

Executive and Judicial Branch Bargaining — MSEA-SEIU Members Begin Assembling Union Negotiating Teams

September 15, 2008

Members of the Executive Branch Contract Action Team and the Judicial Branch Bargaining Committee on Saturday, September 13, began the process of assembling their respective Union Negotiating Teams that will negotiate new contracts on behalf of 10,000 workers in State Government.

The Union Negotiating Teams in both branches of government will bargain for new contracts to replace the current contracts expiring June 30, 2009.

As MSEA-SEIU members prepare for bargaining, they are also working to elect candidates at the state and national levels on November 4 who value quality public services our members provide and believe that public workers deserve to be treated with respect. The same state and national candidates we elect on November 4 will make decisions on state and federal budgets that fund the contracts we negotiate in 2009 and beyond. After the elections on November 4, MSEA-SEIU members will hold those elected leaders accountable as we negotiate contracts that reflect the hard work of our members.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Fifty-four members serving on the Executive Branch Contract Action Team gathered at the Augusta Civic Center on September 13 to elect the following at-large members to the Executive Branch Union Negotiating Team: **Cordell Hackett**, Operations, Maintenance & Support Services; **Dan Menard**, Supervisory Services; **Donna Doore**, Administrative Services; and **Tom Maher**, Professional-Technical Services.

Also at this gathering, members of the Executive Branch Contract Action Team nominated several MSEA-SEIU members from each Executive Branch bargaining unit for a ballot election to round out the Union Negotiating Team. Nominees for the Executive Branch Union Negotiating Team are, in alphabetical order:

- Administrative Services: **Judy Green Tarr**,

Kathy Latulippe, Scott Neumeyer and **Cindy Proulx**;

- Professional-Technical Services: **Sharon Carroll, Hector Cyr, Susan Dyer-Taylor, Andrea LaPointe, Ron Perry, Jerry Quirion** and **Carney Williams**;
- Operations, Maintenance & Support Services: **Greg Berry, Dana Miller, Ken Porter** and **Sam Sotirelis**;
- Supervisory Services: **Alelia Hilt Lash, John Sylvester** and **Debbie Stowe**.

Unit-wide elections will be conducted by mail ballot later this month. MSEA-SEIU members in each respective unit will vote for up to three members to represent them on the Union Negotiating Team. Ballots will be mailed out next week (Sept. 22-26) to all MSEA-SEIU members in the Executive Branch once candidate statements have been compiled.

There's still time for MSEA-SEIU members in the Executive Branch to identify their bargaining priorities, either by attending a worksite meeting on bargaining or by filling out the Bargaining Priorities Survey printed on the back of this flier.

JUDICIAL BRANCH

In the Judicial Branch, eight MSEA-SEIU members serving on the Judicial Branch Bargaining Committee gathered at MSEA-SEIU headquarters on September 13 to review bargaining proposals submitted by members.

Committee members also elected the following MSEA-SEIU member from each bargaining unit to serve on the Judicial Branch Union Negotiating Team: **Lisa Morgan**, Administrative Services; **Penny Whitney-Asdourian**, Supervisory Services; and **Maurice Fournier**, Professional Services.

The Judicial Branch Bargaining Committee is in the process of nominating MSEA-SEIU members from each Judicial Branch bargaining unit for a mail ballot election later this month to round out the Union Negotiating Team.

The next meeting of the Judicial Branch Bargaining Committee is 6 PM on Thursday, October 2, at MSEA-SEIU headquarters.



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MSEA-SEIU 2008 Executive Branch Collective Bargaining Proposal Form

To be successful, bargaining proposals need the strong support of MSEA-SEIU members. Talk with your co-workers to find out what are the most important issues where you work. Please use this form to submit specific bargaining proposals. For more information, contact Rod Hiltz at rod.hiltz@mseaseiu.org or 1-800-452-8794.

1. Bargaining Unit and Contract Article (i.e. Seniority, Wages, etc.):

2. Nature of Proposal or Suggested Language:

3. Explanation (Please explain examples of past problems or experiences this proposal would remedy.)

4. Approximately how many union members would this affect? _____

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Your Name _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Home E-mail: _____ **Work E-mail:** _____

(All of this contact information is requested in case we have follow-up questions)

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