

Anita Pecoff represents Homecare at SEIU International Convention

Every 4 years, our International Union convenes it's national convention to set our goals and agenda for the next four years. In 2004 we met in San Francisco. This year, we met in Puerto Rico. Anita Pecoff was the only homecare leader elected as a delegate to the convention. Here's her words about her experience:



The SEIU Convention was very exciting. The food and weather was terrific and every other day there was a celebration in the streets.

I was among 3000 delegates from all over the US, Canada

and Puerto Rico, plus guests from Ethiopia and Australia, all-in-all 17 countries.

With our population aging the Healthcare division goal is to have a National Healthcare system and healthcare reform which ensures affordable, quality healthcare for every

man, woman and child in America. We will accomplish this by uniting nurses, hospital workers, homecare workers, nursing homes, foster care homes, and child care workers into "one long term care SEIU Union." In so doing we raise the standards of care, training, and wages for all working families. We will continue to have local bargaining but eventually we will negotiate national contracts with national companies in which SEIU workers in every state will have representation at the bargaining table and we will leverage our power at a national level to achieve healthcare coverage for every healthcare worker. There is power and justice in numbers and we're passing it on to healthcare workers across the country.



Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this exciting goal.

Local 503's Delegation to the Summer Institute for Union Women in Vancouver, British Columbia – Jeannie Miles, Sally Cumberworth, Mary Wood, Portia Moye, Lee Meyers, Front Row, Timisha Wilson and LJ Denney.

