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The importance of unions cannot be overstated

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The importance and role of trade unions in defending the rights of working people cannot be overstated. This is especially so in the current time when in the midst of a world-wide economic recession there are those arguing for strategies and policies that are about cutting wages and jobs and undermining workers’ rights and protections.

These conservative and right wing elements see the recession as an opportunity to cut costs and increase profits irrespective of the social and human consequences.

It isn’t that long ago - a matter of a few generations - that workers had no rights whatsoever. They were hired and fired at the whim of employers. The children of workers had no childhood and no future. They too often worked from a young age.

In my home city of Belfast in the 19th and early 20th centuries, the linen mill workers lived under the shadow of the mills where they worked. To house them row after row of small houses were built. Female and child labor predominated.

Children, mostly girls, worked the same hours as the adults. But these were what were called half-timers. The children worked three days one week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) and went to school on Tuesday and Thursday. The following week it was the reverse and they did so until they were 14.

They lived in appalling conditions. Clouds of dust from the flax affected the respiratory organs. Bronchial illness was common and the death-rate from tuberculosis was high.

The greater number of these workers died before the age of forty-five. Children generally were badly developed and small.

The great American writer Jack London’s description of a child worker was equally applicable in the USA or in Belfast at that time: “He did not walk like a man. He did not look like a man. He was a travesty of a human. It was a twisted and stunted and nameless piece of life that shambled like a sickly ape, arms loose-hung, narrow-chested, grotesque and terrible.”

In the founding constitution of the International Hod Carriers and Building Laborers Union, Jack London’s words were echoed.

Workers combining together to use their collective strength in common cause to achieve better conditions, decent wages and a better future for themselves and their families.

Sometimes unions have won a battle for recognition or better wages and conditions, and sometimes they have lost. But they have never given up!

One such dark period in trade union history will be marked next year in Ireland when we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Dublin Lockout. That experience exemplifies much of what workers and trade unions faced at that time.

Workers were sacked for being members of the Irish Transport Union. A strike was called. The Dublin Metropolitan Police (DMP) attacked the workers.

Hundreds were admitted to hospitals and two, James Nolan and John Byrne, were killed.

Despite courageous efforts the workers were defeated and the strike broken but out of that brief, bleak struggle in Dublin grew a stronger trade union movement in Ireland.

This experience of repression, increased solidarity and progress has been replicated in many other parts of the world, including the USA.

That same year, 1913, in Paterson, New Jersey, America experienced what was effectively its first general strike when 50,000 silk workers struck for five months in order to win shorter work hours and better conditions.

And while the starving workers returned to work without winning all their demands, their protests continued until, in 1919, they finally won the eight-hour day.

Since then, the trade union movement in the USA and internationally has gone from strength to strength as an effective force for change and progress.

Laws defining and protecting workers’ rights have been passed in many states but in some there is still a battle to be won to introduce legislative protections for workers, and in others those rights that have been won have to be constantly defended.

Unions are committed to this as they are to combating inequality and ensuring that working families have decent health care and insurance, safe working conditions and decent wages. The experience of hardship and struggle has forged a trade union movement which is stronger and more focused than ever on facing the challenges created by the current global economic crisis.
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John (Jack) Ahern
BUSINESS MANAGER AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF IUE LOCAL 30.

Place of Birth
Brooklyn.

Where do you live
Long Island.

First Job
I worked as a cleaner in Midwood.

Salary
I worked as a cleaner in Midwood.

Status
Married.

Spouse and children's names
Susan, Corey, Taryn and Michael.

Best advice you could give someone starting out
I love to cook for my family. My specialties are creative pizzas and pasta dishes.

Where do you live
Shirley, NY.

First Job
I have been in the field of education for 19 years.

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Best advice you could give someone starting out
I love to cook for my family. My specialties are creative pizzas and pasta dishes.

Where do you live
New York City.

First Job
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A short time later he was appointed and re-elected International Representative for New York State, a position he still maintains today. In addition, James also serves as the President of the New York State Building Trades and serves on the AFL-CIO executive council of New York State.

### Michael Casey

**PRESIDENT LOCAL 2 CHAPTER OF UNITE HERE**

Mike Casey (born January 6, 1956) is the president of the 12,000-member Local 2 chapter of UNITE HERE, a union that represents hotel and restaurant workers in San Francisco. He was elected president of the union local in 1994, and Casey has a reputation as a hard-nosed negotiator and a capable union president.

In 2002, after UNITE HERE won an agreement with the San Francisco Marriott hotels, Marriott executive Hand Biddle said about Casey at a banquet to mark the agreement, "The things you said you were going to deliver, you delivered. And when you said you would do it in the eye and said you were going to have 1,000 (demonstrators) out in front of this hotel, damned if you didn’t do that, too."[1]

At the appointment of Mayor Willie Brown, Casey served on the Board of Directors of San Francisco’s Municipal Transportation Agency from 2000 to 2004. He is president of the San Francisco Labor Council. A product of union activism, Casey was born in San Francisco and grew up in Stockton and Sacramento. Prior to joining UNITE HERE in 1992, Casey worked for the Farm Labor Organizing Committee. He also served as Vice President of the New York City Central Labor Council and on the New York City Opera Board of Directors as well as The Actors Fund Executive Board.

### Peter Corrigan

**FORMER DELEGATE/ FINANCIAL SECRETARY LOCAL UNION 157 NEW YORK CITY.**

Place of Birth New Jersey. Where do you live Lake Stockholm. First Job Carpenter at the Goldman Sachs job with Century Maxxim Construction. What it taught me Hard work pays off, and that the rank and file in the field are what should count most. Cutting deals and back room politics are not in place in bettering the working conditions and wages for the blue collar worker, the worker that simply gets up every day ready to work to better his life and his families life. This country was built by the working man and will continue to be built by the working man.

Status Single Three things people would be surprised to know about me 1. Read a lot about past union leaders 2. Graduated with a degree in Political Science 3. Was offered jobs in Coaching (College Football). Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today’s economy, and what would be your main arguments affirming or denying that view? The labor movement is still very relevant in today’s economy. If you talk to many General Contractors around New York City, they will tell you that they are receiving more plans, and bids for work then they have in recent memory. New York City and the country are not only growing, but will rebound, I just hope that the leadership of my particular union, the New York City District Council of Carpenters do not let the membership out, by negotiating debilitating giveaways. Labor Leaders must be leaders now more than ever in the Labor Movement.

Do you think that labor should adopt to changing times, and what form should any such adapting take? Labor Unions should not fall victim to corporate greed, Unions must use all the technology and assert at their disposal so that a Union does not negotiate a giveaway on a certain project then find out later that the contractor around the corner negotiated the giveaway back, on made record profits, while the rank and file struggle to make ends meet. Unions must stay in the forefront technologically and politically now more than ever. Unions must adapt from the “thug” mentality where you would use your fist, and now use their "heads." Beat them with your brains.

Best advice you could give someone starting out The advice I would give someone starting out is, do not sell out your membership or rank and file to get ahead. Never back down from a fight, and be passionate about what you doing and being involved in something that is bigger than yourself.

Peter Corrigan was born in North Jersey to John and Kelly Corrigan on June 9, 1958. Peter’s grandfather, John Corrigan was a member of Carpenters for over 40 years in Local Union 608 he emigrated from Rochfortbridge, Westmeath in the 1890s. Peter’s father, John Corrigan is a Union Carpenter for over 30 years in Local Union 608 now 157. Peter is a third generation Carpenter who joined Local 608 in 2006. In May of 2011 Peter was elected Financial Secretary for Local Union 157 in New York City and in October 2011 he was elected Delegate for Local 157. In May of 2011 Peter was graduated from O.W. Post - LIU with a BA in Political Science. Peter is very proud of his Irish American Heritage as well as his proud heritage of the American Carpenters Association. Peter Corrigan believes that those in leadership can not forget that the rank and file foot the bill, the membership can not be sold out with deals so others can advance themselves. Peter has always and will always fight for the membership.

### Thomas Costello

**INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 99 ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER/VICE PRESIDENT.**

Place of Birth Bronx, New York. Where do you live Sea Ford, New York. First Job Paper boy for the Long Island Star. What it taught me It taught me the harder I worked, the more money I made. Status Married. Spouse and children’s names Bernadette Costello (wife), Thomas M. Costello (son), Mary Beth Gass (daughter), Kenny Gass (son-in-law). Where do you live 1. Have a second home on the Hamptons 2. Have a summer bungalow in Rockaway. Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today’s economy, and what would be your main arguments affirming this view? I believe the labor movement is more relevant in today’s economy than ever before. We must continue to work to make our unions stronger, our membership larger, and our voices heard. In addition to providing members with a decent wage, safe working conditions and benefits, we must educate our membership on the importance of voting for candidates which have our best interests at heart. The American dream should be equally shared. Without a strong labor movement, the elite one percent of our nation and the large corporations will have an influence over our political candidates. Labor must make their voices heard in the White House.

Do you think that labor has to adapt to changing times, and what form should any such adapting take? Labor must adapt to the changes in the economy and labor must work together to make ourselves stronger. Best advice you could give someone starting out Join a union and get involved. Thomas F. Costello began his career in UOUE Local 94 at the World Trade Center in 1972, and ten years later became a business agent for the union. Tom is currently the Assistant Business Manager/Vice President, union trustee, executive board member and training committee member for Local 94. The skilled mechanics of Local 94 operate, maintain and repair the heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment as well as other equipment incidental to the operation of New York City’s largest residential and commercial office buildings, as well as hotels, clubs, schools, and residential power houses. Costello was born in the Bronx in 1950 and when he was five the family moved to Sunnyside, Queens. Tom is proud of his family’s Irish American heritage. His father, Matthew, was born in Williamsport, County Galway, came to America 30 years later and served seven years in the U. S. Army, and later joined the meat packer’s union. His mother, Mary Dorothy, was an accomplished Irish step dancer, who performed with her father’s band in Rockaway, back when the area was known as “Irishtown.” In addition to having the band, Tom’s grandfather, Thomas, was the first of a few renowned Irish step dancer who was undefeated for 24 years.

Tom and his wife Bernadette have two children. Their son Thomas lives in Rockville Centre and is a member of Local 94. Their daughter Mary Beth and her husband Kenny live in New Jersey. Tom and Bernadette live in Seaford and enjoy spending time at their bungalow in Rockaway.

### Dennis A. Daggett

**PRESIDENT ATLANTIC COAST DISTRICT, ILA, AFL-CIO PRESIDENT LOCAL 1804-1, ILA, AFL-CIO**

Dennis A. Daggett was unanimously elected President of the Atlantic Coast District, International Longshoremen’s Association, AFL-CIO at the District’s quadrennial convention in July 2011. The Atlantic Coast District, a 150-mile area including New York City, is the most active area in the country with large port facilities. The largest of the Great Lakes ports, Duluth, Minn., the largest port in North America, and Puerto Rico. He has previously served as Secretary-Treasurer of the ACD. Daggett also serves as President of Local 1804-1, International Longshoremen’s Association, AFL-CIO. Prior to his election to the local’s top position in September 2011, Daggett served extensive positions with the largest ILA local in the country. A fourth generation member of his family that worked at the longshore industry in Contain, Dennis followed the path of his grandfather, who was a checker with the ILA, and his father, Harold J. Daggett, who currently serves as the ILA’s International President.

Dennis’s paternal grandfather and great-grandfather were ILA members working as longshoremen in the Port of New York and New Jersey. One of the youngest and brightest officers in the ILA, Dennis Daggett, 57, has introduced new bargaining and education strategies and techniques to current Master Contract negotiations in Container and Oui engineers.

He orchestrated groundbreaking research programs to better equip ILA officers in their negotiations with United States Maritime Alliance. He also successfully led current Master Contract negotiations in Container. Chassis work that will better protect

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The Laborers’ International Union of North America — Eastern Region salutes the Irish Echo’s Irish Labor 50, including our own honorees

MAGGIE MORAN
MICKEY KELLY
RICHIE FITZSIMMONS

Laborers’ International Union of North America – Eastern Region
Raymond M. Pocino, VP and Regional Manager
members' jobs well into the future. Daggett's own longshoring career began when he was employed in container operations on the Jersey Line with Universal Maritime Service Corporation in Port Newark, N.J. With his ILA local, Daggett was named Business Agent in December 2000. On the international level, Dennis previously was Safety Director for the 50,000-member International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO, a position he was first appointed to in December 1997 by then ILA President John Bowers.

As National Safety Director, Dennis Daggett was instrumental in instituting rigorous safety regulations and modern training programs into the ILA contract.

For his outstanding efforts in improving safety for ILA members, Dennis was honored by the Hampton Roads Shipping Association, ILA in Virginia.

In 2006, he received the President's award from the A. Philip Randolph Institute of Union and Essex Counties of New Jersey.

In November 2011, the Labor Advisory Board of the United Negro College Fund in Washington, D.C. presented Dennis Daggett with an award from the A. Philip Randolph Association-ILA in Virginia.

1. In 2011, Daggett was born in West Orange, New Jersey. After graduating from Rutgers University, he started out in advertising and public relations before going to work for Governor James McGreevey. Sean later worked for Governor Jim McGreevey and Senator Jon Corzine, all three of which were strong pro-labor governors. After founding Round World Consulting, Sean worked on a series of political campaigns, culminating with Bill Pascarella's Primary Campaign victory this year. Sean has a degree in the field of public relations, including former Governor David Paterson. Sean and his wife, Laura, live in Neptune, New Jersey.

Dennis resides in Sparta, New Jersey with his wife, Marisa and two children, Alexa and Joseph.

Dennis Daggett was an altarboy.

2. Married.

3. Dishwasher at Gaffer's Pub.

4. Spouse and children's names

Sean Darcy
OWNER/ROUND WORLD CONSULTING.

Place of Birth
West Orange, New Jersey.

Where do you live
None.

First Job
Dishwasher at Gaffer's Pub.

What it taught me
Happy hours can put money in your pocket.

Status
Married.

Spouse
Laura Matos.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me
1. I graduated from the NY Mets, Pittsburgh Steelers, NY Rangers, Pearl Jam and Marshall Mathers.
2. My nephews, Robert, 13, and Dan, 15, are taller than my wife, Lisa.
3. I don't like lists.

Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today's economy, and what should be your main arguments affirming this view?
I believe the labor movement is as relevant today as it was in the past. There are unions that are fighting for a living wage for their members, and there are also companies that are trying to unionize workers. The labor movement has a big role to play in protecting the rights of workers.

Dan Dennehy
CWA LOCAL 1011 UNION STEWARD FOR VERIZON ELEVATOR MECHANICS.

Place of Birth
Bronx, NY.

Where do you live
Cortlandt Manor in Westchester County, NY.

First Job
Upon graduation from Mount St. Michael, I worked as a Local 32 B J - security guard in large commercial buildings in Manhattan.

What it taught me
I learned how to work with people from vastly different backgrounds and ethnicities. Working on different shifts, I used my interpersonal skills to prevent any conflicts.

Status
Married.

Spouse and children's names
Siobhan (wife) Ashling and Cara (daughter), aged 11 and 10.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me
1. I enjoy skiing with my daughters and hopefully they will become better golfers than their Dad.
2. Several labor leaders like Teddy Gleason and John Lawe were guests in our home when they were fighting for my family's involvement in Irish American issues.

Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today's economy, and what should be your main arguments affirming this view?
As an elevator mechanic in NYC, I know how important to my family, and the public, that proper safety and training is in my field. Unions work with owners and management to create training programs and update training and safety procedures for workers. I am not alone in witnessing that declining influence of labor is a contributing factor in the increase in building and worksite accidents in my field and others.

Do you think that labor has to adapt to changing times, and what form should any such adapting take?
Now more than ever, as evidenced by the shrinking labor presence, direct relationship with evaporating jobs, benefits and opportunities available. In right to work states, the median income is starkly lower and many companies leave states to offshore sites after shaking off collective bargaining. And, if Collective bargaining and our unions have brought us all the weekend, 40 hour work-week, 8 hour day, overtime, vacation pay, employment status, sick compensation, child labor laws and safety standards. Some people would prefer that we go back to a Y0-Y0 world, saying "You're On - Your Own." That is not how the U.S. can remain competitive and secure. I think unions have to underline the fact they provide to workers and business by making sure that companies have an educated, skilled and trained workforce.

Dow you think that labor has to adapt to changing times, or else become extinct? In the steamfitters we lost our last three, we were left with only 10,000. But the 10,000 are the most dedicated. As a result, we have full employment right now.

Best advice you could give someone starting out
Get involved with your union. Use the educational opportunities available through the union or your company as soon as they are available to you. If licenses and certification are needed in your field, get that accreditation. And, if you find that companies give benefits because they are generous, THINK AGAIN. Someone before you had to fight for those rights and benefits for you. In most cases, it was a union member.

Bronx born in 1964 to an Irish-American family that moved to Yonkers in 1976. Shortly after graduating from Mount St. Michael '02, Dan became an IBEW Local 3 Elevator Mechanic, working in many NY landmark skyscrapers. In 2002, recruited by Verizon's Corporate Real Estate Division, he joined CWA LOCAL 1101 where he serves as Union Steward for the Elevator Mechanics.

Dan completed his Bachelor Degree Program in Labor Relations and Labor Law/History at SUNY Empire State College, having received his Associates Degree in the SUNY Verizon Corporate College Program in 2002. Dan met wife, Siobhan Greene, in 1987. Dan and Siobhan co-founded chapters of the IAM in New York (3rd class) and their families are the Laguardia grassroots organization that spearheaded the successful U.S. immigration legislation, the Morrison Visa Program in 1990.

Past President/Honoree of the County Cork BP&P Association of New York. Dan is a founding member of Hurricanes National Immigration Chairman and YNS Immigration and Freedom for All Ireland Chairman.

Dan is a founding member of the Hudson Valley Irish Center and Fest Inc. which celebrates the 4th Annual Fest on Sept 22.

Patrick Dolan Jr.
ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION OF STEAM FITTERS LOCAL UNION 638.

Place of Birth
Manhattan.

Where do you live
Manhattan, Queens.

First Job
Delivery newspapers.

What it taught me
I think you have to have a good work ethic. To treat people with respect. In return, you would be treated the same way. Now no matter what time I went to bed and no matter how bad the weather was, I had to have the newspapers delivered by 6 a.m. It taught me to be responsible.

Status
Married.

Spouse and children's names
Lisa, Alyssa and Matthew.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me
1. High school and college basketball referee.

2. Lived in the same neighborhood my whole life.

3. Was an altar boy.

Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today's economy, and what should be your main arguments affirming this view?
Yes, I do believe the labor movement is still relevant in today's economy. My main argument affirming this is that working people still need unions more than ever. The workers can come together to have their voices heard on the job sites. The average working guy is at the mercy of the company. If you have a boss who is not fair, how can you stand up? As a result, it is imperative that we have a labor movement.

Do you think that labor has to adapt to changing times, or else become extinct? In the steamfitters we lost our last three, we were left with only 10,000. But the 10,000 are the most dedicated. As a result, we have full employment right now.

Best advice you could give someone starting out
Work hard everyday. Don't miss time. Remember your family comes first. A fair day's work for a fair day's pay. Learn as much as you can, master your trade. And be an active union member.

Patrick Dolan was born in Manhattan and raised in Middle Village, Queens. After graduating from Christ the King High School in 1986, Pat entered the Steamfitters five year Apprenticeship Program and completed it in 1992. Pat worked on a variety of construction projects as a mechanic, foreman and shop steward. Pat served on the Finance Board, Executive Board and as a Business Agent until his election as President of the Local Union in February 2011. Pat currently resides in Maspeth with wife Lisa, whom he has been married to for 20 years. Pat is the proud father of Alyssa and Matthew.

John Driscoll
LAW PROFESSOR AT JOHN JAY COLLEGE

Place of Birth
Brooklyn, NY.

Where do you live
Rockville Centre, NY.

First Job
Newspaper delivery boy, NY Telegram.

What it taught me
It taught me responsibility and the value
Irish-American Labor Coalition
American Labor Committee for Human Rights
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The Irish-American Labor Coalition
Proudly Congratulates
Dan, James, and Walter Kane
and all tonight's honorees for their work
to build the labor movement
of money. The job was delivering papers seven days a week. You had to collect the money from the subscribers, keep records of the papers every week in case you weren't able to collect the money from all the subscribers. You learned how to handle people and what time and work was involved in buying things. Many times I realized that the purchase just wasn't worth the time and effort that was required to earn that money. It definitely left impressions on me that I carry with me today.

**Status**

**Married**

**Spouse and children's names**

Phyllis Byrnes, Kerri (31), Sean (29), James (27)

Three things people would be surprised to know about me

1. I learned to play the accordion.
2. Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today's economy, and what would be your main arguments affirming this view?
3. What would be your main arguments against this view?

**Place of Birth**

Brons, NY

**Where do you live**

Brewster, N.Y.

**First Job**

Paperboy

**What it taught me**

The value of money responsibility.

**Status**

**Married**

**Spouse and children's names**

Wife Cindy, sons Richard Jr., Joseph and Ryan, and daughters Simmons.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me

1. I love history and music.
2. I love custom cars.
3. I love motocycling and skiing.

Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today's economy, and what would be your main arguments affirming this view?

Yes, the labor movement is always relevant because our unions' wages and benefits help all working people. Our higher wages and benefits are used to determine non-union sector wages.

Do you think that the labor movement has adapted to changing times, and what form should any such adapting take?

I believe that sometimes organized labor undervalues our power because we do not stand together as much as I think we could. One example is: never cross a picket line, going home in the long run will save you more.

Best advice you could give someone starting out

Do a good day's work and it will be recognized by your peers.

**Richard Fitzsimmons**

**BUSINESS MANAGER.**

**Place of Birth**

Brons, NY

**Where do you live**

Brewster, N.Y.

**First Job**

Paperboy

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**Richard T. Fitzsimmons**

**Am erican community.**

**Place of Birth**

Brons, NY

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**Richard Griffin, Jr.**

**BOARD MEMBER, NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD.**

**Place of Birth**

Buffalo, N.Y.

**Where do you live**

Washington, D.C.

**First Job**

Janitor at an indoor tennis center/newspaper boy

**What it taught me**

The value and dignity of all work when done well.

**Status**

Married

**Spouse and children's names**

Claire Corcoran Pettengill (wife), Charles Pettengill Griffin, Emma Delano Griffin.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me

1. I am a junior (father is Richard F. Griffin, Sr.).
2. I have my left hip replaced.
3. Pre-law school, I co-authored a book on a type of clean coal burning technology entitled: "Fluidized Bed Energy Technology: Coming to a Boil."

Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today's economy, and what would be your main arguments affirming this view?

The labor movement is definitely relevant in today's economy. The need to improve stagnating real wages, and reverse the decline in pension and health and welfare benefit coverage among America's workers demonstrates its continuing relevance.

Do you think that labor has to adapt to changing times, and what form should any such adapting take?

All democratic organizations have to adapt to changing times; the form such adaptation takes must be decided by the organization's membership.

Best advice you could give someone starting out

Learn from and respect your fellow workers.

**Richard Griffin** was born in Buffalo, New York in 1954. He attended Catholic schools. Upon graduation from Canisius High School, he attended Yale University, receiving a BA in History in 1977. He subsequently attended Northeastern University School of Law, graduating with a JD in 1981. He then went to work at the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C. where he served first as a counsel to Board Member John Fanning and then to Chairman Donald Ford. He joined the Legal Department of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) and served the union's various capacities until being appointed IUOE General Counsel in 1994, a position he held until he was appointed a Board Member of the National Labor Relations Board by President Obama on January 14, 2013.
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Alexander Hagan  
**PRESIDENT, UFGA**

**Place of Birth**  
New York City.

**Where you live**  
Bayside, Queens.

**First Job**  
Steameffitter, Local 638.

**What it taught me**  
It taught me that there is tremendous value in teamwork, and it also taught me the value of being represented by a union that is interested in the betterment of all, collectively.

**Status**  
Married.

**Family**  

**Three things people would be surprised to know about me**  
1. I owned a successful unionized steamfitter business for fourteen years.
   2. I was kicked out of Catholic school in the first grade.
   3. I had to display my honeymoon for twenty-five years after being appointed to the FDNY immediately after my wedding.

**Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today's economy, and what would be your main arguments affirming this view?**

The labor movement is more relevant than ever. Relevant at least to the workers. Up until being prodded by the UFGA, the City of New York paid Division Commanders (1 star generals) and Deputy Chiefs (Colonels) more than 2 and 3 star chiefs. Those with higher ranks, but not represented by a union, were paid LESS than their union member subordinates!

**Best advice you could give someone starting out**

The very best advice that I can give to someone starting out as a labor leader is not to take anything personally. From time to time we will all disagree. Continue to build relationships with other labor leaders and elected officials.

**Captain Alexander Hagan** was appointed to the FDNY on September 29, 1973 and assigned to Engine Company 36. He was "laid off" by then Mayor Abe Beame on July 1, 1975. Eighteen months later he was "re-hired" and returned to Engine Company 36. Promoted to Lieutenant in 1983, Al went across the Harlem River to the 6th Division, where he eventually got the spot in Tower Ladder 44, and became the UFOA Delegate for Battalion 17. Al was promoted to Captain in 1990. After covering for a few years, he was assigned to Ladder 43 in January 1994. Al has been the Battalion 10 UFOA Delegate for a long time (nobody really remembers how long!). Al was elected to the Uniformed Fire Officers Association's Executive Board in June 2008. After serving as a Captains' Representative for a year, the Executive Board unanimously elected Al as President of the UFGA. Al attended Queens College where he majored in Political Science. Al taught courses in a variety of subjects as a Lead Instructor for the FDNY.

**Bobby Henon**  
**CITY COUNCILLOR OF PHILADELPHIA AND IBEW LOCAL 98.**

**Place of Birth**  
Philadelphia, PA.

**Where do you live**  
Philadelphia.

**First Job**  
Paper Boy

**What it taught me**  
It taught me responsibility and hard work and not to take things for granted. It also taught me new people are made on the labor and work of others. It also gave me ambition and taught me that hard work is rewarding.

**Status**  
Married.

**Spouse and children's names**  
Jill, Matthew, Zachary.

**Three things people would be surprised to know about me**  
1. I was just elected to office. You can probably find out almost everything about me on the internet.
   2. Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today's economy, and what would be your main arguments affirming this view?
   3. Do you think that labor has to adapt to changing times, and what form should any such adapting take?

**The labor movement is absolutely relevant, especially during terrible times, when the economy has reached its lowest point. During these difficult times, we are reminded of our primary task of protecting the rights and promoting the well-being of all workers in the workplace, healthcare, secure retirement, fair and equitable wages, an 8 hour work day and belief in the sanctity of collective bargaining. All of these were made possible by the pioneers of the Labor movement. I believe WE as labor do the work of the Good Angels, WE are the community, WE are the people who coach our kids and teach our children. WE give to them and contribute to the poor. WE are the ones who start after school programs, help children with disabilities and their growth. Unfortunately, WE need to do a better job telling our story. WE have very successful 2012 Labor management teams, WE have new technology to better serve our members and our community. WE have a compelling story that needs to reach the masses.**

**Do you think that labor has to adapt to changing times, and what form should any such adapting take?**

Labor needs to adjust to the times in some ways but the biggest challenge is that we need to better tell our story.

**Best advice you could give someone starting out**

Get involved. Know your union. Be loyal to your union and union family. Work hard. Lead by example.

**Councilman Bobby Henon** represents the 6th Council District in Northeast Philadelphia, Bobby, an electrician with Local 98, quickly climbed the union ladder. Local 98 Business Manager John Dougherty named him as the local's #1 rookie, a position he kept. Bobby then started working with government at all levels to make a better future for Local 98's members. Bobby's Irish upbringing, involvement in Irish organizations and lifelong commitment to organized labor helped pave the way for his 2011 election to City Council.

**Peter Huf**  
**PRESIDENT UPPER DARBY FIRE FIGHTERS/ VICE PRESIDENT PA STATE FIRE FIGHTERS UNION.**

**Place of Birth**  
Darby Pennsylvania.

**Where do you live**  
Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.

**First Job**  
Working at family funeral home

**What it taught me**  
Working in this environment taught me professionalism and also compassion for people.

**Status**  
Married.

**Spouse and children's names**  
Wife Christine, Sons: Myles, Michael and Matthew.

**Three things people would be surprised to know about me**  
1. I do have a sense of humor
   2. I used to be a ski instructor.
   3. I do have a sense of humor

**Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today's economy, and what would be your main arguments affirming this view?**

The labor movement is definitely relevant today. You can see this with all the media attention that unions have gotten recently. Also, all the energy that the politicians are expending on attacking unions and our benefits.

**Do you think that labor has to adapt to changing times, and what form should any such adapting take?**

Labor must adapt. The leadership today must be better educated and prepared to deal with all the challenges that face us. The fire fighter union is constantly running conferences and seminars so that we are updated on all the issues and ways to handle them.

**Best advice you could give someone starting out**

For someone starting out today, be persistent, be persistent, be persistent. Also, be prepared. Know the issues that face you and your membership.

**Peter Huf** is 49 years old. He is a Captain and 25 year veteran of the Upper Darby Fire Department. Peter is currently serving in his 11th year as President of the Upper Darby Professional Fire Fighters Assoc. He also is Vice President of the Pennsylvania Professional Fire Fighters Assoc., serving in his 8th year. Peter is also a licensed funeral director and partners in a 4th generation family business. He is a 1985 graduate of Villanova University with a BS in Biology. Peter and his wife Christine have three boys, Myles, Michael and Matthew.

**Dane Kaner**

**TEAMSTERS LOCAL 202 PRESIDENT.**

**Place of Birth**  
Astoria, Queens.

**Where do you live**  
Long Island, New York.

**First Job**  
Working on the loading docks at the Hunts Point Market.

**Status**  
Married.

**Spouse and children's names**  
Wife Joyce and daughters Alexandra and Morgan.

**Best advice you could give someone starting out**

Don't stand on the sidelines, get involved.

**Dan Kane Jr.** was born into a labor family and grew up understanding the struggles of working men and women. Dan's first job was on the loading docks of the Hunts Point Market. At the age of 26, Dan became Secretary Treasurer of Teamsters Local 202 and was elected President of the local 10 years later. It's a position he continues in today. Dan has served on the Executive Board of Teamsters Joint Council 16 as Secretary Treasurer. Dan is currently the Eastern Region Warehouse Director for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Dan has been a long-time member of the Irish American Labor Coalition and has worked with many organizations over the years to promote rights for workers as well as important charitable causes. Dan and his wife Joyce live on Long Island.

**James Kane**  
**TEAMSTERS LOCAL 522.**

**Place of Birth**  
Astoria, Queens, NY.

**Where do you live**  
Astoria.

**First Job**  

**What it taught me**  
It's cold riding a bike at six in the morning in January and February.

**Status**  
Married.

**Spouse and children's names**  
Wife Sarah, Daughter Emily age 5 and son Liam who turns 3 on Sept 24, which is also his grandfather's birthday.

**James Kane** joined the Teamsters union 17 years ago and has served in various capacities - Shop Steward, Business Agent, International Union Organizing, Funds Trustee and currently Secretary-Treasurer and Principal Officer of Teamsters Local 522. James is a fourth generation Teamster. He and his wife Sally, who was born and raised in County Donegal, have two children, Emily, 5 years old and Liam who turns 3 years old on September 24th.

**Walter Kane**

**ATTORNEY. MEMBER AFL-CIO LAWYERS COORDINATING COMMITTEE.**

**Place of Birth**  
Queens, New York.

**Where you live**  
Brooklyn, New York.

**First Job**  
Truck Driver.

**What it taught me**  
The importance of being in a union.

**Status**  
Married.

**Family**

Dr. Christy McAvoy, Aidan Kane and Quintin Kane.

**Three things people would be surprised to know about me**  
1. If you truly believe that people are more important than wealth accumulation, then

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Place of Birth
Draperstown, County Derry, Ireland.

Where do you live
New Paltz, NY.

First Job

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Teaching Geography at St. Patrick's High School in Maghera, County Derry.

Status
Member.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me:
1. I have won three All-Ireland Football meda lls (Senior, Under-18 and Under-21) with Derry and a Hogan Cup medal (All-Ireland Colleges) with St Columb's.
2. I am a life-long gardener which I take from my father who was a great gardener. But he didn't have to fight with the chimpanzees who feed on my roses.
3. I have appeared in many theatrical productions at the Irish Arts Centre and Macalla Theatre in the Bronx. Played the part of Frank McCourt in "A Couple of Blaggards."

Edward Malloy

Edward J. Malloy (1935-2012) was born and raised in Manhattan. An Irishman by heritage, a New Yorker by Steamfitter by trade, and an army veteran, he grew up on Manhattan's East Side to eventually serve as president of the New York State Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York for sixteen years until his retirement in 2008. He was first elected to this position in 1992, at which time he was also elected as president of the New York State Building and Construction Trades Council representing 250,000 working members.

Mr. Malloy was a member of the executive council of the New York State AFL-CIO and the executive board of the New York Central Labor Council. He served on the boards of directors of WellChoice Inc., the New York Building Congress and the Police Athletic League. Mr. Malloy was also a member of the Independent Voters Advisory Committee of the New York Stock Exchange, treasurer of the Consolidated Labor Worker Corporation, and chairman of the National Museum of Catholic Art and History. Ed was a trustee of the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee and considered it his greatest accomplishment to be named Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2001.

Mr. Malloy was appointed by Governor George E. Pataki to serve on the board of directors of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, created to lead the rebuilding of the World Trade Center and surrounding area. Recovery and clean-up work at Ground Zero, originally estimated to cost more than $2 billion and take more than one year, was completed for $600 million in May 2002. This $1.4 billion in savings was redirected to the office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to downtown mass transit improvements, representing an enormous dividend from the productivity of the all-union labor force. The lost time injury rate at Ground Zero was nearly half the national average for less dangerous demolition work. No fatalities or life-threatening injuries occurred. In 2006 he was appointed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg to the Jacob Javits Convention Center Operating Committee which oversees all activities plus projected economic development. As president of the Building and Construction Trades Council, Mr. Malloy played an integral role in facilitating public and private construction projects in New York City's $16 billion market. His efforts to stimulate economic activity and create jobs have received frequent praise from leaders in government and business. Successes include negotiating a project labor agreement with the New York City School Construction Authority to oversee $650 million in capital improvements. He is also involved with the Irish American Labor organizations within the labor movement.

Assistant Director of the Irish American Labor Coalition for Human Rights in New York. He majored in history. He earned his law degree from Brooklyn Law School.

Mary K. McAuliffe, N.Y. in August of 1966 to James and Edith, where he has two brothers and a sister. Christopher got married to Kathleen on August 19, 2000 and they have two children, Emily, 11, Brigid, 8 and Paige. 4. Christopher also has a son Ryan 26 from his first marriage. Ryan is an Air Traffic Controller and lives in Colorado with his wife Olivia. Christopher started his court career in January of 2001 and was assigned to Brooklyn Civil Court. In May of 2003 he took over as interim judge for SUFFOLK COUNTY COURT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT.

Place of Birth
Freeport, New York.

Where do you live
Sayville, New York.

First Job
Washing dishes at Ruby Tuesday in Freeport N.Y.

What it taught me
That working in a restaurant is long hours of hard work. It also told me that if you work hard you will make money and be able to buy nice things for you and your family.

Status
Married.

Spouse and children's names
Kathleen, Ryan, Emily, Brigid and Paige.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me:
1. I like country music
2. I was a fireman in Freeport for 15 years
3. I love coaching lacrosse, especially my daughters.

Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today's economy, and what would be your main arguments affirming this view?
I definitely think the labor movement is still relevant today. All unions and their members are under attack for the benefits that took decades to obtain. The media is making us the answer to all the problems with the economy. The problem is instead of union members looking to take what unions have worked for, they should be trying to obtain those same benefits for themselves. We, as a country should strive to have all workers treated with fairness and dignity. I have a lot of respect for politicians but they are being swayed by big business and the banking industry. We did not cause the problem they did. Now they want to fix the problems by reducing what benefits unions have, reducing the union workforce and cutting wages even if a contract is still in place.

Do you think that labor has to adapt to changing times, and what form should any such adapting take?
I feel that labor is adapting to the changing times. We are always looking for ways to adapt to the times. We are looking for ways for management to save money without affecting members benefits. Unions are always willing to negotiate with management, but sometimes management is not so willing to do so. Everyone on both sides must keep an open mind and keep trying to come up with ways to work for everyone. Best advice you could give someone starting out?
I think the people that really like being a banker. if you do not want to be at. I love my job, I love going to work and I love helping the members of my union.

Christopher Manning

NEW YORK STATE COURT OFFICER AND SUFFOLK COUNTY COURT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT.

Place of Birth
Freeport, New York.

First Job

Austin McCann

LOCAL 3, INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE.

Place of Birth
Jackson Heights, New York City.

Where do you live
1535 Walnut Ave, Merrick, New York.

First Job
Apprentice Electrician.

What it taught me
A good work ethic, go to work every day, on time, ready to work and be productive for the hours you are paid.

Status
Married.

Family
Spouses: Corinne (Smith) McCann; children (4) - Bridget, Brian, Michael and William; grandchildren, Alison, Chloe, Liam and Luke.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me:
1. I believe it or not, I'm pretty much an open book, there is nothing about me that is unknown to someone. I've been done so much writing that I'm not surprised anymore.
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Barry B. McGoey
PRESIDENT, YONKERS FIREFIGHTERS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS (I.A.F.F.) LOCAL 628.

Barry is also a practicing attorney, maintaining a small general practice law firm of McGoey & Cerrato, PC in Yonkers. Barry is a member of the New York State Bar Association and provides legal counsel and services to many local individuals, small companies, and other organizations. Barry has been involved in raising money for many charities, especially through Local 628 which donates considerable funds each year to the Ronald McDonald House and other similar charitable organizations. Barry has also provided pro-bono legal representation to working people through the InMotion organization. In addition, Barry has also been actively involved in many community and charitable organizations over the years, most recently serving on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Westchester and Putnam Counties.

Barry was born and raised in the Kingsbridge/Fordham section of the Bronx. He was the 5th of seven children consisting of six boys and one girl. Both of Barry’s parents were natives of Ireland, his mother Mary (nee Nee) from County Mayo and his father John from County Longford. Barry’s mother Mary passed away in 1995 and his father John in 2003 but despite these great losses the family continued to grow and now totals at an impressive 19 grandchildren...and counting.

Barry attended Our Lady of Refuge Parochial School, Mt. Saint Michael Academy and Long Island University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Public Accounting. After working in the financial sector for a few years Barry took his first job in public service as a New York State Court Officer. He served as a Court Officer for 9 years attaining the rank of Sergeant and eventually becoming a Fire Fighter. In October 2000 to train to become a Yonkers Firefighter. Barry graduated Pace Law School Cum Laude with his Juris Doctorate (J.D.) on good standing and now resides in the Bars in the States of New York and Connecticut all at the same time as he continues to serve well Yonkers Fire Department and began work as a Fire Fighter. In 2007, Barry married Erin O’Shea McGoey, also an attorney. Barry’s wife’s parents are Eugene and Tina Fitzgerald and Timothy O’Shea both hail from County Kerry, Barry currently lives in Yonkers, New York with his wife and their beautiful three year old daughter Madeline McGoey and adorable one year old son, John Timothy.

Edward McHugh
GENERAL TREASURER.

Edward McHugh

Place of Birth
Wilkes-Barre, PA

Where you do live
Arlington, VA and Drums, PA

First Job
Ironworker

What it taught me
The value of hard work and that there is strength in numbers.

Status
Married

Three things people would be surprised to know about me
1. I love to play golf.
2. I love to read. I read voraciously.
3. I love old movies.

Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today’s economy, and what would be your main arguments affirming this view?

The labor movement has never been more relevant than in today’s economy. The majority of the working population today is employed in the service industry, Electric industry. Knowledge is power and through the efforts of the labor movement we have gained protections that are commonly taken for granted by today’s workers. The labor movement has never been more relevant than in today’s economy. The majority of the working population today is employed in the service industry, Electric industry. Knowledge is power and through the efforts of the labor movement we have gained protections that are commonly taken for granted by today’s workers. The labor movement has never been more relevant than in today’s economy. The majority of the working population today is employed in the service industry, Electric industry. Knowledge is power and through the efforts of the labor movement we have gained protections that are commonly taken for granted by today’s workers. 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Michael Monahan  
LOCAL 103 IBEW BUSINESS MANAGER

Place of Birth  
Boston, MA

Where you live  
Dorchester, MA

First Job  
Fish Cutter/Clam Digger

What it taught me  
My first job was selling fireworks - this was illegal probably best not to elaborate. It was a hard job and fish and digging clams was my real first job. I taught myself it would be good work ethic and productivity paid off.Both jobs were paid by the fish you cut and work the more you got paid. A goal of $1 fish a day paid $100 tips - it was rewarding work to know you worked the more you got paid. At 13 years old this was excellent pay and helped me buy my first house at 22 yrs old.

Status  
Married  
Spouse and children's names  
Kathleen Gearish Monahan, Hanna Monahan, 13.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me  
2. Play Accordion.  
3. Know how to shear sheep by hand and cut turf with a spade.

Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant today, and what would be your main arguments affirming this view?  
Yes. Starting with America's Youth - The Economic Policy Institute's left think tank in Washington, found that the average inflation-adjusted hourly wage for male college graduates aged 23 to 29 dropped 1 percent over the past decade to $21.68 in 2011. For female college graduates of the same age, the average wage had fallen 7.6 percent to $18.80. And nearly six million young adults now living at home with a parent for financial reasons. That's up 25 percent since the recession started in 2007.
The Baby Boomers who aren't retiring are more worried than ever before. More than 70 percent of boomers are worried they won't have enough money to live on when they retire, and 71 percent fear they won’t be able to retire when they want to. The News: Those Working Past 65 is at a record high and few companies still offer traditional, defined-benefit pension plans. 38 percent of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, the report in 1997 and for the first time in history, a major nation - Canada - has surpassed the U.S. in household wealth. A U.S. poverty rate projected to hit highest level since '60s even after strong growth economic in the 1990s, poverty never fell below a 1973 low of 11.1 percent. That low point came after President Lyndon Johnson's war on poverty, launched in 1964, that created Medicaid, Medicare, and other social welfare programs.

Half Of American Households Hold one percent Of Wealth and the six heirs to the Walmart fortune are worth as much as nearly half of all American households. Top 500 companies worth $14,000 years for typical worker. Thirty-five big U.S-based multinational companies added jobs much faster than other U.S. employers in the past year, according to a separate report.

Out of all OECD countries, the U.S. had the highest share of employees toiling away at low-wage work in 2009 while pay for the top 0.1 percent paid CEOs at major companies rose 20 percent to more than $2 billion, from 2010 to 2011. Food stamp use jumped in the U.S. in December with the exception of 23 percent in 2011 people receiving benefits. Mississippi reported the largest share of its population relying on food stamps, more than 26 percent. It’s a Right to Work State with low union density. Some 48.6 percent of the population lived in a household receiving some type of government benefit. In 2011, the U.S. Department of Labor reported at least 10 million people worked and were still below the unrealistic official U.S. poverty line of $11,500 a year for a family of three.

Do you think that labor has to adapt to changing times, and what form should any such adapting take?  
The respect of the American worker. Until this happens we will continue to lose members and wages and benefits will slide.

Best advice you could give someone starting out  
Work and your career/profession are not a hobby so don’t treat it that way - take it seriously. Unlike anytime in history the voice of the working man and woman is being heard. The Baby Boom retiring offers tremendous opportunity to become a leader in whatever occupation you choose.

Mike Monahan was born at St. Margaret's Hospital in Boston in 1963 - soon to be named after him! Mike Collins Monahan. Mike and his brothers Rich, Joe and sister Patricia were raised in a Irish Catholic household where family, hard work, respect for your neighbor and fellow man was a priority and comes before all else. Mike comes from a long line of Local 103 IBEW Electricians and Trade Unionist as his brothers Richard and Joe - Mike is a fourth generation labor leader of Local 103. He follows his Great Grandfather, Grandfather, Walter and Father, Richard.

Maggie Moran  
PRESIDENT & CEO, M PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Place of Birth  
White Plains, New York

Where do you live  
Belmar, New Jersey

First Job  
Director of Rapid Response, Clinton Gore NJ Coordinated Campaign

What it taught me  
Anything is possible. If you are a diligent problem solver and communicate effectively there is almost nothing that cannot be achieved.

Status  
Married  
Spouse and children's names  
Husband Matt Doherty, daughters Hannah and Claire Doherty.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me  
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Building a Bright Future for Boston, New York, and all America!

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to know about me
1. When I was a kid I thought I was going to be a TV news anchor.
2. I’m a Republican once! But he was my boss and I was 18 and I didn’t know any better yet.
3. I have three kids and two, the two I have are just incredible.

Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today’s economy, and what should be your main arguments affirming this view?

Absolutely. The organized workforce is critically important in so many ways. So many other forces are moving in through its agitative political participation and organizing campaigns. But more and more nowadays it is the public who is both prepared and interested in this sector employees driving so much of our economic revitalization. This reality can drive the opportunity for the labor movement, if we can follow the money and create the investment agreements that allow for a level play field. Take infrastructure for example, the great majority of investors in large scale public-private partnerships create available equity from defined benefit retirement plans.

Laborers are a great example of harnessing those growing investment relationships to modernize infrastructure, create a dependable rate of return for our retirees, and create the collateral benefit of putting our members to work. Labor can be more relevant in many ways in today’s economy, we must innovate and maintain a relentless focus on building the middle class. Do you think that labor has to adapt to changing times, and what form should such any adapting take?

Yes, as much or more above as with any industry or membership association must innovate in order to survive and better serve our membership as well as our larger public interest goals. We must identify and utilize new tactics to affect change. In many ways in the building trades our greatest successes arise out of a collaboration with our developers and contractors to assist in bringing projects to fruition. That focus as of late has increased the amount of top down organizing conducted to reach those goals. Whether it is considering an investment in a project, running a public affairs campaign to get a project approved, etc. the union and its members must look to the future to define new tools to maintain and grow our ranks. Opportunity creates work - how do we increase the opportunities is key.

Best advice you could give someone starting out

If you love what you do when you get out of bed in the morning you will always be challenged and engaged. Remember that taking a tactically oriented forward. If you are going to be part of an organization play a leadership role - you only get one shot at this. Know that anything is possible, it is a function of being organized, diligent, smart and prepared. Know that more important than anything else is to make your work environment a better place than when you started – mentor a diverse set of young people at every level of leadership. They will be the most important in the US country than insuring that everyone has access to a job and a middle class life.

Maggie Moran has had an accomplished life in democratic politics, labor, government and public affairs so far. With a relentless focus on taking on big challenges Moran has run statewide campaigns for President, Governor, as well as numerous ballot and issue campaigns. Moran has served as Governor Andrew Cuomo, Jon Corzine, Jim McGreevey, Senator Frank Lautenberg, the Laborers International Union of North America, Region President, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and now for herself as President of M Public Affairs. Prior to the founding of M Public Affairs Maggie served both in senior campaign roles and senior government roles in state and federal government. Maggie is a New Yorker who grew up in Westchester County, New York. Maggie now lives in Belmar, New Jersey with her husband Matt Doherty and two little girls Hannah (7) and Claire (4). Maggie runs a full service public affairs firm with offices in New York and New Jersey.

Michael Mulgrew

Michael Mulgrew became the fifth president of the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) in August 2009 and was elected to a full term by the UFT membership in April 2010. As president, Michael has advanced the union’s commitment to transforming education in New York City and to elevating the role of parents and the community in governing our schools. Building strong alliances and creating opportunities for collaboration with parent, civic and community leaders, has become a hallmark of Michael’s presidency. A staunch advocate for equality in education and fairness for all working families, Michael has been a leading campaign for educational equity, for transparency and oversight in school governance as well as for jobs and city services. He was instrumental in organizing the Keep the Promises, One New York: Fighting for Fairness and a Strong Economy for All coalitions between 2008 and 2010, which led to the restoration of hundreds of middle-class classroom dollars and city services.

His persuasive negotiation skills have helped avoid teacher layoffs and bolster resources targeted to struggling schools. In 2010, Michael reached a landmark agreement with the Department of Education to close the Teacher Reassignment Centers (rubber rooms) and led lawsuits with parents and community education advocates against the DOE for failing to reduce class size and for wrongfully closing 18 schools. Affirming that educators need to find new ways to validate what they know to be true about the complexities of teaching and learning and to bring their voice to the reform debate, Michael negotiated a new teacher evaluation agreement with the New York State Education Department and the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) that includes re-hiring provisions and measures provides teachers with opportunities and supports to improve their skills. Michael was the chief proponent of combining the skills and resources of the UFT with the Teachers Center to proactively train hundreds of teachers in the Common Core State Standards, as well as in advance of the DOE’s system-wide introduction.

In addition to his UFT responsibilities, Michael is a vice president of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and an executive board member of the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT). Michael also sits on the boards of the Council for Unity, CUNY’s Joseph S. Murphy Center for Labor, Community, & Policy Studies, and New Visions for Public Schools. He has received numerous labor, education and public service awards including the 2011 NAACP Benjamin L. Hooks “Keeper of the Flame” award. Before being elected President of the UFT, he served as vice president for Career & Technical Education (CTE) high schools and later chief operating officer of the union, which represents 200,000 teachers, guidance counselors, paraprofessionals and other personnel in New York City’s public schools, along with nursery and home day care providers.

A Staten Island native, Michael attended CUNY’s College of Staten Island and has degrees in English literature and special education.

William Mullen

PRESIDENT OF NEW JERSEY STATE BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL.

Born in New York City, Bill Mullen served in the United States Army in 1967 and 1968, stationed in Korea. After completing apprenticeship in Ironworker’s Local 1, he worked as a journeyman, foreman and superintendent for various construction companies throughout New Jersey. In 1981 he was elected Vice President of Ironworker’s Local #11 and was Vice President from 1981 through 1990. In 1990, he was elected President of Ironworker’s Local #11 and in 1993 was elected Business Manager of Ironworker’s Local #11. He continues to serve in these capacities today.

In 1996 Bill served as Secretary of the Essex County Building Trades. In 1997 through 2001 he served as President of Essex County Building Trades. In 2001 Bill was elected President of New Jersey State Building & Construction Trades Council. Currently, Bill is the National Director of Essex County Workforce Investment Board. He is also a member of the Brownfield Redevelopment Task Force and a Trustee at Montclair State University.

Bill has been married for 38 years to his wife Lorraine. They have three grown children: Jennifer, William, and Stephanie, and grandchildren, Ryan; and one grandson, Mason.

Edward Mullins

NYPD SERGENTS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

Place of Birth
Greenwich Village, New York City.
Where do you live
Nassau County.
First Job
Clerk in Pharmacy.
What it taught me
To be thankful I had a job.
State
Married.
Spouse and children’s names
Andrew, 11; John, 17.
Three things people would be surprised to know about me
1. I never forget where I come from. 2. I never take Village Village and home to be. 3. There is no country worth dying for like the United States of America.
Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today’s economy, and what would be your main arguments affirming this view?
I believe the labor movement is becoming more and more irrelevant, labor is being destroyed with incidents of corruption and failed leadership across the country. Labor has not adapted to changing times, and what form should such any adapting take?
Labor needs to adapt to changing times. A greater focus on organizing membership and communication is important. Labor controls billions in pension fund assets that are within corporate America, medical companies, pharmaceutical companies, banks etc. Labor has to not allow to get investing in these companies and industries effect global markets, economies etc. These investments are tools that should be utilized to speak points of leverage and address the concerns of our members. Out of control prescription cost, health care cost and low wages, growth of its members need to be planted in order for labor to prosper in tomorrow’s world. Leaders who set this path can worry about re-election for the people demand they return to office. Making decisions that are right although at times unpopular is a must as is stepping outside of corporate structures and governance. As I’ve stated previously labor built this nation, however in my view we’ve fallen somewhat in stature. Labor is a people based function no different than are a people based nation. This must never be forgotten.
Best advice you could give someone starting out
Go to school get your education seek higher education obtain a graduate degree, it will open your mind to one of the most exciting careers in this Nation you can achieve anything.

Thomas Murphy

CHAIR OF THE 60,000 MEMBER UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS RETIRED TEACHERS CHAPTER.

Place of Birth
Dongan Hills, Staten Island.
Where do you live
Dongan Hills, Staten Island.
First Job
Counter boy, Al Deppe’s Restaurant, S.I.
What it taught me
The value of cleaning mustard pots and packing aromatic soft shell crabs taught me the value of higher education.
State
Single
Three things people would be surprised to know about me
1. I’m shy among strangers. 2. As a frequent union and political

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Utility Workers Union of America
Local 1-2

Harry J. Farrell
President

James Stieven
Vice President

Lucia Pagano
Secretary-Treasurer

Senior Business Agents
John Capra     James Shillitto
Robert Stahl

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New Jersey Irish Labor Leaders

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President & CEO - NJ Public Affairs

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Founder - Record World Consulting

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Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today’s economy, and what would be your main arguments affirming this view?

The recent national assault on labor’s decades long progress in serving and empowering the hard working Americans and especially the attempt to deny basic worker representation to union members has ignited a fire storm in reaction. Working men and women know how much they have contributed to this nation’s greatness and they are increasingly passionate about standing up against inequities and for those who are organized and those yet to be organized.

Do you think that labor has to adapt to changing times, and what should any such adapting take?

Unions have been realigned for our attention span, communities not yet afforded the traditional benefits of the labor movement, our farm workers, immigrants and disenfranchised citizens must be enlisted in a grand effort for a common purpose in making the American Dream a reality for all.

Best advice you could give someone starting out

Do your job well. There is dignity in all work and committing yourself fully is the best stepping stone to advancement.

Tom Murphy was born on Staten Island during WWII to a working class civil service family with Cork and Laos antecedents. He attended PS106 and Saint Patrick HS, earning degrees from Manhattan College and CUNY. He became a political and union activist throughout that space, Civil Rights and reform Democratic movements. As UFT’s Political/Legislative Director and Trustee of NYC’s Central Labor Council, Tom supported progressive public officials and organized rallies, campaigns and labor support for The Irish Peace Process. He now chairs UFT’s 60,000 member Retired Teachers Chapter and Irish American Heritage Committee, Dept of Education.

Jason O’Donnell
ASSEMBLYMAN, 31ST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY.

Place of Birth
Bayonne, NJ.

Where do you live
Bayonne, NJ.

Status
Married

Spouse and children’s names
Kerry (wife), Caroline, Jack, Patrick.

Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today’s economy, and what would be your main arguments affirming this view?

The labor movement is, without question, still relevant in today’s economy. The labor movement was born in order to protect our workforce from injustices of long hours, low pay and health risks. Organized labor is the reason why today’s workforce enjoys safe working environments and adequate compensation.

In times of recession, when jobs are scarce, worker rights are often the first to be put aside. Politicians like to scapegoat unions & their members. Currently, more than 23 states have passed Right to Work laws and many others have chipped away not only at worker health and pension benefits, but more alarmingly at collective bargaining rights. As long as there are people ready and willing to undermine the gains of organized labor, this movement will be relevant. With today’s politicians scapegoating the hardworking men and women who choose to unionize, there is no question that the labor movement still has an important role to play to protect our working class.

Do you think that labor has to adapt to changing times, and what form should any such adapting take?

The labor movement, like any movement, must adapt to changing times. People have been waging a war against the working class, and, as noted previously, they are passing legislation that is anti-worker and anti-union. The labor movement must re-educate the general public, reminding them that the right to collectively bargain protects all workers. It must remind the public that those who serve the public are just as deserving of fair employment practices as anyone else.

Born and raised in Bayonne, NJ, Jason O’Donnell attended local schools and opened his own small business. Jason joined the Bayonne Fire Department and earned a BS in Fire Science from New Jersey City University. He remains a member of the FMBA and now serves as Director of Public Safety for the city of Bayonne.

Jason married the former Kerry Bonner, and they are raising their three children in Bayonne. In 2010 Jason was selected to fill a vacancy in the General Assembly, and subsequently won the special election to keep that office. Jason is on the Assembly Labor and Homeland Security & State Preparedness Committees. A proud supporter of organized labor and the building and construction trades, Jason is working hard to help put people back to work and defend the middle class.

Tara O’Rourke
ATTORNEY/NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD, REGION 29.

Place of Birth
Huntington, New York.

Where do you live
Floral Park, New York.

Status
Married

Spouse, children
Stewart and daughter Kiera.

Tara, the proud daughter of the late UIOE Local 30 member Edward J. O’Rourke, Sr. who led the fight at Domino Sugar for so many years, and USW Local 7374’s former president Maryclare O’Rourke, literally grew up in the heart of New York’s labor movement. She has happy memories of walking picket lines in Brooklyn at a very young age and attending rallies on the waterfront with her siblings and her parents. After working her way through college and law school (in various jobs that including pumping gas, scooping ice cream and waiting on tables) she graduated from Hofstra Law School in 2000, and joined the National Labor Relations Board (“NLRB”) in Region 29, Brooklyn. As a Field Attorney at Region 29 since October 2000, Tara has investigated, litigated and resolved hundreds of unfair labor practice charges and representation cases as a contributing factor to the rights of working people. Recently Tara worked on a case that reached the federal courts earlier this year, affirming the constitutionality of the President’s appointment of NLRB members, and resulting in an injunction reinstating 70 locked out workers in Brooklyn. She is currently litigating a national case involving a utility company’s unfair labor practices affecting 3,500 employees working in 14 states. Through her career, she has held executive positions in her own union, the NLRBU, the labor organization that represents employees working in the utility industry. She is frequently asked to speak to groups about the National Labor Relations Act and the work performed by the NLRB’s regional offices.

Tara is admitted to practice law in New York and is a member of the American Bar Association. She grew up in East Northport, New York, and currently lives in Floral Park, New York, with her husband Kevin Stewart, a native of Derry City, and their lovely daughter, Kiera.

Keith Purce
CWIO/PRESIDENT.

Place of Birth
The Bronx.

Where do you live
McLean Acre, Yonkers, NY.

First Job
Dishwasher

What it taught me
To be on time, work hard and always strive to improve your working conditions.

Status
Married

Spouse and children’s names
Mary; Kevin, Sean, Kieran and Cecelia.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me
1. I’m a big Donegal GFC fan.
2. I still go to East Durham and Rockaway Beach.
3. I always dance at weddings

Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today’s economy, and what would be your main arguments affirming this view?

The relevance of the Labor Movement today can be measured in the growing gap of CEO’s pay compared to their workers. In 1980 CEO’s equaled 42 times the average blue collar workers pay. Now the CEO pay has grown to over 343 times workers median pay. When the different companies get together to force us to lower our pay, benefits and pensions they call that capitalism because when we get together to improve our pay, benefits and pensions they call that communism. We are living under a double standard and the only way the average worker can achieve the American dream is through the Labor movement.

Do you think that labor has to adapt to changing times, and what form should any such adapting take?

The political landscape has changed. We need to adapt to what the average voter wants and needs. The labor movement needs to show the average worker that they can have a voice in their workplace.

Free Choice Act which would allow workers the chance to vote for or against a Union without threats and intimidation from employers, but it was held up by political shenanigans. We have to invigorate our young people, get them out in the streets to organize, educate them on the importance of collective bargaining so they realize this fight is for their future too! It would be great if all of Labor would come together for at least one day and have a nationwide walkout, that would show the politicians and the millionaires that Labor is needed, that Labor is just as important, not them!

Best advice you could give someone starting out

Use initiative and foresight, always fight for the rights and the rights of your fellow workers, and always listen; you can find our more information by listening instead of talking.

Keith Purce was born in the Bronx and he currently resides on McLean Ave in Yonkers. He has been married for 25 years and they have four wonderful children, Kevin, Sean, Kieran, and Cecelia.

Keith started working for NYNEX in 1987, which now became the WBC. He became a member of CWA Local 1101 that year too. Keith became a Shop Steward in 1990, right in the middle of the strike against NYNEX. He is currently the President of CWA Local 1101 which represents Verizon, ATT, Healthcare, Education and numerous independent Telcom workers.

Andrew Quinn
THE QUINN LAW FIRM, PLLC.

Place of Birth
Queens, NY.

Where do you live
Westchester County, New York.

First Job
Custodian, New York City Board of Education.

What it taught me
Hard work is its own reward; no job is too menial that it does not deserve your best effort.

Status
Married

Spouse and children’s names
Wife: Cornelia; Children: Julianne Patricia, Garrett John and Jake Philip.

Do you think that the labor movement is still relevant in today’s economy, and what would be your main arguments affirming this view?

Today more than ever. In difficult economic times, it is easy to hitch the burden of recovery onto the backs of labor. We have seen in New York State legislation that is anti-worker and anti-union.

Best advice you could give someone starting out

Life, like work, is easier when you follow the basic rules: be honest, work harder than the next person, do everything by the book and never do anything that would shame your mother.

Andrew Quinn is a third generation Irishman born in Queens. The seventh of eight children, his maternal grandfather, Mike McDermott, emigrated from Lanesboro, County Longford on the east side of the River Shannon. McDermott
Our very best wishes to our dear friend and President Keith Purce and Steward Dan Dennehy on this most deserving honor. We are thrilled to be able to share this special night with you.

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Maggie Moran and M Public Affairs
First Job
I was born in New York, but at about two months old my parents moved back to Ireland and I was raised. I came back to the U.S. in 1988, and for the first years worked many different jobs, mostly in construction.

What do you think about the labor movement still relevant in today's economy, and what do you think are your main arguments affirming this view?

More than ever I believe unions are relevant, not that I think there was a time in our history where they should not have been relevant. Today's constant attacks on a workers basic right, the right to work and have in their later years some sense of security so that they can live with dignity is evidence enough that we all want together. That we are now living in a society where the far right sees us as a collective and good workers. Are we a society where people who have worked their entire lives together be something less than quality of life pensions and benefits when they get older, then that will stain this great country is all about. This work that we do everyday, that we have been such an important part of the fabric that makes up this country.

Jennifer Springer
GENERAL COUNSEL AND DIRECTOR OF FIELD OPERATIONS, AFL-CIO LOCAL 888 AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AT-LARGE, MASSACHUSETTS AFL-CIO.

Place of Birth
Brighton, MA

Where do you live
Westbury (Boston) MA.

First Job
Dishwasher in a nursing home.

What it taught me
I learned good work ethic and that all work is valuable and all people deserve dignity and respect on the job.

Status
Married

SPOUSE AND CHILDREN'S NAME
Shannon Turley spouse; Beckley Turley, son age 10.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me
1. I became a star on high school soccer team, having never played before high school.
2. I received a full merit scholarship to law school.
3. I am adopted.

Do you think that labor movement is still relevant in today's economy, and what do you think are your main arguments affirming this view?

Yes. More working people are falling into poverty or struggling to make ends meet. Wage for working people have been stagnant for decades now. The gap between rich and poor has widened tremendously. In addition, there has been a general sentiment against the labor movement and against the idea that we are all responsible for each other well being. These are all factors and conditions that unionism is a very real and always stayed against and have fought to counteract and overcome. The current economic conditions with millions of regular folks are facing to make more unification, not less. But clearly, that has not been the case, yet. Do you think that labor movement need to adapt to changing times and what form should any such adapting take?

Labor needs to broaden its message to reflect our true mission, which is fighting for the quality of life we all want and deserve. I truly believe that unions are important guardians of our communities. We are on the front lines fighting for good schools, safe roads, public parks, and libraries. Unions are the last line of defense against greed and bad policy decisions. But that message has been lost to our membership and co-opted by those who seek to undermine labor as a movement for change. In order for labor to rebuild the image and relevance of labor the movement needs to work in coalitions with community groups, environmental groups, faith group and others in the broader community. Labor's message cannot be limited to fighting for our member's economic betterment but share the exact same priorities as these other groups and allies to partner successfully with them. The important binding line that is we share the same basic values.

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| Dermot Smyth | QUEENS POLITICAL ACTION COORDINATOR, UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS. |

Place of Birth
Queens, New York.

Where do you live
Mospeath, Queens, New York.

First Job
I was born in Queens New York and was raised in Brooklyn. When not more than two months old my family returned to Ireland where he was raised in a smallish town. His father Brian, a bus mechanic, was always a strong union man and instilled in Dermot the values he holds to this day.

In 1988, with the Irish economy in the grips of a long running recession, Dermot returned to New York. He worked as a labor union construction sites, as a painter, and as a school janitor before going to Queens College to earn both his BA and MA.

Dermot began his New York public school teaching career in 2000 at Intermediate School 5 in Elmhurst Queens, teaching 8th grade Social Studies. In 2003, he was elected as the union representative for his school, and three years later moved into a full time position as the Queens Political Action Coordinator for the AFTRA Foundation Teachers Union.

Dermot has been such an important part of the fabric that makes up this country. As a result of his work on health care and economic disparities and hardships responsible for each other's well being. These are all factors and conditions that unionism is a very real and always stands against and have fought to counteract and overcome. The current economic conditions with millions of regular folks are facing to make more unification, not less. But clearly, that has not been the case, yet. Do you think that labor movement need to adapt to changing times and what form should any such adapting take?

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| John Francis | WORKED FOR THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT. |

Place of Birth
Ireland where I was raised. I came back to Queens New York where I wa born and raised and later became a schoolteacher.

Where do you live
Lived fortune selling black market whiskey running a speakeasy in Yonkers during the 1920's.

Spouse and children's names
Mary Burke of Ireland.

I understand very often the very content/direction of audience base that can broaden the possibilities. In order for labor to rebuild the image and relevance of labor the movement needs to work in coalitions with community groups, environmental groups, faith group and others in the broader community. Labor's message cannot be limited to fighting for our member's economic betterment but share the exact same priorities as these other groups and allies to partner successfully with them. The important binding line that is we share the same basic values.

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| Jeremiah Quinn | WORKED FOR THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT. |

Place of Birth
Galway, Ireland.

Where do you live
Ireland where I was raised. I came back to Queens New York where I wa born and raised and later became a schoolteacher.

Spouse and children's names
Mary Burke of Ireland.

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Place of Birth
New York City.

Where you live
King's College.

First
Priest-student at Fordham University, NYC.

What it taught me
My first job as a waterboy taught me how starting out everyday, work to the best of your ability, have respect for your coworkers, and learn to set a good example and hope that people in organized labor are voting based on social matters such as gun control, abortion and right to life. Although these social issues are very important, our main concern should be to educate our membership that healthcare, pension and workers' rights are our main goal to protect our people. Social issues should be secondary.

Best advice you could give someone starting out
Get up early, go to work each and every day, work to the best of your ability, show respect for those around you, keep a positive attitude, no bickering, and have respect for your union organization. It is best to get a good example and hope that others follow.

Martin F. Walsh

Place of Birth
Boston, MA.

Where do you live
Boston, MA.

First job
Waterboy.

What it taught me
My first job as a waterboy taught me how to interact with working people, that all jobs are important no matter how big or small. It also taught me how valuable it was to get up early and work to the best of your ability.

Status
Married

Spouse and children's names
Mary Beth, Kelly, Colleen and Patrick.

Patrick Sullivan was born in New York City—one of nine children of Mary Roche and John Sullivan. Educated in Catholic elementary and secondary schools, Patrick joined the Holy Priest and Brothers at Notre Dame, IN, was professed in 1951, and ordained in 1956. His religious education resulted in an A.B. (philosophy & history) at Notre Dame University, an MA (sociology) at Fordham University, an M.A. (sociology & history) at Catholic University. Besides teaching and student guidance at King's and Notre Dame, he served as Director of Urban Affairs at the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolates (CARA), Director of Personnel and Planning for the Holy Cross priests, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Church Personnel Directors, and Associate Director of the Monsignor George Higgins Labor Research Center. In addition to such teaching, guidance, and administrative assignments, Sullivan indulged in research and publishing on the role of Catholic Social Teaching in Labor-Management Relations. In the 1980s he published "Catholic Institutions in L-M Relations" and "Catholic Church Involvement in L-M Controversies". Now, he is preparing publications on "Labor-Priest Relations in the Church, Labor Unions, Labor Schools/Institutes of Industrial Relations, and Economic/Politics". In addition to serving as the Catholic Liaison in the "JP Stephen-Johnson - Amalgamating Clothing and Textile Workers Controversy in the late 1970s, Sullivan periodically has assisted labor unions in Boston (Archdiocese of Boston Labor Guild), Chicago, South Bend, and Wilkes-Barre. Finally, in the early 2000s Sullivan was assigned to the Grand Marshall of the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Sullivan has been awarded the national AOH/LAON John F. Kennedy Award.

Thomas Sweeney

Place of Birth
Pittsburgh, PA.

Where do you live
Pittsburgh, PA.

First Job
Electrician Pittsburgh Brewing Co., maker of Iron City Beer.

What it taught me
Handle day's work for an honest day's work.

Status
Married

Spouse and children's names
Muriel (wife) Dylan (son).

Three things people would be surprised to know about me

Do you think that labor has to adapt to changing times, and what form should any such adapting take?
Increased training, skills and flexibility are essential to allow us to adapt to changing times. Labor and management need to work together to support both the organization and the labor force needs.

Best advice you could give someone starting out
Do your homework. Find out about labor laws, your rights, know the history, and be willing to work hard.

William "Liam" Uphrichard was born in Belfast. He moved to the U.S. in 1978 and joined the carpenters union. Liam moved back to Ireland, but returned to the U.S. in 1985 and worked at the College of Mount St. Vincent. The employees there had tried to organize twice before his arrival, but had lost. With Liu's assistance, the election was eventually won with 75 percent in favor. Liam is currently running for re-election to the Executive Board of Local 153 OPEIU. If elected, it will be his 4th consecutive term.

Martin Walsh

LABORERS' LOCAL 223 — BUSINESS MANAGER/SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Place of Birth
Boston, MA.

Where do you live
Boston, MA.

First Job
Waterboy.

What it taught me
My first job as a waterboy taught me how to interact with working people, that all jobs are important no matter how big or small. It also taught me how valuable it was to get up early and work to the best of your ability.

Status
Married

Spouse and children's names
Mary Beth, Kelly, Colleen and Patrick.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me
1. I'm a very "punny" guy. 2. My four-year-old great-niece wins every argument that my kids make, each vote I cast, and each issue I vote on.

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