delegates meeting. Terms are for four years.

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HOW TO BUY UNION THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Plan to do any holiday shopping this year? If you buy union-made, you're helping keep good jobs in the community, and voting with your dollars for enterprises that pay your fellow workers a living wage with benefits. Of course, union-made gifts aren't easy to find. Here are 10 ideas to make it easier.



Union blankets: Keep your loved ones cozy in the cold winter months with a blanket from Pendleton Woolen Mills. Pendleton blankets (but not apparel) are made in Washougal, Washington, and Pendleton, Oregon, by members of the Workers United union. That means they earn wages of \$15.42 to \$17.73 an hour, with overtime after eight hours, plus health and pension benefits.

Union Boots: Danner, maker of stylish and indestructible boots, may be a subsidiary of Japanese shoe company ABC-Mart now, but the company's retail profile is expanding, with high-end show rooms like the one at Union Way on 1022 W Burnside St., Portland, or Tanasbourne Town Center. Check the label: If the boots are U.S.-made, they were made by members of UFCW Local 555 in Portland.

Union Books: Why would you ever go to nonunion Amazon? Buying books (and gifts) at Powells supports about 450 Portland-area members of ILWU Local 5, from cashiers to truck drivers to computer programmers. That means wages that average \$14.39 an hour, and health benefits for full-time employees. And if you shop through ilwulocal5.com, 7.5% of your purchase goes to the union strike fund.

Union Culture: Oregon Ballet Theater, the Portland Opera, the Oregon Symphony . . . even traveling Broadway shows like the Book of Mormon, which opens in Portland Jan. 12: All of them employ members of American Federation of Musicians Local 99, IATSE Local 28 crews, and IATSE Local B-20 members, who work as ushers, ticket takers and elevator operators. The biggest employer of union musicians is the Oregon Symphony, with 76 full-timers. Session players earn \$200 per two-hour appearance, plus pension and healthcare contributions.

Union gifts: What's on your list today? When you buy your holiday gifts at Fred Meyer, Portland's only unionized general retailer, the money you spend will employ members of UFCW Local 555 (and Bakers Local 114, at Fred Meyer bakery

departments). Or keep it simple and get a Fred Meyer gift card.

Union chocolate: Ghirardelli chocolates and See's Candies gift boxes are made in California by members of Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco and Grain Millers.

Union wine: Unions are rare in the wine industry, but happily, Washington's award-winning Chateau Ste. Michelle is an exception. It employs members of United Farm Workers in its vineyards, and members of Teamsters Local 117 in the barrel room, warehouse, production, shipping and maintenance departments at its Woodinville facility. Company labels include Columbia Crest, Chateau Ste. Michelle wines, Domaine Ste. Michelle, and Snoqualmie, and others.

Union cannabis: Another idea for the 21-and-over crowd: Celebrate Oregon's legalization with a gift of union-made, union-retailed cannabis. Hi Casual Cannabis, 7827 SE Powell Blvd, Portland; and West Salem Cannabis, 2625 Salem Dallas Hwy NW, Salem, employ members of UFCW Local 555 at wages that start at \$15 an hour, plus benefits.

Union kitchenware: Foreign imports may fill the shelves, but union-made in America is still a mark of quality for several brands. U.S.-made Pyrex glassware and All-Clad Stainless Steel Cookware are made by United Steelworkers members in Pennsylvania. Cutco cutlery is made by union Steelworkers in New York. And U.S.-made Fiesta brand dinnerware is made in West Virginia by members of the Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastic and Allied Workers union.

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