

## UNION MEETING NOTICES

### AFSCME 189

All meetings in April have been canceled due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Check the web site at [www.afscme189.com](http://www.afscme189.com) for updates.

### Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers 114

Meetings have been canceled until further notice.

### Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers 1

Meetings have been canceled until further notice.

### Cement Masons 555

Membership meetings are canceled until further notice. Executive Board will meet via Zoom

### Electrical Workers 48

RENEW meets 6:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. This will be an informal "check-in" via zoom.

Executive Board meets 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month via Zoom. No Visitors at this time.

Coast Unit meets 6:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. This will be an informal "check-in" via zoom.

Electrical Workers Minority Caucus meets 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month via zoom.

Residential Unit meets 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month. This will be an informal "check-in" via zoom.

Sound and Communication Unit canceled.

Wasco Unit meeting canceled.

Washington Unit meeting canceled.

Sisters in Solidarity of Local 48 meets 6:00 p.m. on the third Monday of every month via zoom.

Public Sector Unit – date to be determined, please watch the web site. This will be an informal "check-in" via zoom.

Marine Unit meeting canceled.

General Membership Meeting canceled.

Please monitor the IBEW48.COM website for changes to the schedule.

#### DEATH ASSESSMENTS:

No. 2690, William P. Fleming Sr; No. 2692, Louie Wayman.; No. 2693, Steve A. Parsons; No. 2694, Mark A. Scott; No. 2695, Anthony J. Smith. The June 2020 assessment is \$1.50

### Electrical Workers 280

All meetings are canceled until further notice.

### Elevator Constructors 23

The June membership meeting has been canceled.

### Fire Fighters 452

Members meet 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at 2807 NW Fruit Valley Rd., Vancouver.

### Fire Fighters 1660

Members meet 8 a.m. Thursday, April 9, at 4411 SW Sunset Dr., Lake Oswego.

### Floor Coverers 1236

All meetings have been canceled until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

### Glass Workers 740

All meetings have been canceled until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

### Insulators 36

Meetings are canceled until further notice.

### Iron Workers 29

Meetings have been canceled until further notice.

### Iron Workers Shopmen 516

General membership meeting in June is canceled. Executive Board will meet with social distancing on Thursday, June 11.

### Laborers/Vancouver 335

Meetings have been canceled until further notice.

### Laborers 483

### Municipal Employees

All meetings have been canceled until further notice.

### Laborers 737

All meetings have been canceled until further notice.

### Operating Engineers 701

All meetings have been canceled until further notice.

### Painters & Drywall Finishers 10

All meetings have been canceled until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

### Sign Painters & Paint Makers 1094

Meetings have been canceled until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

### Plasterers 82

Membership meetings are canceled until further notice. Executive Board will meet via Zoom.

### Plumbers and Fitters 290

Membership meetings are canceled until further notice.

### Roofers & Waterproofers 49

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### Sheet Metal Workers 16

Meetings are canceled until further notice.

### USW 139 (B)

Meetings have been canceled until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

## CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

### Northwest Oregon

All meetings are canceled until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

### Southwest Washington

Delegates will meet 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, on line via AnyMeeting. Delegates can call in from a computer, smart phone or tablet. Login requires you to download the AnyMeeting app. If you participate via your computer, AnyMeeting works best with Google Chrome. If you plan to participate by calling in on your phone, the invitation will include a phone number and a code to enter. Be sure to call in a couple minutes before 6 p.m.

## CENTRAL LABOR CHAPTERS

Chapters have moved to teleconferencing. Check with your chapter for details.

### Central Oregon

Delegates teleconference 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 22.

### Eastern Oregon

Meetings are canceled until further notice.

### Lane County

Delegates teleconference 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. Contact Pat Riggs Henson at [henson2831@comcast.net](mailto:henson2831@comcast.net)

### Linn-Benton-Lincoln

Meetings are canceled until further notice.

### Marion-Polk-Yamhill

Delegates teleconference 6 p.m. Monday, June 8. Contact Will Music at [mpycle@gmail.com](mailto:mpycle@gmail.com)

### North Coast

Delegates teleconference 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 16.

### Southern Oregon

Delegates teleconference 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 9. Contact Amanda Sager at [president@iatse154.com](mailto:president@iatse154.com)

## BUILDING TRADES COUNCILS

### Columbia-Pacific

On site meetings have been canceled until further notice. Meetings will be held via Zoom. Email Will Meyers for an invitation.

## METAL TRADES

### Portland and Vicinity

All meetings have been canceled until further notice.

## RETIREE MEETINGS

CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL RETIREES CLUB TO SEE IF MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED.

# Unions: Vote by mail now more than ever

By Noah Wass

The push for national vote-by-mail is timelier than ever in the midst of a pandemic, but postal union leaders say it won't matter much if the U.S. Postal Service isn't around. Barring significant federal appropriation from Congress, the U.S. Postal Service will run out of operating funds by the end of September.

"Over and over again we have proven that we can process and deliver ballots in a secure and timely way for tens of millions of people, for absentee ballots and overseas voters," said American Postal Workers Union president Mark Dimondstein in a May 27 press call with national postal union leaders. "With the pandemic, I think it's even clearer if people are going to have access to the ballot box we have got to have a vibrant postal service."

In 2000, Oregon became the first state to conduct a general presidential election entirely by mail, and since then members of Oregon's Congressional delegation have championed its expansion. Congressman Earl Blumenauer introduced a bill March 11 to require states to allow registered voters to vote by mail when at least 25% of states have declared a state of emergency due to natural disaster or infectious disease. And on March 18

### SAVE THE POSTAL SERVICE

A socially distanced, masked rally and march starts 11am, Tuesday, June 16 at East Portland Post Office, 1020 SE 7th Ave Details at [bit.ly/2Mx6p5d](http://bit.ly/2Mx6p5d)

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden joined Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar in introducing a bill to ensure that all voters have the option to vote by mail during an emergency.

President Trump has attacked vote-by-mail however.

"There is NO WAY (ZERO!) that Mail-In Ballots will be anything less than substantially fraudulent. Mail boxes will be robbed, ballots will be forged & even illegally printed out & fraudulently signed," Trump tweeted May 26. Twitter responded by appending a fact-checking link to the president's tweet for the first time ever, pointing out that there's no evidence that mail-in ballots are linked to voter fraud.

Though Trump may try to portray vote-by-mail as a partisan issue, a recent Reuters/IP-SOS poll shows that 72% of American adults are in favor of vote-by-mail for the Nov. 3 election, and election administrators in at least seven Republican-led states have expanded vote-by-mail with bi-partisan support.

Letter carriers work long

hours on overburdened routes to deliver election mail, but say they are proud to accomplish it.

"Every election year the workload increases, and it's hectic for us carriers," said Randall Hoxie, a letter carrier in Southeast Portland and a steward for Branch 82 of the National Association of Letter Carriers. "But this is the most challenging out of my experience in 16 years at the post office, with the virus and the number of people out sick."

Hoxie said the average carrier is stressed out.

"But with solidarity, I believe we can get through this," Hoxie said.

USPS is in financial trouble chiefly because in 2006 Congress mandated that it pre-pay retiree health benefits up to 75 years in advance. Since then, the resulting financial burden has led to operating losses at the Postal Service. A dramatic drop-off in mail volume since March has made its financial position much worse.

Blumenauer told the *Labor Press* the House included \$25 billion in direct funding for the USPS in the HEROES Act, a second round stimulus bill that passed the House May 15. But the bill has not moved forward in the Republican-controlled Senate.

## AFL-CIO endorses Biden

WASHINGTON, D.C (PAI) — By vote of its general board, the national AFL-CIO formally endorsed presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden for election in 2020. The endorsement, announced in a 10-minute speech May 26 by labor federation President Richard Trumka, was expected.

The AFL-CIO's nod clears the way for the federation to mobilize its unions' millions of members, their families and their allies to elect Biden.

Trumka said President Donald Trump's disastrous handling of the coronavirus pandemic—which has sickened more than 1.7 million people and killed more than 100,000—would be a top issue on the campaign trail.

Trump's track record on the coronavirus, Trumka said, has been disorganized and deadly. And his track record on worker health and safety and collective bargaining rights has been dreadful, he added.

"Worse yet, Donald Trump has used the highest office in the land to divide America, scapegoating immigrants, degrading women and playing on people's worst fears," Trumka declared.

Trumka said "I get it," in discussing why millions of workers and their families turned to Trump in 2016, especially in the key swing states of the industrial Midwest: Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan and his home state of Pennsylvania. Symbolic of the shift was Trumka's home in Pennsylvania's farthest southwestern corner. That small coal-mining county, including his hometown of Nemaquin, went for Trump by almost 3-to-1.

Those workers were desperately looking for a change from 40 years of anti-worker policies from politicians of both parties, and from an economy that worked against workers, Trumka said. Trump promised it, but hasn't delivered. Biden, Trumka said, will do so.

## Glazier Apprenticeship Accepting Applications

The Oregon & SW Washington Glaziers, Architectural Metal & Glass Workers Joint Apprenticeship & Journeyman Training Program will be open to accept applications to create a pool of eligible applicants. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, and must apply in person and furnish a copy of a high school diploma and grade transcript or GED and test scores at time of application.

**Applications will be taken**  
July 6 through July 17, 2020  
Monday through Friday,  
9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

**Face masks are required and a limited number of applicants will be allowed in the building at one time.**

Glaziers Training Center  
Mt. Hood Community College  
Room GE 108  
26000 SE Stark St., Gresham, OR

Women and minorities are encouraged to apply;  
Veterans' GI Benefits may apply