

UNION DEMOCRACY

UFCW's Jeff Anderson elected president of Northwest Oregon Labor Council

Jeff Anderson, secretary treasurer of United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 555, was elected president of the Northwest Oregon Labor Council (NOLC) in a special election held April 25.



Jeff Anderson

In a role-call vote of affiliated unions, Anderson defeated Jeff Klatke, president of AFSCME Council 75, by a vote of 31,088 to 13,140.

The president's seat opened earlier this year when incumbent Robert Petroff lost an election to represent his union, Machinists Lodge 63, as a delegate to the council, and was removed as a delegate for Machinists District W24. Petroff was in his fifth term as NOLC president, having

just been re-elected in December 2015. He became ineligible to serve when he was no longer a delegate.

Anderson, who was NOLC's first vice president, became interim president until an election was held. That happened on April 25.

Anderson is a 40-year member of UFCW. After graduating from high school in Dallas, Oregon in 1976, he took a job at the Salem Fred Meyer and joined Retail Clerks Local 992. He worked there for 10 years before joining the UFCW staff as an organizer. In 2008 he was elected secretary-treasurer of the 20,000-member local. He is currently in his third term in that post.

Rerun election confirms Shirley Block and Jon Hunt as leaders of ATU Local 757

Shirley Block and Jon Hunt were reaffirmed as the top officers of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 757 in a re-run election overseen by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL).

Block was earlier elected Local 757 president in regular union officer elections that took place June 23, 2015, and Hunt was elected vice president. But the election results were challenged and voided for those two offices. In the race for vice president, candidate Dan Martin was found to have been ineligible because of a conviction for theft or embezzlement of government

funds. And in the race for union president, the DOL found that one candidate was unfairly denied access to an email list, and another candidate, Chris Orlando, was found ineligible for being behind on union dues.

In the mail ballots counted April 25, Block won 55 percent of the vote, outpolling Bruce Hansen (29 percent) and Henry Beasley (16 percent).

Hunt won 52 percent of the vote — 1,192 to 1,111 — against challenger Christopher Day.

Turnout was 45 percent, with 2,340 ballots cast out of 5,186 mailed.



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