

UNION DEMOCRACY

Richartz reelected to lead Laborers Local 483

Laborers Local 483 members elected a new set of officers and returned Farrell Richartz without opposition to a second full term as business manager and secretary-treasurer. Three other offices were also uncontested in nominations that took place June 29, and four candidates ran for three at-large executive board spots, with members making the choice in mail ballots that were counted July 30. All terms are three years.

With over 1,000 members, Local 483 represents City of Portland workers who maintain roads, sewers and parks and staff City recreation facilities, as well as workers at Oregon Zoo and Metro parks, and maintenance workers at the City of Silverton, the City of Mt. Angel, and airport

and marine facilities of the Port of Portland.

Richartz comes out of the maintenance department of the Portland Bureau of Transportation, and has served since 2016 as Local 483 business manager, the one elected office that is also a full-time staff position.

Richartz says recent months have been challenging for members of Local 483. The COVID-19 epidemic led to City recreation center closures and the layoff of over 100 members. And workers have had to adapt to continue working safely. Richartz has been visiting job sites bringing masks and hydration. Members have been meeting online monthly via Zoom, attending in greater numbers than usual, but until now

were not able to take votes and make decisions because local by-laws require in-person meetings. With the approval of LiUNA International, the local will be allowed to transact official business at online meetings starting with the Aug. 18 meeting.

Complete election results:
Business Manager Farrell Richartz (PBOT)
President Jamie Doscher (Parks & Recreation)
Vice President Andrew Sterling (PBOT)
Recording Secretary Ryan Sotomayor (Parks & Recreation)
Executive Board Claire Houston (Portland Bureau of Environmental Services); Will Zeigler (Parks & Recreation); and Luis Flores (Parks & Recreation)
 Members also elected Ryan Sotomayor and Ben Nelson to join Doscher and Richartz as delegates to the Laborers District Council.

Iron Workers Regional Shop Local 516 elects officers

Officers and Executive Committee members of Iron Workers Regional Shop Local 516 were re-elected in a mail ballot election counted June 27. All positions were unopposed:

President Larry Gerads
Vice President Felix Antich
Recording Secretary David Payne
Sergeant-at-Arms Anthony Myers
Executive Committee David Pearson, Darrell Tompkins, Rex Thornton, and Ricky Wambold

Trustees Charles Martin, James Beyer, and Randy Reed

Seattle Iron Workers Local 506 merged into Local 516 in 2018 and then the two became part of the Iron Workers Pacific Northwest District Council. Regional Shop Local 516 represents 880 members at 17 shops in Oregon and Washington, plus 150 retirees. Its headquarters is at 11620 NE Ainsworth Circle near Portland International Airport. Phil Casciato, first elected Lo-

cal 516 business manager in June 2014, remains in that post as an appointee of the District Council following the merger.

Oregon/SW Washington Shops Vigor Works, Albina Pipe Bending Co. Cascade Tower & Rigging, Supreme Steel, Fought & Co., Tom Stevens Boiler Repair, The Western Group, GTE Metal Fab, Pella Vinyl — Portland
Seattle Shops Walters & Wolf Curtain Wall, Standard Steel, TriWay Industries, All Metal Fab, Inc., A-One Ornamental, Aluminum & Bronze Fabricating, Viking Fence, Quality Fence

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\$40.42 an hour wage plus \$18.03 an hour in health, pension, training and other contributions, for a total \$58.45 an hour. Foremen earn \$2 or \$4 above that, and apprentices earn 60% to 90% of the journeyman wage as they progress through the 6,000 hours of work and instruction they need to become journeymen.

Several of IUPAT's other "allied" trades also have their own locals in the Portland area: Glaziers have IUPAT Local 740, flooring applicators have Local 1236; and truck painters, sign painters and paint makers are in Local 1094.

All share offices with Local 10 at the IUPAT hall at 11105 NE Sandy Boulevard in Portland. That's also where Local 101 will hold general membership meetings when it becomes safe again to do so. For now, meetings are held online the first Monday of each month at 5 p.m.

Local 101 joins 13 other locals in Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Utah and Northern Idaho that make up IUPAT District Council 5. Local 101's jurisdiction matches that of Local 10 (and Local 1236): all of Oregon and six Southwest Washington counties: Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Pacific, Skamania, and Wahkiakum.

With the departure of the drywall finishers, about 725 members remain in Painters Local 10.

Drywall finisher members chose the number 101 because it



After getting his start in the nonunion side of the industry, drywall finisher Kirk Malcom joined International Union of Painters and Allied Trades as a journeyman in 1996. Since 2017, he's worked as a union rep for District Council 5. Now he'll represent 454-member IUPAT Local 101, IUPAT's newly formed local for drywall finishers in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

showed the connection to Local 10 and signifies a new beginning. Malcom says Local 101 members will continue to regard Local 10 members as their brothers and sisters. Finishers and painters are employed by the same contractors, and work together on most job sites.

District Council 5 appointed interim officers who will serve until the local can hold its first election. They are:

President David Gray Jr.
Vice President (Randy) William Johnson
Financial Secretary Shaun Martin
Recording Secretary Nathan Glade
Treasurer Richard Pickrell
Trustees Kerry Neill, Mike Paxton, Paul Buchholz.

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