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Labor Council Nominations and Election of Officers Scheduled

By Rick Galiano
Labor Council President

The two-year cycle for election of officers for the Labor Council is here again. Nominations will be opened at the November delegates meeting and the election will be held at the December delegates meeting. Nominations may be reopened at any time prior to the election by a majority vote. The Northwest PA Area Labor Federation will send an election notice to all Labor Council delegates and affiliated organizations.

The following are the rules that govern the nomination and election process:

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Central Labor Council shall consist of a President, Financial Secretary Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Executive Vice President and seven Trustees, who together shall

constitute the Executive Board of the Central Labor Council. In addition, five other Vice Presidents from five different internationals/nationals shall be elected.

Section 2. Established AFL-CIO Constituency Groups in the Central Labor Council's geographic boundary may appoint a representative to the Executive Board. Where there are no Constituency Groups, the Executive Board shall have the ability to appoint up to three additional board members after each election for purposes of diversity. Their terms shall expire at the same time as the other Executive Board members.

Section 3. (a) Each officer, at the time of the election or appointment and at all times during the term of office, shall be a duly accredited delegate and member of their affiliated organization. If the officer ceases to be a del-

egate, the office held shall become vacant immediately and a special election as elsewhere provided for in this constitution shall be held to fill the vacancy.

(b) No individual shall be eligible to serve as an officer of; member of the Executive Board or committee or other governing body of; or as a delegate from, or representative, agent or employee of this Central Labor Council who consistently pursues politics and activities directed toward the achievement of the program or purposes of authoritarianism, totalitarianism, terrorism and other forces that suppress individual liberties and freedom of association. No person shall be eligible to serve in any of the aforementioned capacities who holds a salaried position or any other position of administrative or executive authority in a union, or any subordinate branch of a union, which

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Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Executive Council Issues Endorsements In General Election

September 29, 2021 PA AFL-CIO Press Release

Renee Cohn Jubelirer, Commonwealth Court.

The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Executive Council's officers and vice presidents, representing more than 700,000 working people across the Commonwealth, issued endorsements for Pennsylvania's general election. Endorsed candidates must receive a two-thirds supermajority vote of the Council. The following appellate court and special election candidates received the Council's support.

The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Executive Board also endorsed candidates in special elections for the State House of Representatives:

Thom Welby - HD 113;

Gina Curry - HD 164.

The endorsed candidates for 2021's Appellate Court seats are:

Maria McLaughlin - PA Supreme Court;

Timika Lane for PA Superior Court;

Lori Dumas for Commonwealth Court;

David Lee Spurgeon for Commonwealth Court.

State Federation President Rick Bloomington and Secretary-Treasurer Frank Snyder issued the following joint statement on the election endorsements:

The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO supports the following judges for retention:

John Bender, Superior Court;

Mary Jane Bowes, Superior Court;

Anne Covey, Commonwealth Court;

"Every year is an election year, and every election matters – courts matter. In Pennsylvania, working people elect the justices and judges who make decisions that impact everyone. The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO proudly endorses these pro-worker candidates who will protect people's rights on the job and in the community. This commitment to fair representation is reflected in one of the most diverse slates of endorsed candidates of any organization. All elections have consequences, and therefore we can never neglect our duty to participate in the democratic process."

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President's Report

By Rick Galiano
Labor Council President

* Nominations for Executive Board offices will be made at the November Labor Council meeting. We encourage all delegates to attend. Nominations cannot be made unless a quorum is achieved.

* Thank you to the National NAACP for giving the Labor Council a framed certificate of Silver Life Membership certifying that the Labor Council is a life member of the NAACP. The article appearing on the first page of the July 2021 issue of the UN-

ION BUG describes some of the activities that the Labor Council has coordinated with the Beaver County NAACP and New Castle NAACP during the last several years. The article concludes with a plea that the Labor Council take part in the effort to defend the right to vote in Pennsylvania and nationally. As Labor Council president, I will urge the Labor Council to be involved in the effort by working with the local and national NAACP. The improvement in wages and working conditions that our Labor Movement was won for working Americans



cannot be maintained when the freedom to vote is restricted.

Labor Council Elections Scheduled

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has been suspended from, is unaffiliated with or has disaffiliated from the AFL-CIO.

(c) In accordance with the AFL-CIO Ethical Practices Code, no person who is convicted of any felony involving the infliction of grievous bodily injury, any crime of dishonesty or any crime involving abuse or misuse of such person's position, or employment in a labor organization or an employee benefit fund shall serve as an officer or managerial employee of the Central Labor Council.

Section 4. The term of office shall be two years and each officer shall hold office until a successor has been elected and installed.

Section 5. Not more than two

delegates from the same local union, nor more than four delegates from the same National or International Union, shall be eligible to hold office at the same time. The president and secretary-treasurer shall be from different international unions.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTION AND VACANCIES

Section 1. The election shall be held at the regular meeting in the month of December in odd-numbered years. Nominations shall be opened at the meeting in the preceding month and may be reopened at any time prior to the election by majority vote. The election shall not be postponed except for absence of a quorum or by order of the AFL-CIO. A postponed election shall be held at the first succeeding regular meeting with due notice being given all affiliated organizations,

or as may be directed by the AFL-CIO. An election committee shall be appointed by the President at the meeting prior to nominations.

Section 2. Installation of officers shall be held at the conclusion of the election, except that officer-elect who is unavoidably absent shall be installed at the earliest possible meeting following the election or may be given the obligation at a meeting of the Executive Board.

Section 3. The election for uncontested offices may be by acclamation. The election for contested offices shall be held by per capita roll call vote. It shall require a plurality to elect. The seven candidates for Trustee and nine officers receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

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Calendar of Events

- 10/18 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board monthly meeting. The meeting will be held virtually beginning at 6:00 PM. **The delegates monthly meeting is canceled.**
- 11/02 Election Day. Please see Page 2 article for list of Pa. AFL-CIO endorsed statewide judicial candidates and special election legislative candidates.
- 11/15 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and Membership meetings. Executive Board – 6:00 PM; Membership – 7:00 PM. IBEW Local 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport. Meetings will be held in-person. Nominations for 2022-2023 Executive Board will be made. Please see Page 1 article for additional information.
- 12/20 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and Membership meetings. Executive Board – 6:00 PM; Membership – 7:00 PM. IBEW Local 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport. Election of 2022-2023 Executive Board will be held.

Calendar of Events submissions must be emailed to Jody Kohser, Calendar of Events Coordinator, at jkohser@verizon.net, by 6:00 p.m. on November 8th to be considered for publication in the November 2021 Issue of the **UNION BUG**.