



CUE-Teamsters News

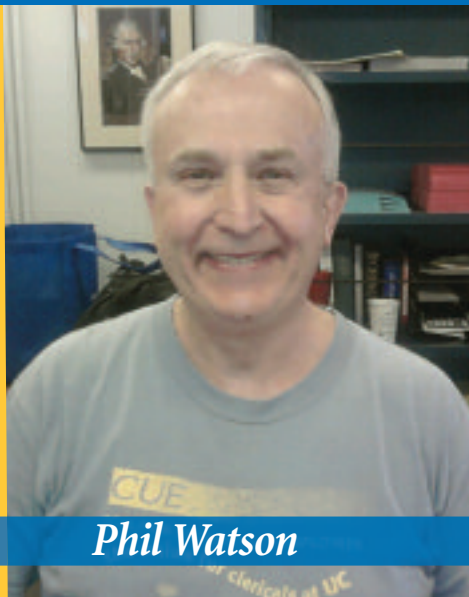
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CUE-Teamster Members' Voices



Nelda Thomas



Phil Watson



Rose Weaver

CUE-Teamsters News recently spoke to several members about the Teamsters affiliation and what it means to them. Below are some of their comments.

"Our organization has done a great job. Now that CUE and the Teamsters have joined forces, I'm excited about participating and helping us get fair treatment."

—Rose Weaver, Faculty Support Supervisor, Electrical Engineering Department, UCLA.

"I am glad that we affiliated with the Teamsters. In this way, we have become a stronger union by becoming a member of something very much bigger than ourselves. Yet, we still have our own identity. I am proud to be a CUE-Teamster member." —Philip C. Watson, Program Assistant, UCLA Extension Paralegal Training Program.

"I am elated to be affiliated with the Teamsters and to have them backing us as

CUE members. I have many friends and family members who are Teamsters, and I hear they really go to bat for you! Many members are anticipating a brighter future as CUE-Teamsters, as we work together for fair wages and re-classifications, and an overall good working relationship with UC." —Nelda Thomas, Administrative Assistant II, Presley Center For Crime & Justice Studies/Institute For Research On World Systems, UC Riverside

Bargaining Updates

Benefits

CUE-Teamster representatives recently participated in a meeting with the UC Office of the President and staff of UC unions to discuss health and retirement benefits. At the meeting, CUE-Teamsters

chief negotiator, Amatullah Alaji-Sabrie, was joined by Michael Filler, Teamsters Public Services Division Director and John Slatery, Teamsters Benefits Department Director. The UC officials and other unions in attendance took notice at the insightful questioning by the CUE-Teamsters. CUE-Teamsters Local 2010 acting statewide president Anytra Henderson (LBNL), statewide secretary Stephanie Dorton (UCB) and chief steward Mary Higgins (UCSF) also attended this meeting.

Teamsters Benefits Director Slatery remarked, "On behalf of our CUE members, we will be exploring health and benefit options so we are not limited to the choices the University has offered in the past. With 1.4 million people we represent, the Teamsters have tremendous buying power in the marketplace when it comes to health and retirement benefits."

New Contract

CUE-Teamsters are still waiting for the court to rule on the motion CUE-Teamsters filed that would ensure we will have adequate time to present our case to the state's fact-finding panel. We expect a ruling by the end of the summer. All formal proceedings of the fact-finding process are on hold until the court rules.

On Monday, June 21, CUE-Teamster lawyers presented evidence at an arbitration where we challenged AFSCME's raiding activities. We should hear results of that arbitration in about a month, and we will report them in a future newsletter.

Strategic Planning Session, July 17-18, 2010

CUE-Teamster representatives will participate in a strategic contract campaign session on July 17-18 in Los Angeles. Representatives from the Teamsters Public Services Division and Teamsters Organizing, Training and Development, Communications and Strategic Research and Campaigns departments will be on-hand to lead strategic discussions and help attendees familiarize themselves with the Teamsters union structure.

"We're excited to get everyone together to focus on the campaign strategy for getting a fair contract for the UC's 14,000

clerical and allied service workers," said Anytra Henderson, acting president of CUE-Teamsters. "We're also looking forward to the training that Teamster staff from Washington will be providing. With the backing of our international union, and Teamster joint councils and locals across California, this vital part of California's higher education workforce will finally be getting the respect we have long been denied."

Look for reports back from this session from your campus representatives later this month!

Teamster Women's Conference

The Teamsters Women's Conference is scheduled for September 16-18, 2010 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This event is a terrific way to meet other Teamster women from across the United States and Canada, share experiences and participate in union workshops. To find out more and to register, go to www.teamster.org/women

Talent Search

We need your skills! It's going to take your talents and your passion to help set priorities and strategies as we move forward in our fight for a new contract. Everyone is welcome to get involved - just

send us an email at: clericals@cueunion.org.

Additionally, at this important time we hope you'll become a voting member. Becoming a voting member means you can vote on the new contract, elect officers or run for office. There are many exciting changes ahead, and we need members to become involved and help us create a new CUE-Teamster local union that you can be proud of. Not sure if you're a voting member? Check your pay stub - if it doesn't say "CUE Dues" then you're not a voting member yet! Please contact your local CUE-Teamster office to obtain a membership form or download it from: www.cueunion.org/membership_info/appform.php

Make sure to return it to your local CUE-Teamster office!

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