

District 2 Assistant District Director continued...

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Patsy White Homecare, Local 99

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE? I have been active in the Union as a Homecare Worker, serving on our leadership council and recently elected to be a bargaining delegate in our first contract campaign. I have a positive attitude and a willingness to learn and serve all Local 503 members in District 2.

UNION EXPERIENCE NOT ITEMIZED ABOVE: I am good on phone banks, I've lobbied at the legislature and I am passionate in my belief that the labor movement is the best way for workers to advocate for justice and dignity.

WHY ARE YOU SEEKING THIS OFFICE AND WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR SEIU LOCAL 503, OPEU DURING YOUR TERM? I am seeking this office to be a part of a team seeking solutions to the challenges that face us collectively. I want to continue to develop a "hands on" knowledge and skills that support the overall mission of our Union.

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR YOUR DISTRICT? I would like to work on health care issues that face our members who are fortunate to have coverage, but see benefits and access eroding and to help Homecare Workers get health care coverage in our first contract. I would like to work on projects that help the public better understand and recognize the value of providing good public service.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE ISSUE THE UNION WILL FACE DURING YOUR TERM AND HOW WOULD YOU PROPOSE TO RESOLVE IT? The biggest single issue the Union will face during my term is job security. With huge budget deficits and program cuts, employees and our clients are particularly vulnerable. To meet the challenge, we need to speak up, write letters, let our local and state level representatives know the consequences of these cuts and why stable, FAIR funding is essential, which means a more equitable tax structure. The public and our representatives need an education about how cost effective our programs are and how committed we are to provide the very best services to Oregonians who rely on those services.

OTHER INFORMATION TO SUPPORT YOUR CANDIDACY: I am a hard worker. I am reliable. I am a grandmother.



Melody Williamson Western Oregon University, Local 082

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE? Since 1996 I have been active in the union. I have been President and Steward of my local for

four years. I have been a MOC and a VOC and am a CAPE delegate. I am currently serving ADD for District 2.

UNION EXPERIENCE NOT ITEMIZED ABOVE: Bargaining Table rep for WOU for two contract negotiations and two reopeners; member of CPIW; member of the Staff Screening Committee since January 2001.

WHY ARE YOU SEEKING THIS OFFICE AND WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR SEIU LOCAL 503, OPEU DURING YOUR TERM? I am seeking to become ADD for very selfish reasons: I believe it would give me a broader range of experience within the union and enable me to provide better understanding of union processes for the members of my local.

I hope to bring more members into leadership roles and enable members to move their issues forward.

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR YOUR DISTRICT? Providing better communication between district officers and the members and inspiring more members to participate in district business.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE ISSUE THE UNION WILL FACE DURING YOUR TERM AND HOW WOULD YOU PROPOSE TO RESOLVE IT? The union faces major challenges in contract enforcement, bargaining for living wages and health coverage that is meaningful. All of this adds up to money. We need to work towards better funding of public services and higher ed. We need a focused effort to eliminate the sniping attacks on public employees and to connect with the communities of this state towards a stable, meaningful source of revenue.

District 3N District Director



Bessie Johnson Linn County, Local 390

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE? I am the present District Director of 3N and I have been active in OPEU for the past 9 years.

UNION EXPERIENCE NOT ITEMIZED ABOVE: Chair of Local Gov't Committee, CAPE Delegate, General Council Planning Committee, Local President & Steward

WHY ARE YOU SEEKING THIS OFFICE AND WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR SEIU LOCAL 503, OPEU DURING YOUR TERM? I feel that Local Government needs a presence on the Board and I have been involved long enough to know how things get done. My goal, if elected, is to make sure that our organizers don't have their assignment plus someone else's. Most organizers have to work a tremendous amount of hours to cover a lot of areas and locals. I don't feel OPEU has been a great employer and if we don't change our number of organizers to help the locals out. We will end up losing not only the local - but the organizers as well.

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR YOUR DISTRICT? Better communication - I want to get membership lists updated and workable.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE ISSUE THE UNION WILL FACE DURING YOUR TERM AND HOW WOULD YOU PROPOSE TO RESOLVE IT? Again - we need to get help to the locals. Yes we need to do a lot ourselves, but we are not professionals at it and we have to work full time jobs. We need to use some more NSUP funds (among other funding) to obtain what we need to obtain our goals in both internal and external organizing.

OTHER INFORMATION TO SUPPORT YOUR CANDIDACY: I have a lot of experience working with the members. I am not afraid of asking questions and want to achieve what is best for the union.

District 3N Assistant District Director

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Randol Blair OR Cascades West Council of Governments, Local 937

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE? I have served on my local bargaining team for the last 2 contracts.

I have served as steward, chief steward and am currently the local president. I am active on a district basis attending meetings and serving from there as a CAPE delegate.

UNION EXPERIENCE NOT ITEMIZED ABOVE: Prior to my SEIU experiences, I was active in my Teamster union local. I also have been an active participant in other union support such as the WAH CHANG lockout.

WHY ARE YOU SEEKING THIS OFFICE AND WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR SEIU LOCAL 503, OPEU DURING YOUR TERM? I am committed to building a strong labor movement. Beyond my own local, I want all 503 locals to be strong. My goal would be for all 503 locals to coordinate on health care reform.

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR YOUR DISTRICT? Increased CAPE and District level participation. For the district to be strong, we must have depth in the organization. That means Local Government, Home Care, State, Higher Ed locals etc, all being recruited & represented.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE ISSUE THE UNION WILL FACE DURING YOUR TERM AND HOW WOULD YOU PROPOSE TO RESOLVE IT? Without a doubt - healthcare reform. Workers under the PEBB umbrella may feel like they are being squeezed but they haven't seen the worst of it! For Local Gov't, HomeCare, PNP the last several years have been disastrous in terms of benefit packages. National & State & local elections are a necessary part of the solution - we simply have to elect labor friendly candidates

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Donita J. Hunter Homecare, Local 99

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE? I have been active with the Union for the past 3 years, a homecare worker for over 10 years. I have a willingness to serve as ADD

representing all District 3 members and I am eager to learn more about our Union.

WHY ARE YOU SEEKING THIS OFFICE AND WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR SEIU LOCAL 503, OPEU DURING YOUR TERM? I am seeking this office to be an active participant in my Union, to have a voice and help shape future outcomes. My goals will be to help strengthen our Union and support and assist District 3 Directors in increasing participation with other members.

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR YOUR DISTRICT? My goals for the district is to help strengthen the district as a whole and represent the goals of our district at the Board and assist with communications within the District.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE ISSUE THE UNION WILL FACE DURING YOUR TERM AND HOW WOULD YOU PROPOSE TO RESOLVE IT? The single biggest issue the Union will face during my term is the State's budget deficit. I think we need to elect legislators who support public workers and the important services we provide. We also need to build public support and political power to tackle issues of tax fairness between individuals and businesses in our communities.

OTHER INFORMATION TO SUPPORT YOUR CANDIDACY: I have good people skills, I listen well and have a high level of patience with people with diverse backgrounds. I am organized and good at juggling schedules. My family is very active in our community. We volunteer at our public schools, help organize music festivals, stream clean up projects, building trails and United Way Day of Caring Project.

District 3S District Director



Bart Lewis U of O, Local 085

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE? Chair-Higher Ed Bargaining Team, Treasurer-District 3 South,