



LOCAL 506 UNION NEWS

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ELECTION NOTICE

THE ELECTION OF UE LOCAL 506 OFFICERS

Will take place on: **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014**

Between the hours of: **6:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.**

at the **UE LOCAL 506 UNION HALL**

3923 MAIN STREET, LAWRENCE PARK

TO AVOID DELAYS ON ELECTION DAY

Please make sure you have your Membership Card with you when you come to vote.
If you've lost your union card, see your steward or stop at the Hall before Election Day.

Candidates' Statements

This special issue of the UE Local 506 News offers you the candidates' statements for the offices of **Business Agent, President, Chief Plant Steward, Vice President/Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Board Member-at-Large (3), Sergeant-at-Arms, Trustee (1) and Alternate Trustee (1).**

Each candidate has officially accepted nomination for office. Each candidate, in accordance with the provisions of the UE Local 506 Constitution, has

PLEDGED TO UPHOLD:

1. The Constitution of the United States of America
2. The Constitution of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, UE
3. The Constitution and by-laws of UE Local 506

The candidates have also stated that they are familiar with the provisions of the **UE-GE National Agreement**

Members scheduled for military leave are eligible to receive "absentee ballots" to vote in the September 18th election. If you qualify, absentee ballots may be obtained, in person only, at the Local 506 Office, weekdays between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. You will be required to present a copy of your orders and sign for the ballot.

The ballot must be returned to the UE Local 506 office in a sealed envelope, addressed to "Chairperson of Election", no later than 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 17, 2014.

Upon receiving the ballot, your name will be immediately removed from the voting list for the election of officers and you will not be permitted to vote on Election Day.

BUSINESS AGENT (Vote for One)

Frank X. Fusco

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Chief Steward, Building 7 – 4 years; President – 6 years.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 3 **Steward, 3**

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: I have served on the grievance committee for over 10 years. And have been a part of 2 National negotiations in 2003 and 2007. Thank you for your consideration.

Signed: **Frank X. Fusco**

Terry Gigax

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Steward, Building 63.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 15 **Steward, 15**

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: I have been active in the union since I transferred to Transportation.

Signed: **Terry Gigax**

Steve Hyzer

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Alternate Steward – approximately 6 years; Steward – approximately 14 years; Divisional Chief Steward – 2 years; Trustee – 7 years; Treasurer – 5.5 years.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 23 **Steward, 23**

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: With my 30 years of seniority at GE, I've worked in various capacities as an Alternate Steward, Steward, Trustee, Division Chief Steward, and Treasurer. Each and every one of these positions were beneficial in learning the duties required of the office of Business Agent. My three terms as Treasurer, working alongside the other financial officer, Business Agent Wayne Burnett were invaluable in preparing me for this new challenge. My many years of Trustee, a position where you are a watchdog and

scrutinize the finances, helped me tremendously well. In that period of time I had the opportunity to learn from retired Business Agent Pat Rafferty. In closing, this experience has not only helped me to understand all the duties involved in this lofty position, but assured me that I'm more than capable of performing them.

Signed: **Steve Hyzer**

Brian Okicki

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Alternate Steward – 6 months.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 10 **Steward, 10**

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: Having gone to school for business management and taken some small business classes, I have the skills necessary to manage the daily activities our our union.

Signed: **Brian Okicki**

SUPPORT YOUR UNION
VOTE

Thursday, September 18, 2014
 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
 UE LOCAL 506 UNION HALL
 3923 Main Street
 Lawrence Park

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**PRESIDENT
(Vote for One)**

Scott Duke

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Alternate Steward, Building 6 – 11 months; Steward, Building 6 – 2 years; Alternate Steward, Building 12 – 4 months; Steward, Building 12 – 3.5 years; Alternate Trustee – 3 months, Trustee – 4 years; Trustee for National – 2 years; Sergeant at Arms – 2 years; Unity Council – 5 years; and currently President – 18 months.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?

Membership, 24

Steward, 24

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: I have represented this membership in Decision Bargaining to not allow the contract to be opened during a signed contract from 2011. I have fought to keep seniority on the lay-off and recall procedure a top priority. I have worked closely for the TAA benefits for laid off workers. I have been involved in Step II and Step III cases. I will continue to fight for this membership as president.

Signed: Scott Duke

Mike Michaelson

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Steward, Building 10 – 2 years; Building 7 – 2.5 years; Delegate UE National Convention in 2013.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?

Membership, 23

Steward, 23

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: As a leader in this community and union, I feel I am qualified to lead this union as your president. I have sat on many different boards in this community and I feel my contacts and experience will help this union deal with General Electric Company.

Signed: Mike Michaelson

Scott Slawson

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Steward – 4 years; Alternate Steward – 6 months; Alternate Chief Steward – 6 months; Divisional Chief Steward – 3.5

years; Eastern Region Delegate – 3 years; Convention Delegate, and liaison to safety for Executive Board – 2 years.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?

Membership, 24

Steward, 24

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: I have proudly served, been actively involved and held several positions in the UE 506, from Alt. Steward to Divisional Chief Steward. Representing our union at national convention and as an Eastern Region Delegate, I have gained much respect for the trials and tribulations of our fellow union brothers and sisters. Representing building 5, my stewards and I have successfully negotiated the return of outsourced work saving many union jobs. I look forward to representing this membership with the same tenacity.

Signed: Scott Slawson

Roger Zaczyk

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Department Steward or Alternate Steward – 36 years; Alternate Chief Steward, Buildings 6 and 10 – 6 years; E-Board – 8 years; Vice President/Recording Secretary – 3 years; UE Regional Organizing Chair – 6 years; UE Eastern Region Executive Board Member – 2008 to present (2014); and President, UE Local 506 – 2011-2013.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?

Membership, 18

Steward, 18

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: As your President, I will use all the knowledge and experience gained over the decades of being actively involved at all levels of the UE. A 506 President is about the members. I pledge to all members, that I will fight to keep jobs in Erie, while growing the membership, to work tirelessly with the contract committee to prepare for negotiations, and to work hard for the needs and interest of all members. In Solidarity.

Signed: Roger Zaczyk

For your convenience, we will be providing van rides to the Hall throughout the scheduled voting hours.

CHIEF PLANT STEWARD (Vote for One)

Leo Grzegorzewski

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Chief Steward, Building 2 – 6 years; Department Steward – 6 years; Election Committee – 2 years; Delegate to National Convention – 2 times; Delegate UE Eastern Region Council – 3 times.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?

Membership, 23

Steward, 23

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: Comprehensive knowledge of the UE national contract and language. A complete understanding of the Constitution and By-Laws of Local 506. Eight years of favorable success rates arguing grievances at Step I, Step II and Step III. Won an arbitration case this May for a discharged brother that was off work for 1 year and 6 months. Had many dealings with this company at the corporate level.

Signed: Leo Grzegorzewski

Mike Hayes

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Steward, Building 5 – 4 years; Alternate Steward – 4 years; Steward – 4 years; Chief Steward – 18 months; Chief Plant Steward – 7.5 years.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?

Membership, 23

Steward, 23

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: Represented members successfully in hundreds of grievance cases at step II and step III. Represented members successfully in arbitration process, protected members against wage freezes and mandatory overtime. Represented members in the NLRB process and Decision Bargaining on transfer of work. Served Local 506 in two National contracts. Represented the members successfully in the fight for two separate TAA cases and represented numerous members successfully in unemployment hearings and assisted members with workers compensation issues.

Signed: Mike Hayes

Randy Houle

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Steward, Building 5 – 4 years; Alternate Steward, Building 2 – 2 years; Steward, Building 2 – 4 years.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?

Membership, 18

Steward, 18

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:

Signed: Randy Houle

VICE PRESIDENT RECORDING SECRETARY

Michael Ferritto (Unopposed)

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Community Service Fund Administrator – four times; served as Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Loan Representative for United Way. Steward – 2 years; Alternate Steward, Regional Delegate, E-Board at Large – 2 years; Chairman of Legislative Action Committee – 3.5 years.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?

Membership, 24

Steward, 24

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: During my time as a UE 506 member, I have immersed myself in a wide range of union activities. I have four times been elected to serve as an Administrator for Community Service Fund (CSF); served as Recording Secretary, and most recently as Treasurer. For two years, as a CSF Administrator, I served as a Loan Representative for the United Way of Erie County. In the shop, I served as Alt. Steward. I used that experience as a jumping off point to become a Regional Delegate, and for two years I proudly served as department Steward. I was elected as an Executive Board Member at Large, and served for two years. For the past 3.5 years I have served as the Chairman of the Legislative Action Committee. I have attended regional meetings; participated in preliminary contract meetings; represented Local 506 as a Young Activist at the anti-proliferation rally in New York City in 2010, and in 2011 I traveled to Tokyo, Japan to address an international union convergence on behalf of UE. A year and a half ago, I was elected as UE 506 Vice President and Recording Secretary, and I believe there's more for me to accomplish. I look forward to representing you in the coming years. Thank you for your support.

In solidarity,

Signed: Michael Ferritto

TREASURER

Dave Chadwell Sr. (Unopposed)

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Steward, Building 5 – 4 years; Sports committee – 3 years; Trustee – 2 years; Alternate Trustee – 2 years.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 20 Steward, 20

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: I would love to further my service to this great union and its members in any way possible. Thank you.

Signed: Dave Chadwell Sr.

SERGEANT AT ARMS (Vote for One)

Jeremy Burick

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Steward, Building 6 – 18 months.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 21 Steward, 21

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a strong union member for 16 years. I like staying active in the union by going to meetings and steward classes. As a steward, I take my job seriously and keep members informed. I will uphold my duties as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Signed: Jeremy Burick

Jess Fellows

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Steward – 3.5 years.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 20 Steward, 20

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: UE 506 union steward. Negotiating committee for the 3199 unit 18 Steelworkers and union steward for the 3199 unit 18 Steelworkers.

Signed: Jess Fellows

Andy Pius

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG:

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 5 Steward, 5

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:

Signed: Andy Pius

Joe D. Smith

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Steward, Building 12 – 4 years; Alternate Steward, Buildings 12 and 18T – 1 year; Election Committee – 5 years (1 year as Vice President); Sports Committee – 4 years.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 23 Steward, 23

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: Since I have been on the election committee, I learned the clarity of the by-laws and constitution to get me ready for the Sergeant-at-Arms position.

Signed: Joe D. Smith

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE (Vote for Three)

Todd Bernat

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Alternate Steward, Building 10 Paint – 1 term.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 7 Steward, 7

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: I am looking out for the best interest of fellow 506 members.

Signed: Todd Bernat

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE (Vote for Three)

Les Burrows

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Sergeant-at-Arms, Union Steward, Building 6 – 4 years; 18 Control – 3 years; Building 12 – 1 year; 12 OHV – 2 years.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 24 Steward, 24

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: I worked contract rally's, I understand contract and by laws of the union. I attended steward classes in the past.

Signed: Les Burrows

Todd Johnson

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Chief Steward – 2 years; Steward – 4 years; Alternate Steward – 1 year.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 8 Steward, 8

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: As being a chief steward, I'm familiar with the inter working of the hall, been to many grievance meetings and worked at contract rally's in the past. Thanks for your support. "Get out and vote".

Signed: Todd Johnson

Roy King

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Steward – 5 years; Chief Steward – 1 year and 8 months.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 21 Steward, 21

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: Being a steward and chief steward, I have always had the membership concerns in mind. Concerns have always been number one on my list. Handling concerns and grievances within the union has given me experience on what has to be done.

Signed: Roy King

Craig A. Krol

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Steward, Building 12 Wind – 4 years; Building 5 – 5 years; Alternate Steward, Building 5 – presently, 6 years.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 3 Steward, 3

Statement of Qualifications: I have worked in many buildings and been steward in some over the years I've been here. I welcome the chance to be on the E-Board and I will make sure our voice is heard. Thanks for your support.

Signed: Craig A. Krol

Matt McCracken

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: E-Board – 9 years; National Convention Delegate – 5 years; Eastern Region Delegate – 6 years; Alternate Steward – 8 years; Steward – 4 years; Sports Committee Chair – 8 years.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 22 Steward, 22

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: I have been active in many aspects of the union: contract rally committee, building solidarity through the sports committees, representative to the PA Labor History Society, delegate to voluntary committee at the Erie VAMC. My focus has always been on serving and protecting the members, and it will remain that way. I look forward to being your representative and appreciate your support. Thank You.

Signed: Matt McCracken

Paul Rapela

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Steward, 18 Engine Lab – 3 years.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 19 Steward, 19

Statement of Qualifications: Steward – 3 years; Executive Board member UE Local 647 – 2 years.

Signed: Paul Rapela

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE (Vote for Three)

Steve Rogers

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Alternate Steward, Building 7 – 1 year; Steward, Building 7 – 2.5 years.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 17 Steward, 17

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: I was a steward for 3.5 years in building 7.

Signed: Steve Rogers

Donna Shiamone

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Alternate Steward, Building 18 – 1 year.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 18 Steward, 18

Statement of Qualifications: Have been a member in good standing for 10 years, have not held many offices, but have helped with the rallies held. Willing to provide accurate communications between the membership and the union officers and representing our membership. Vote for Change.

Signed: Donna Shiamone

Tom Skwaryk

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Chief Steward, Buildings 18C and 42 – 3.5 years; Steward – 7 years; Alternate Steward – 1 year.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 20 Steward, 20

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: Attended National Convention as delegate, Eastern Regional delegate, attended numerous job preservation meetings and other company meetings, attended numerous steward classes and spearheaded UE 506 Trail of Treats and other community functions.

Signed: Tom Skwaryk

Ricky Steele

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Presently UE 506 Trustee; Steward, Building 12; Election Committee; Eastern Regional Delegate; Steward/Alternate Steward, Building 18; and National Convention Delegate.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 22 Steward, 22

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: I have held a number of positions since becoming a member of Local 506. I am currently a 506 Trustee watching over the local’s finances, and a steward in bldg. 12 locomotive. I have proudly represented Local 506 as a National Convention Delegate and Eastern Region Delegate. I regularly attend steward’s classes to stay educated and informed of the needs and duties of stewards and to better represent the membership. I look forward to serving the members of UE Local 506 in the future. God bless UE 506 and its members.

Signed: Ricky Steele

Jason Trayer

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Union Steward, Building 6 – 6 years; Alternate Steward, Building 10 – 1 year; Election Committee, Building 6 – 2 years; Executive Board Member at Large – 18 months.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 23 Steward, 23

Statement of Qualifications: Over the years, I have been active in the union. On top of the various offices I have held and currently hold, I have been a delegate to the national convention twice, member of the sports committee and member of the organizing committee Roc (Regional Organizing Committee). I was a delegate to the labor notes convention for the UE young activists and a founding member of the UE Young Activist Program. I ask for your continued support for the office of Executive Board Member at Large.

Signed: Jason Trayer

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TRUSTEE (Vote for One)

Donald Cornelius

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Steward, Building 12, Main Cab – 2.5 years; OHV – 1.5 years; Building 26 – 7 months; Trustee – 4 years; Election Committee Member – 4 years.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 16 Steward, 16

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: I am a previous trustee member from 2009 to 2013 and work well the the business agent and treasurer, as well as the other trustees.

Signed: Donald Cornelius

David S. Korynoski

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Alternate Steward – 8 months.

MEETINGS ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 6 Steward, 6

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: I work as a tool crib attendant and keeping track of inventory is a vital part of my job. I look forward to serving my UE brothers and sisters and will hold the local UE accountable to their books.

Signed: David S. Korynoski

ALTERNATE TRUSTEE

Mike Rudzinski (Unopposed)

LOCAL OFFICES HELD AND HOW LONG: Alternate Trustee – 3 months.

ATTENDED IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS?
Membership, 23 Steward, 23

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: UE 506 member in good standing for 28 years. I've had direct communications with the membership and officers for 19 years as a safety coordinator. I participated in this year's 1st quarter audit as alternate trustee.

Signed: Mike Rudzinski

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

Agenda:

- General Business
- Committee Updates

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS & TIMES ARE:
 Thursday, August 21, 2014 (All meetings)
 7:20 a.m. (3rd Shift)
 12:30 p.m. (2nd Shift) 3:20 p.m. (1st Shift)

Sports News

The 7th Annual UE / VMAC Golf Tournaments was a huge success and was the best ever in terms of money raised. The event raised over \$12,800 between those who golfed and those who sponsored this great outing. We would definitely call this a hole in success. In its short seven year history, this event has raised over \$44,000.

The sports committee would like to thank all who participated or played a part in this venture. Although there were many individual winners throughout the day, the real winners are the ones who put their lives or made the ultimate sacrifice for us to enjoy the freedom we have today. So when you see someone who served in the military, let them know how much they're appreciated.

SEPTEMBER 2014						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 STEWARD / MEMBERS CLASSES 7:15 AM 1:00 PM 3:15 PM	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 R.A.G.E. MEMBERSHIP MEETING 618 MEMBERSHIP MEETING	11	12	13
14	15	16 E-BOARD MEETING	17	18 GENERAL ELECTION 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 R.A.G.E. BOARD MEETING	27
28	29	30				