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Oregon AFSCME hires successor to executive director Ken Allen

Oregon AFSCME Council 75 has named San Francisco union leader Michael Seville to replace its longtime executive director Ken Allen, who is retiring at the end of July.

Seville currently is research director at Local 21 of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) — a 10,000-member public sector union representing employees at the City and County of San Francisco and



Michael Seville

other local governments in the Bay Area. Oregon AFSCME is the statewide organization that coordinates political work and provides staff representation to locals of state county and municipal workers.

Seville will begin working there in mid-June, overlapping with Allen for six weeks.

With a journalism degree from University of California Santa Cruz and a law degree from Golden Gate University, Seville worked as a journalist and as a labor attorney prior to joining Local 21. As a lawyer

representing building trades unions in San Francisco, he helped secure an agreement that established saliva testing as a more accurate, less intrusive form of drug testing.

At Local 21, Seville led fights against contracting out union members' work, and helped defeat an attempt to cut public employee pensions in San Jose. He also helped create a publicity campaign that highlighted the work of Local 21 members.

Seville said he expects to bring Local 21's fact-driven approach to contract bargaining, in which the union conducts a thorough economic analysis before beginning negotiations.

"We pride ourselves on knowing the budget better than the employer," Seville told the Labor Press.

...Workplace deaths increase

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killed in 2014 increased 9 percent to 1,621, the highest ever recorded by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' census, which started in 1992.

Rebecca Reindel, a safety and health specialist with the national AFL-CIO, told Fair-Warning Reports that the bulk of the increase in the older worker category came among people age 65 and up.

"We have people working longer now than they have in the past, and older workers can be at great risk for safety and health hazards," Reindel said. "Too often employers want the worker to adapt to the process rather than designing a process to adapt to the worker. And, in an aging work force, those problems become more prominent."

Contract workers accounted for 17 percent of all job-related deaths in 2014, rising 6 percent to 797. Fatal injuries to self-employed workers rose 10 percent to 1,047.

Women killed on the job rose 13 percent to 359. Even with this increase, women accounted for only 8 percent of all job-related deaths in 2014.

Fatal work injuries among men were higher at 4,320.

Out of 4,251 worker fatalities in private industry in 2014, 874 — or 20.5 percent — were in construction. The leading causes were falls (349), electrocutions (74), struck by object (73), and caught-in/between (12). These "Fatal Four" were responsible for 58.1 percent of construction casualties in 2014, BLS reports.

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