

List of unions backing Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign growing

WASHINGTON, D.C. (PAI)—The list of unions backing Hillary Clinton for this year's Demo-

cratic presidential nomination is growing. The most recent was the American Federation of Gov-

ernment Employees. AFGE is the 18th union—all but two of them in the AFL-CIO—to endorse the

former secretary of state.

Three AFL-CIO unions—the Communications Workers of America, National Nurses United, and the American Postal Workers Union—have endorsed her top primary opponent, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt).

Clinton has backing from the two primary teachers unions—the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association, and the two largest public employee unions—the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and the independent Service Employees International Union.

Clinton also has endorsements from the International As-

sociation of Machinists; North America's Building Trades (formerly the National Building Trades Council); the Laborers Union; the International Longshoreman Association; Operating Engineers; Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons; Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers; Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers; United Association of Plumbers and Fitters; Painters and Allied Trades; the Iron Workers; Heat and Frost Insulators; and the independent Carpenters Union.

The AFL-CIO has yet to take a position. The labor federation hasn't endorsed a candidate during a presidential primary since 1999, when it backed Al Gore.

Elevator Constructors Local 23 elects new slate of Executive Board officers

In officer elections held Dec. 10, members of Portland-headquartered International Union of Elevator Constructors (IUEC) Local 23 elected Lance Hilger president. Also elected were Lance Martin, vice president; Bob Pyne, treasurer; Dan Garrett, recording secretary; Gene Stratton, warden; and Reo Anderson, correspondent. Terms

are for one year.

Russ Vollendorf was elected to a three-year term as a trustee. Mike Lovely and Dan Garret were elected to three-year terms on the Executive Board.

Hilger, Martin, and Dave Tremain were elected delegates to the union's July 11-15 national convention in Chicago. They'll be accompanied by Local 23 Business Representative Randy Carmony. Carmony is serving his first term, which expires in December 2017.

Elevator construction is a specialized trade building and maintaining elevators, escalators, and moving walkways. Local 23 represents 260 members with jurisdiction in Oregon, plus six southwest Washington counties.

... Stan Danielson

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industry over the past 30 years," Danielson said.

Recently divorced, Danielson is building a house in Bend, Oregon, and will move there this spring. In retirement he wants to enjoy time with his three daughters and 10 grandchildren—ages 5 months to 24 years. He'll also spend more time snow and water skiing, riding horses, and riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Apprenticeship coordinator Walt Caudle was elected to succeed Danielson as business manager. At press time the election—which included all positions within the local—was awaiting certification from the international union.

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