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Executive Board Elected and Installed at NW PA Area Labor Federation Meeting

By Steven Kocherzat
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The Northwestern Pennsylvania Area Labor Federation (NPAALF) election of Executive Board members was held at its annual meeting on June 26th. The meeting was held at the Ambassador Inn and Conference Center in Erie.

Trustee Laurie Fisher served as the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council's delegate. The Labor Council appointed her as a delegate at its May meeting.

Executive Board members are elected for three-year terms that

begin in the second quarter of the year of election.

The Executive Board, in coordination with the Pa. AFL-CIO and NPAALF affiliated Labor Councils, develops and implements a unified strategic plan and budget for the per capita taxes paid by the local unions within its jurisdiction.

Affiliated Labor Councils submit work plans and budgets to the Executive Board, and after Executive Board review, the Executive Board notifies the Labor Councils of their approved budgets.

The Labor Councils within the geographic jurisdiction of the NPAALF

are: Greater Westmoreland, Beaver-Lawrence, Indiana-Armstrong and Clarion, Erie-Crawford, Butler, Mercer, Clearfield-Elk-Cameron and Jefferson, Venango, McKean-Potter and Warren-Forest.

Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council President Rick Galiano and Labor Council delegate Frank Telesz were re-elected as Executive Board Vice-Chairs. Labor Council Vice-President Kerri Theuerl was re-elected as an Executive Board member. Labor Council Vice-President Howard Thompson served on the meeting's Election Committee.



NW Pa. ALF Executive Board members after election and installation on June 26th. Picture courtesy of NW Pa. ALF.

President's Report

By Rick Galiano
Labor Council President

* Thank you to all those Labor Council delegates, union members and friends and supporters of the Labor Council who attended our annual picnic meeting on June 17th at Brady's Run Park. Also thank you to Labor Council Vice-President Mark Benkart for organizing the food and refreshments at the picnic.

* The Labor Council will discuss general election endorsements of candidates for county and local offices at the July Labor Council meeting. The Council will consider the endorsements that it made for the primary election in May when considering general election endorsements.

* The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO has made endorsements in the 2018 statewide judicial elections and statewide judicial retention votes. Amanda Green-Hawkins (Dem.) and Dan McCaffery (Dem.) have been endorsed for Superior Court judgeships. Green-Hawkins addressed the Labor Council at its March meeting and was recommended by the Labor to the state AFL-CIO for endorsement. Anne Laarus (Dem.) and Judy

Olsen (Rep.) were endorsed for Superior Court retentions and Kevin Brobson (Rep.) and Patricia McCullough (Rep.) were endorsed for Commonwealth Court retentions.

* Thank you to Labor Council Trustee Laurie Fisher for serving as the Labor Council's delegate to the NW Pa. Area Labor Federation's annual meeting.

* The food and beverages at the July Labor Council meeting will be sponsored by SEIU Healthcare PA.



Labor Council Vice-President Mark Benkart cooking hot dogs and hamburgers in the rain at the Labor Council's annual picnic meeting on June 17th at Brady's Run Park. Mark was in charge of the food and refreshments at the picnic.

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USW District 10 Conference to Mark 100th Anniversary of Great Steel Strike of 1919

By Christ Atsidis
USW Local 1211 Vice-President

The Great Steel Strike of 1919 was a major link in the long chain of struggles that led to the establishment of the great industrial unions of the CIO, including the United Steel Workers.

September 22nd marks the 100th anniversary of the strike. On that date in 1919 365,000 steelworkers began walking off the job to force their employers to grant them the right of collective bargaining. It was the largest American industrial strike until the first national strike called by the USW in 1946.

Although the strike was defeated by January 1920 when the last 100,000 strikers returned

to work, the tactics developed by the strike's national committee would be used by the CIO and its affiliated unions during the great unionization drives of the 1930's.

USW District 10 will mark the 100th anniversary of the Strike with a power point review of its course and legacy. The review will be presented by USW Local 1211 on July 15th at the District 10 Conference in Atlantic City.

The review, titled "The Great Steel Strike of 1919: laying the Foundation for the CIO and SWOC," is based on an article appearing in the September 1979 issue of the Beaver Valley Labor History Society Journal. The article is titled

"Remembering the Great Steel Strike of 1919: Its effect in the Beaver Valley."

The publication of the Beaver Valley Labor History Society in the late 1970's was made possible by the financial support of USW Local 1211 and the cooperation of the Aliquippa Philip Murray Retirees' Club, the predecessor to the present Aliquippa SOAR Chapter.

The Beaver Valley Labor History Society Archives are located at: The University of Pittsburgh Archives Service Center, 400 North Lexington Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15260 (412-244-7067). The UNION BUG newsletters published in the 1980's and early 1990's form a part of the collection.

In Brief



Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Trustee Laurie Fisher, AFSCME 2902, has been re-elected as AFSCME Council 13 Vice-President representing Health Care Employees. Laurie was re-elected at the 47th Annual Council 13 Convention on April 26-27. Congratulations Laurie.



Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Vice-President Dan Onuska (left) at AFL-CIO Great Lakes District meeting. The meeting was held in Pittsburgh on June 3rd and June 4th. Union activists from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and West Virginia discussed building the Union Movement. They attended workshops focusing on "building the movement and empowering our communities."



The June 26th Pa. NW AFL meeting concluded with a screening of "Off the Table" – a film about how Medicare for All could cover everyone in the U.S. without co-pays, deductibles or premiums and remove one of the biggest obstacles labor negotiators face in contract negotiations. The film was screened by the Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Single Payer Healthcare and was followed by remarks by Judith L. Albert, M.D., a member of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program. John Thompson, United Electrical Workers international representative, W. Pa. Coalition Labor Outreach Coordinator (left) introduced the film as Jan Carpenter, Beaver-Lawrence CLC Healthcare Committee Chairperson, Dr. Albert, Steven Kocherzat and T. Berry look on.

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pa.aflcio.org/349

Calendar of Events

- 06/04 Workplace paintings by Rabecca Signoriello:
to Hoyt Art Center, 124 East Leisure Ave., New Castle.
08/15 Visit info@hoytcent.org for more information.
- 07/10 Pa. AFL-CIO Community Services Institute: Sonesta
to Philadelphia Rittenhouse Square, 1800 Market Street,
07/13 Philadelphia 19103.
- 07/15 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.
- 07/21 Beaver County Democratic Committee Golf Scramble;
Check-in 12:45 -1:45 PM; Blackhawk Golf Course.
See flyer at the end of the June issue of the UNION BUG
for details.
- 07/25 Effective Union Orientations Webinar: Strategies for
Follow-Up Outreach to New Hires; 7:30 - 8:15 PM; See
flyer at the end of this issue of the UNION BUG
- 08/08 Community Services Meeting/Moral Monday meeting;
7:00 PM; IBEW 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport
- 08/16 Pa. AFL-CIO Institute: Conference Center at
to Shippensburg University, 500 Newburg Road,
08/18 Shippensburg, PA 17257.
- 08/19 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board
and membership meetings; Executive Board - 6:00 PM;
Membership – 7:30 PM; PSEA Building, New Castle

Calendar of Events submissions must be emailed to
Jody Kohser, Calendar of Events Coordinator, at
jkohser@verizon.net, by 6:00 p.m. on August 9th
to be considered for publication in the
August 2019 Issue of the **UNION BUG**.



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Effective Union Orientations Webinar: Strategies for Follow-Up Outreach to New Hires

This free webinar, hosted by the LABOR School at Penn State, will focus on strategies unions are pursuing to engage in proactive outreach to union members after they are newly hired and after an initial union orientation. Research and experience show that individuals are more likely to be committed and active union members if they both have a positive initial orientation to the union and if they get additional follow-up information, communication and connections with other union members.

The webinar will include a panel of organizers from unions working on systematic follow-up outreach to newly hired union employees. It will also include a short review of research findings and a chance for all participants to ask questions and share your experiences.

Date and Time: Thursday, July 25th from 7:00pm- 8:15pm

Registration Link: <https://psu.zoom.us/webinar/register/675e88ee31792643c5b9141539e44ee6>

Who Should Attend: Union staff and members who are involved in any capacity with planning or leading union orientations.

To join this free webinar, be sure to register in advance at this link: <https://psu.zoom.us/webinar/>



[Welcome! You are invited to join a webinar:](https://psu.zoom.us/webinar/)
Effective Union Orientations Webinar: Strategies for Follow-Up Outreach to New Hires.
[After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar.](https://psu.zoom.us/webinar/)

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Webinar for unions to focus on best practices related to union orientation, with a focus on the workings of first day orientation sessions.