

Local 57 Workers Protest Attack on Bargaining Rights & Middle Class

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their unions. The day also marked the 43rd anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was killed in Memphis while supporting striking sanitation workers there.

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The protesters then marched to the offices of Governor Corbett, where they sent a loud and clear message that rich corporations should be taxed and Pennsylvania’s working class protected.

Proposed Amendment to the Local 57 By-Laws

The following proposed amendment to the Local 57 by-laws would allow the President and Vice-President of Local 57 to organize and build the Union full time.

The proposal will be voted on in the next Local 57 General Membership meetings on June 9th at 10:30 am, 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

Article 4, Section 1

“There shall be an Executive Board consisting of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and ten (10) at-large members specified in Article 2, Section 1 of these by-Laws. The positions of President and Vice President shall be full-time, paid staff positions.”

Shop Steward Training

Since our victory last year to win back our Union, one of the most urgent requests from members has been to increase the number of trained Shop Stewards. The Local 57 Executive Board and staff are

working hard to meet this request and kicked off Shop Steward training in February. The training was open to all members and was attended by veteran stewards as well as brand new trainees. Meadows Casino members were excited to have their first shop steward training and were joined by Wheeling Island Casino members who are proudly back in Local 57! Altogether there were fifty people who completed the training.

If you missed the first training but are interested in becoming a Shop Steward, join us for one of the upcoming all-day shop steward trainings on Tuesday May 10th, or Saturday May 14th. For more information talk to your committee leader or call 412-212-1142.



Local 57 Shop Stewards & Steward trainees celebrate the end of a successful training session



Crowne Plaza Room Attendants Organize Successful Delegation



Room Attendants Fazilat Tashtanova, Micky Sedota, Mona Al Sadat, Minh Lam, and Hari Gautam stand in front of the employee entrance.

Five months ago the Crowne Plaza decided to keep the employee entrance locked but didn't give workers keys. Blocked from using the employee entrance, workers were forced to walk to an entrance further away, then through the banquet lobby, back through the kitchen, and then all the way downstairs, just to clock in. Tired of the needless and time consuming inconvenience, workers in the housekeeping department did a small delegation to management where issuing keys cards was discussed, but no cards were handed out. A few weeks later the housekeepers returned but this time with workers from other departments to back them up. Within days of the bigger delegation every Room Attendant was issued a key card!

Notice of Elections of UNITE HERE Local 57 Union Officers and Executive Board Members

We are notifying the membership of the following regarding the election of Local 57's officers. Nominations were called for at meetings held on Thursday, March 31, 2011, and the following members have accepted their nominations to run for office:

President
Mary Alice Cypher*

Vice-President
Sue Scattaregia*

Recording Secretary
Jon Staniszewski*

Executive Board (10 Positions)

Patty Barker
Patrice Collins*
Mario Davis*
Annette Dugger*
Mike Gryzinski

Bernie Martin*
Nicole McCandless*
Veronica Muskelly*
Brenda Overfield*
Anita Renner*

Lisa Spano
Mackenzie Smith*
Michelle Winbush
Josh Wyland*
Bernard "Zack" Zadrowski

**In coherence to the Local 57 by-laws, these candidates have filed to run together as a slate.*

**The secret ballot election will take place on Thursday, April 28, 2011
from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm at the following polling sites:**

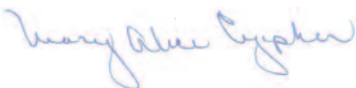
Omni William Penn
Riverboat Room
530 William Penn Place
Pittsburgh, PA

Sheraton Station Square
Edinburgh Room
300 West Station Square Drive
Pittsburgh, PA

Wheeling Island Casino
1 South Stone Street
Wheeling, WV

Voting Rules:

1. Only members in good standing on the day of the election may vote. You must bring with you proof that you are a member in good standing, such as a recent paycheck stub or employer issued ID showing you are currently working at a workplace represented by Local 57.
2. You will need to present proper identification. Photo identification is preferred. Proper identification shall consist of any of the following: valid driver's license, valid employee ID badge, valid passport, valid social security card, certified copy of your birth certificate, or certified naturalization documentation.
3. You will be required to sign a statement testifying you are a member in good standing,
4. You must vote at your assigned polling site (see back). Master lists will be maintained to ensure that eligible voters only vote once.
5. Ballots will be counted at the Local 57 offices on the evening of April 28th after the polls close and once all ballots arrive at the Local 57 office.



Mary Alice Cypher
President



Jon Staniszewski
Recording Secretary



Sue Scattaregia
Vice President

You must vote at your assigned polling site. Check the following list to find your assigned polling site.

If you work here:

CONSOL Energy Center
Crowne Plaza
David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Doubletree
Fluted Mushroom
Omni William Penn
Pittsburgh Athletic Association
PNC Park
Renaissance
Sheraton Station Square
Sky Chefs
Westin
Wheeling Island
Wyndham

You vote here:

Omni William Penn, Riverboat Room
Sheraton Station Square, Edinburgh Room
Omni William Penn, Riverboat Room
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April 4th Protests – Many Cities, One Voice



Minneapolis



New Haven



Washington, DC



Los Angeles