

## STARS!

**COMMITMENT TO TRAINING SETS UNION PAINTERS AND FLOOR COVERERS APART FROM THEIR COMPETITION**

Nearly 100 union painters and floor coverers received \$599 bonus checks May 20 at a Safety Training Awards Recognition (STAR) banquet in Portland. The craftsmen and women are members of Portland-based Painters Local 10 and Floor Coverers Local 1236 who work for employers of the Signatory Painting Contractors Organization and the Signatory Floor Covering Contractors.

The union workers qualified for the bonuses after completing seven classes (painters only) and 24 hours of voluntary skill-advancement training and safety courses over a 12-month period.

The STAR program was initiated in 2004 when Painters and Allied Trades District Council No. 5 and the Signatory Painting Contractors Organization made a commitment to each other to field the best-trained, highest educated workforce in the industry. This led to the creation of the Painters Union/Management Partnership, or PUMP. The program is funded by a cents-per-hour contribution negotiated in their collective bargaining agreement. Local 1236 started funding its PUMP program in 2010. Bonus checks were awarded starting in 2012.

The following members received bonus checks:

**PAINTERS** — Miguel Almanza, Jorge Arel-



Iano, Raquel Avalos, Christopher Barela, William Barney, Juan Bernal, Joe Bishop, Humberto Blanco, Mike Bokamper, Timothy Bradford, Jose Bravo, Sean Carpenter, Brian Chung, Angel Cuellar, Gregory Cunningham, Martin Daniell, John Daniels, Frances Delandro, Gerald Dooley, Harry Drury, Foo (Beng) Foong, Jose Franquez, Jaime Garcia, Larry Goebel, Hector Gonzalez, Sergio Gonzales, Timothy Goodnight, Ian Gordon, Patrick Greene, Eileen Grigat, Carlos Hernandez, Daniel Hill, Michael Hocking, Darrell Holbrook, Jonathan Jaimez, Damon Keene, Roger Kennedy, Jason Layton, Mark Lightner, Michael Llanos, Manuel Lomeli, Moses Longoria, Eric Mann, Justin Manning, Scott Marchant, Higinio Marcos-Jimenez, Sean McCarthy, Julio Mena Fuentes, Richard Mentzer, David Mercado, Moises Mercado, James Meyer, Daryl Mid-

dleton, Joel Miller, Daniel Norman, Jason Ostrowski, Ronald Pearson, Charles Pennell, Jeff Phares, Rudy Ponder, Kenneth Rheel, Francisco Rico, Atanacio Rodriguez, Steven Rodriguez, Joel Roman-Fernandez, Moises Romero, Jon Saiz, Kevin Sauers, Erin Scott, James Shields, Vincent Spillman, Jeff Splichal, Nicholas Sprecher, Todd Stange, Matthew Svetich, Paul Swearingen, Jesus Valencia, Amber Vankuren, Juan Carlos Vaylon, Noel Vega, Chris Vezaldenos, Seth Wannamaker, and Juan Zepeda.

**FLOOR COVERERS** — Jonathan Doran, Jeff Hamilton, Loren Harshman, Steve Luttrell, Roberto Mendez Luna, Rodrigo Morales-Corona, Michael Nguyen, Michael Nielsen, Dave Rowden, Donald Rusk, Thomas Schafer, Clinton Stone, Brent Tompkins, Robert Wheeler, and Craig Wolf.

## BUILDING COMMUNITY

### Support Labor's Community Service Agency by shopping at unionized Fred Meyer

Union members can help fund programs for Labor's Community Service Agency (LCSA) using their Fred Meyer Rewards Card.

Fred Meyer, a union employer, will donate \$2.5 million to non-profits in Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and Idaho annually through a new program it calls Community Rewards. All you have to do is link your Rewards Card and use it when you shop at Fred Meyer. Here's how it works:

Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card online to LCSA (number 91427) at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).

Whenever you use your Rewards Card when shopping at Fred Meyer, you'll be helping Labor's Community Service Agency earn a donation. That's because at the end of each quarter, Fred Meyer will make a donation to participating non-profits based on their percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending of all participating Fred Meyer Community Reward organizations.

And the great thing about it is you still get to keep and use all of your Fred Meyer rewards points, fuel points and rebates.

Most purchases qualify for Community Rewards, but some items are not eligible, including prescriptions, lottery tickets, fuel, tobacco, and gift cards, to name a few.

## Washington AFL-CIO passes on congressional 'fast track' supporters

Washington congressional candidates who voted for "Fast Track" Trade Promotion Authority last year were not endorsed by the Washington State Labor Council (WSLC), including U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, who has challengers running for her office.

Hundreds of delegates representing some 600 unions from across Washington met May 21 in Seattle to vote on endorsements for congressional, statewide and legislative candidates. A two-thirds majority vote is required for endorsement.

The Washington primary election is Aug. 2.

In addition to Murray, Democratic Reps. Suzan DelBene, Rick Larsen, and Derek Kilmer, plus all four of the state's Republican members of Congress were not endorsed because of their support of Fast Track. Fast Track is intended to speed passage of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) — a free trade agreement between 12 Pacific Rim nations — blocking Congress from changing it to protect

workers, consumers, or the environment.

"The fact that rank-and-file delegates from across the state chose to make no recommendation in these races, despite some of these candidates' excellent records on other working family issues, demonstrates how strongly the labor movement feels about improving U.S. trade policies," said WSLC President Jeff Johnson.

WSLC did endorse fellow union member and Democratic State Rep. Jim Moeller in his bid to unseat 3rd District Republican Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler. Moeller, 60, is a member of the Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals Local 5017 at Kaiser Permanente, where he works as a chemical dependency counselor. Moeller has represented the 49th Legislative District since 2002. Prior to that he served eight years on the Vancouver City Council.

The state of Washington uses the "Top Two" system, which allows voters to choose among all candidates running for each office. Voters do not have to declare

a party affiliation to vote in the primary. Candidates for partisan office may state a preference for a political party, which is listed on the ballot. The two candidates who receive the most votes in the primary qualify for the General Election in November.

Additional endorsement action will be made at the WSLC's 2016 Constitutional Convention July 19-21 in Wenatchee.

*The following candidates and initiatives have been endorsed (or opposed) by the Washington State Labor Council:*

### CONGRESS

CD 3 — Jim Moeller

### STATEWIDE

Governor — Jay Inslee

Lt. Governor — Cyrus Habib

Insurance Commissioner — Mike Kreidler

Attorney General — Bob Ferguson

Lands Commissioner — Dave Upthegrove

Secretary of State — Tina Podlodowski

State Auditor — Jeff Sprung

Supt of Public Instruction — Chris Reykdal

### SUPREME COURT

Position 1 — Mary Yu

Position 5 — Barbara Madsen

Position 6 — Charles Wiggins

### LEGISLATIVE (SW WASHINGTON)

LD 17 Senate — Tim Probst

LD 17 Representative Pos. 1 — Sam Kim

LD 49 Senate — Annette Cleveland

LD 49 Rep Pos. 1 — Sharon Wylie

LD 49 Rep Pos. 2 — Monica Stonier

### INITIATIVES

**SUPPORT** — **Initiative 1433** on minimum leave/sick leave (action taken previously)

**OPPOSE** — **Initiative 732** on carbon taxes

**SUPPORT** — **Initiative 735** to repeal Citizens United

**SUPPORT** — **Initiative 1501** to protect vulnerable individuals and in-home caregivers

**OPPOSE** — **Initiative 1515** on gender-segregated facilities