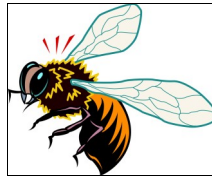


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Primary Election Candidate Interviews Set For March 7th

By Jan Carpenter
Labor Council Vice-President

The Beaver Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board will conduct 2020 Primary Election candidate interviews on March 7th. The interviews will be conducted at the IBEW Local 712 Edmund D. Hill Complex in Vanport beginning at 9:00 AM and continue until all candidates have been interviewed.

The offices for which the Labor Council will conduct interviews are U.S. President, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, PA State Senate, PA State House of Representatives, PA Attorney General, PA Auditor and PA Treasurer. The offices must pertain to districts that include all or parts of Beaver and Lawrence Counties.

The interviews will be conducted to help the Labor Council decide at its March 16th membership meeting which candi-

dacies it should recommend the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO to endorse. Candidacies for federal and state offices cannot be endorsed by individual central labor councils – they must be endorsed by the state AFL-CIO in accordance with its bylaws, which include consideration of recommendations by central labor councils.

The Executive Board will decide after interviewing all candidates whether to recommend that the delegates attending the March 16th membership meeting rec-

ommend state AFL-CIO endorsement of any candidates interviewed.

Candidates who wish to schedule an interview should submit a request to Jan Carpenter at carpenterjm54@gmail.com. Requests should include the office desired and the party primary in which the candidate is entered. Authorized representatives of candidates who are unable to attend also may submit requests.

Interviews will last up to twenty minutes. The

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2020 PA Primary Election Important Dates

First day to circulate and file nomination petitions ..	01/28
Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions ..	02/18
First day to circulate and file nomination papers ...	02/19
Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions	03/04
Last day to register before the primary	04/13
Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot	04/21
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted Civilian absentee ballots	04/28
PRIMARY ELECTION	04/28

Labor Council Participates in Beaver Falls Christmas Dinner



Labor leaders and friends with Rebecca Salopek, Beaver Falls Christian Assembly CARE Outreach Ministries Coordinator, at Christmas Day Dinner and Toy Giveaway. The Beaver Falls Christian Assembly sponsors the event each year and many Labor Council delegates help before, during and after the dinner as needed. From left, former Labor Council Executive Board member Joe Spanik, Pa. AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Frank Snyder, UNION BUG Director of Photography T Berry, Rebecca Salopek, Labor Council Executive Vice-President Dan Onuska, 2019 Democratic Party Candidate for Beaver County Treasurer Lori Bohatch and Labor Council President Rick Galiano.



From left, Labor Council Vice-President Mike Cicconi, U.S. Rep. Conor Lamb, Labor Council Recording Secretary Kerri Theuerl and UNION BUG Director of Photography T Berry.



Labor Council Vice-President Linwood Alford and former Labor Council Executive Vice-President Eric Hoover.

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President's Report

By Rick Galiano
Labor Council President

* The Labor Council membership has elected Executive Board members for two- year terms. The election was held at the December membership meeting. The Executive Board members will be installed at the January membership meeting. The elected Executive Board members are:

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Labor Council Affiliated Labor Organizations

AFSCME 248	IUOE 66
AFSCME 1483	IUPAT 530
AFSCME 1816	LIUNA 833
AFSCME 2105	LIUNA 964
AFSCME 2353	NALC 84
AFSCME 2367	OPCMIA 31
AFSCME 2602	OPEIU 277
AFSCME 2902	ROOFERS 37
AFT 3975	SEIU HC PA
AWIU 2	SEIU 668
BAC 9	SMART 12
CWA 13000	TWU 2035
AFF 160	UA 449
IAFF 3539	UBC 268
IAM 1976	UBC 922
IBB 154	UFCW 23
IBB 173	USW 623
IBEW 29	USW 1211
IBEW 201	USW 1212
IBEW 272	USW 8183
IBEW 459	USW 9305
IBEW 712	USW 256L
IBT 205	Beaver Co. Building Trades
IBT 261	Lawrence Co. Building Trades
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* Forty-nine Labor organizations were affiliated with the Labor Council as of December, the same number that were affiliated in December 2018. These organizations are listed in the box above.

* The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO will hold its 44th Constitutional Convention on April 7-9 in Philadelphia. The venue will be the Philadelphia 201 Hotel, formerly the Philadelphia Sheraton Downtown. Contact the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO for additional information at 717-231-2841.

* The Labor Council needs food and refreshments sponsors for several 2020 membership meetings. Please contact me if your local union would like to sponsor the food and refreshment at a meeting.

* The registration forms for the April 18th Human Rights banquet will be mailed out at the end of January. Please contact Mark Benkart at 724-312-4387 if you would like to attend and do not receive a form.

Union Members Win Big With Path To Power

by Frank Snyder
 Pennsylvania AFL-CIO
 Secretary-Treasurer
*Reprinted from the
 Winter 2019-2020 PA AFL-CIO
 News and Views*

For decades, the political system has failed working people. Acting on behalf of some greedy corporations and the obscenely rich, the political system has been taking away, one after another, the pillars that support working people's right to good

jobs and secure benefits. Our enemies know that unions are the last defense for working people, and so set as their top priority, taking away the freedom of working people to negotiate for a better life.

The time has passed when we can simply settle for the lesser of two evils. We must develop a new generation of elected representatives who share our aspirations for growing the labor movement and meeting the challenges of globalization, privatization, and the emerging 21st century workplace; speaking with an independent political voice, backed by a unified labor movement.

Your State Federation, along with the National AFL-CIO, has been fighting back, to shift the balance of power for working people, through the initiative called PATH TO POWER. PATH TO POWER fights back with Union members as candidates. Working with affiliates to identify, recruit and elect pro-union candidates to local public office helps ensure that the candidates we recruit and endorse, are not just supporters of labor, but champions of organized labor, driving a pro-worker, pro-union agenda.

The focus on getting union members elected into office came out of a resolution at the AFL-CIO'S 2017 convention affirming an "urgent need" to step up such efforts. Efforts that include a strategy to train and prepare qualified candidates to run for office, support these candidates with a robust member-to-member voter mobilization pro-

gram, help these candidates resource and implement their campaigns, and provide strong policy training where union members are out front shaping the debate about what the economy ought to do for workers.

Coming off November's general election, Pennsylvania saw 34 of 56 union members who were endorsed by their CLC or State Fed, win their respective contests. Everything from local Auditor like myself, to County and City officials. All elected officials have influence over the lives of working people. They directly oversee the delivery of public services, the education of our children, and the first responders who work to keep us safe. Local governments also enact policies fostering the procurement of American and union-made goods and services, which drive our local economies and produce quality manufacturing jobs.

They also can ensure we properly invest in such vital infrastructure as water and sewer systems, mass transit and highway projects. These policy makers have the ability to enact responsible contractor policies and project labor agreements to ensure they hire the most highly-skilled workers – Union workers. 2020 provides even more opportunities for electing card-carrying union members to public office. What's stopping you? Interested in learning more, shoot me an email at fsnyder@paaficio.org. And together with the PA AFL-CIO, we will travel on the Path to Power.

Interviews

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Executive Board will ask candidates to respond to Labor-related questions such as Paycheck Deception and "Right to Work."

All candidates interviewed on March 7th will be invited to the Labor Council's March 16th membership meeting to give a three-minute presentation of their candidacies before the delegates vote on recommendations.

The Labor Council urges all candidates to take part in our interview process. We are a non-partisan organization and not affiliated with any political party. We support candidates who we believe will fight for policies that are favorable to working families regardless of political affiliation.

The Labor Council will work to inform its 49 affiliated organizations and their members of any recommendations made. It will also work to inform the public of its recommendations.

Community Services Report

By Mark Benkart
Community Services Chairman

*** On December 25th, 2019, the Beaver Falls Christian Assembly Church held another toy giveaway and meals for over eleven hundred people at Beaver Falls High School.

There were many labor people helping out including Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Secretary Treasurer Frank Snyder. Thank you once again to Kerri Theuerl for organizing the labor volunteers for this joyous event.

*** 2019 had some disappointments - especially with the local elections. Hopefully, 2020 will change this with the Democratic Primaries and of course, the November Elections. We have the opportunity to elect someone that will help the

working people and the poor with things such as affordable Health Care.

The present administration pushed through things that hurt Labor. We need to elect someone that will help to improve the lives of the working people.

*** Soon, we will be mailing

out registration forms for our upcoming Human Rights Banquet that will be held on April 18th at The Club at Shadow Lakes. If you would like to attend and did not receive a registration form, please call Mark Benkart at 724-312-4387, or Linwood Alford at 724-630-6800.

Beaver - Lawrence Central Labor Council Human Rights Banquet

When: Saturday, April 18, 2020, 7:00 PM

**Where: The Club at Shadow Lakes
2000 Beaver Lakes Blvd.
Aliquippa, PA 15001**

For information call Mark Benkart at 724-312-4387, or
Linwood Alford at 724-630-6800.

UAW Local 1311 Requests Support

*Reprinted from the January
2020 issue of
NW PA ALF NEWS*

As the Union President, I would like to take this opportunity to share some information with our union brothers and sisters in the broader labor movement. Since Feb. 4, 2019, we have been negotiating our contract. We worked day to day and then on August 10, 2019, Langeloth Metallurgical Company LLC (LMC) gave us their Last, Best and Final offer.

Our members decided

to strike on September 9, 2019. We are striking over SENIORITY. We're affiliated with the UAW and have made numerous attempts to resolve this issue!

During the holidays we were waiting on an answer from the company lawyer as to when we could resume negotiations. His response was that the company had to sit down and talk about how they were going to resolve the seniority issue and our bidding process.

Yesterday, Friday, January 3, 2020, an email was sent

to our Union Representative stating that permanent replacement workers are being hired. (We are assuming they will try and bus in the permanent replacement workers to the plant as early as this Monday.) It also states in the email that the economic strikers will be placed on a recall list in accordance with the law.

Any help you can give would be truly appreciated!

In Solidarity
Jim Hall, President
UAW Local 1311

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We're on the Web:
pa.aflicio.org/349

Calendar of Events

- 01/19 Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration Committee banquet: 5:00 PM, Center Stage Banquet Hall, 1495 Old Brodhead Road, Monaca. Contact Eugenia Priest at 724-775-7734 for additional information and tickets.
- 01/20 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and membership meetings; Executive Board - 6:00 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM; IBEW 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport.
- 02/11 Community Services/Moral Mondays meeting: 7:00 PM; IBEW Local 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport.
- 02/17 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and membership meetings; Executive Board - 6:00 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM; IBEW 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport.
- 03/07 Primary Election candidate interviews by Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board; 9:00 AM; IBEW Local 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport. See article on Page 1 of this issue of the UNION BUG for additional details.
- 04/07 44th Pa. AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention: the Philadelphia 201 Hotel, Philadelphia. Contact the Pa AFL-CIO at 717-231-2841 for additional information.
- 04/18 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Human Rights Banquet -IUPAT General President Kenneth E. Rigmaiden, keynote speaker: cocktail hour at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, The Club at Shadow Lakes, 2000 Beaver Lakes Blvd., Aliquippa. Invitations to be mailed at the end of January. See Page 1 of the December 2019 issue of the UNION BUG for additional details.

Calendar of Events submissions must be emailed to Jody Kohser, Calendar of Events Coordinator, at jkohser@verizon.net, by 6:00 p.m. on February 10th to be considered for publication in the February 2020 Issue of the **UNION BUG**.