

**2010 ELECTION
IBEW LOCAL UNION #965
CANDIDATE SYNOPSIS**

PRESIDENT

Rick Irwin:

Office Seeking: President of Local 965 & International Delegate

Unit: 7

Local Union Offices Held: Chief Steward 1998-2001; Vice President 2001-2007; President 2007-2010

Union Conventions Attended: National Safety Council Labor Division, IBEW Utility Conference, IBEW International Convention

Union Committees: Chair of Health & Safety Committee

Present Position with Company: Blue Hat

Other Pertinent Information:

VICE PRESIDENT

Robert (Bob) Jung

Office Seeking: Vice President & International Delegate

Unit: 6

Local Union Offices Held: Unit 6 Unit Chairperson/Executive Board Member—currently; Chief Steward Nelson Dewey Generating Station—15 years—currently; Steward Operations Department—Nelson Dewey

Union Conventions Attended: IBEW Utility Workers Convention 2003 & 2006; Utility Workers Coalition Conference—numerous occasions; NSC Labor Division Conference 2008, 2009, 2010; Wisconsin Council of Safety Conferences and Seminars for IBEW 965

Union Committees: Best Practice-Generation; Past Chairperson of GENCO Joint Health & Safety Committee; 2003 Negotiating Committee; 2007 Negotiating Committee

Present Position with Company: Master Unit Operator (SMPL)

Other Pertinent Information: Started at Columbia as Plant Helper-Ops. Moved to Nelson Dewey 1 ½ years later. Moved up thru the Ops. Positions until the GENCO Initiative. Have been a MUO for 12 years. I have been involved with Nelson Dewey's Safety Committee since its beginning, holding positions of Chairperson and Recorder. I have been with the Alliant Energy for over 20 years. Married with 2 children.

Holly Kaiser

Office Seeking: Vice President & International Delegate

Unit: 7

Local Union Offices Held: Steward-early 1980's to 2000; Vice Unit Chairperson-2000 to 2002; Chief Steward-2002 to present; International Delegate-2001 & 2006; Recording Secretary-2004 to 2007; Vice President-2007 to present.

Union Conventions Attended: International Conventions-2001 & 2006; Utility Conferences, 6th District Progress Meetings and Women's Conferences, Midwest School for Women Workers-1984 and 2003; various steward training classes.

Union Committees: Safety-Labor/Management Council; Alliant Negotiating Committee-2003 & 2007; Scholarship Committee; Membership Participation Committee; Solidarity Committee; Picnic Committee; General Office Safety Committee.

Present Position with Company: Sourcing Buyer Assistant

Other Pertinent Information: I have been a member of Local 965 since 1978.

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RECORDING SECRETARY

Deb Farrey

Office Seeking: Recording Secretary & International Delegate

Unit: 7

Local Union Offices Held: I have been Unit recorder for Unit 7 for the last 3 years and was appointed to Recording Secretary by President Irwin 2 years ago. I am also a steward at the General Office in Madison.

Union Conventions Attended: Utility Workers Coalition Conference—last 2 years

Union Committees: Picnic Committee; Executive Board

Present Position with Company: Client Server Spec I—Help Desk

Other Pertinent Information: Unfortunately my husband was diagnosed with terminal cancer in January of 2008 and I was unable to travel much for the union but now, with his passing, I have more time to participate in union causes. I truly enjoy my work with the union and really hope you will give me a chance to serve you for another term. I would really like to become much more involved with union activities that can be of help to all members of Local 965.

Bruce W. Weyh

Office Seeking: Recording Secretary

Unit: 5

Local Union Offices Held: Unit Chairman; Vice Unit Chairman; Shop Steward; Vice Steward

Union Conventions Attended:

Union Committees:

Present Position with Company: Master Maint. Tech/Small Crew/Welding/Nights/Section IX/ Brigade Fire Chief

Other Pertinent Information: Been with WP&L/Alliant 32+ years; Night shift for almost 16 years; Columbia Fire Brigade 28 plus years.

TREASURER

Todd Haakinson

Office Seeking: Treasurer

Unit: 8

Local Union Offices Held: Presently Local 965 Treasurer; Past Unit Recorder Unit 8

Union Conventions and Activities Attended: Attended State Convention; Progress Meeting; Participated in several Department of Labor classes involving Record Keeping; UW School for Workers training in Audit Preparation, Financial Record Keeping, Spreadsheet Training, Labor History, LM2 Preparation; Participated in several organizing campaigns.

Union Committees: Picnic Committee; Past JATC President; Solidarity Committee Chairman; AdHoc Committees for 965 Working Rules, Credit Card Policies & Solidarity Funds.

Present Position with Company: Southern Area Line Tech

Other Pertinent Information: Have been Local 965 Treasurer since 2001

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BUSINESS MANAGER AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Tony Bartels

Office Seeking: Business Manager and Financial Secretary

Unit: 7

Local Union Offices Held: Business Manager & Financial Secretary 2007 to present; Assistant Business Manager 1998 to 2007; President 1992 to 1998; Executive Board 1990 to 1992; Unit Chairperson 1989 to 1995

Union Conventions and Activities Attended: International Convention 1996, 2001 & 2006; Various conferences training classes and meetings annually

Union Committees: Various union committees

Present Position with Union: Business Manager & Financial Secretary

Other Pertinent Information: Associate degree in Electrical Power Engineering 1987; Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration 1995; member of Zion Lutheran Church in Columbus; Secretary of Church Council

INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES

Deb Farrey (see above)

Bruce Giese (see below)

Rick Irwin (see above)

Robert (Bob) Jung (see above)

Holly Kaiser (see above)

Mike Pyne

Office Seeking: International Delegate

Unit: 5

Local Union Offices Held: Assistant Business Manager 2007 to present; Local 965 President 1998 to 2007; Vice President Local 965 1989 to 1998; Chief Steward-Portage 1995 to 2007; Vice Steward-Portage 1989 to 1995; Chief Steward-North Area 1983 to 1986

Union Conventions and Activities Attended: Local 965 delegate to the IBEW International Conventions in 2001 and 2006; various other IBEW International conference for the past 21 years; various IBEW 6th District conferences for the past 21 years; various Wisconsin State AFL-CIO conferences and meetings for the past 21 years; Inter-Union Gas conferences; Numerous conferences and meetings put on by numerous utility coalitions and utility special interest group meetings that dealt with utility issues; Wisconsin Public Service Commission Gas Pipeline Safety conferences; WISCOSH Safety conferences; OSHA training courses and meetings, conferences and training classes put on by the UW School for Workers; Wisconsin Utility Workers Coalition conferences; Wisconsin Safety council meetings and training sessions; National Safety Council; National Safety Council Labor Division meetings; IBEW Safety Caucus meetings; Training sessions and meetings sponsored by the South Central Federation of Labor; Rock County Central Labor Council meetings; numerous training sessions put on by a variety of IBEW, AFL-CIO, State of Wisconsin and other utility groups; Wisconsin Labor History meetings.

Union Committees: Due to my past and present positions with IBEW Local 965, I have served on numerous committees and have even chaired some over the past 21 years. I have been involved with Alliant Negotiations committees in 1999, 2003 and 2007 and with my present position, I am involved with many other negotiating committees and negotiations represented by IBEW Local 965. I am a delegate for Local 965 to the South Central Federation of Labor in Madison. I am on the SCFL Education and Organizing Committee. I

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am also the representative for Local 965 to the Wisconsin Utility Workers Legislative Committee. I am the Facilitator for the IBEW Region 3-Wisconsin Organizing Committee.
Present Position with the Company: On leave from WP&L as Electric Meter Tech-Portage; Currently an Assistant Business Manager for IBEW Local 965.
Other Pertinent Information: I started with WP&L at Rock River Generating Station as a plant helper in operations in 1978. I went to Northern Area as a Polyphase Meter Tech Apprentice and became a journeyman there. Then I went to Portage as an Electric Meter Technician. I have always been deeply involved in safety and safety issues since I became active in Local 965 in 1989 through many union organizations and governmental agencies. I was deeply involved in the National Safety Council Labor Division as a representative for Local 965. I have also become deeply involved and a representative for Local 965 in many legislative and public hearings with the State of Wisconsin Legislature and its members, and with the Public Service Commission and other state agencies that deal with issues that affect our membership and our Local Union. I have been active in political and legislative committees, meetings and in activism as it stands to issues that we face and need to address as a labor union.

Tom Rogers

Office Seeking: International Delegate

Unit: 8

Local Union Offices Held: Chief Steward Southern Area

Union Conventions and Activities Attended: Information Strike Walks (Janesville, Wisconsin Dells), Union Picnic, Coalition Convention in Wisconsin Rapids.

Union Committees:

Present Position with Company: Electrician

Other Pertinent Information:

Teri Ruhland

Office Seeking: International Delegate

Unit: 2

Local Union Offices Held: Chief Steward-Reedsburg Non-Craft; Unit 2 Vice Chair/Recorder

Union Conventions and Activities Attended:

Union Committees:

Present Position with Company: Customer Service Representative, Reedsburg Non-Craft

Other Pertinent Information:

Mark Schoen (see below)

Dan Smith (see below)

Edward Ullerich (no synopsis submitted)

Steven Voss

Office Seeking: International Delegate

Unit: 7

Local Union Offices Held: Chief Steward-Dane County 2007 to present

Union Conventions and Activities Attended: Utility Coalition Convention 2008 & 2009; Stewards Training Course 2007 & 2010; Assisted Union Office (Mike Pyne) with information that was used when 965 testified before the PSC as Alliant Energy attempted to eliminate the Gas Appliance Service Inspection that employees do for Alliant Energy Gas customers.

Union Committees:

Present Position with Company: Service Technician-Dane County

Other Pertinent Information: Participated in informational picketing throughout 965 territory during the 2003 contract negotiations; Regularly attend Unit 7's monthly union meetings.

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UNIT 1 CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mike Patoka (no synopsis received)

UNIT 2 CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chris J. Gregory

Office Seeking: Unit 2 Chairman/Executive Board

Unit: 2

Local Union Offices Held: Unit 2 Chairman; Unit Recorder; Chief Steward-Baraboo

Union Conventions and Activities Attended:

Union Committees:

Present Position with Company: Engineering Tech-Baraboo

Other Pertinent Information: Union member since 1969; UFCW 1969 to 1983; UAW 1983 to 1985; IBEW 1985 to present

UNIT 3 CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mike Broome (no synopsis submitted)

UNIT 4 CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dave Daily (no synopsis submitted)

Joe McClurg

Office Seeking: Unit 4 Chairman/Executive Board

Unit: 4

Local Union Offices Held: Shift Steward

Union Conventions and Activities Attended: I attend all unit meetings and in the past have participated in many contract activities

Union Committees:

Present Position with Company: Relief Operator

Other Pertinent Information: I am running for everyone

UNIT 5 CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bruce Giese

Office Seeking: Unit 5 Chairman/Executive Board & International Delegate

Unit: 5

Local Union Offices Held: Unit 5 Unit Chairman/Executive Board member; Columbia Chief Steward; Columbia Operations Steward

Union Conventions and Activities Attended: Utility Workers Coalition; IBEW Utility Conference

Union Committees: Solidarity Committee; Legislative Committee; Alliant Negotiations Research Committee

Present Position with Company: Unit Operator LSP

Other Pertinent Information:

UNIT 6 CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE BOARD

Kent Schumann (No synopsis submitted)

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UNIT 7 CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mark Schoen

Office Seeking: Unit 7 Chairman/Executive Board & International Delegate

Unit: 7-Dane County

Local Union Offices Held: Unit Chair & Executive Board member since 2007; Code of Excellence Steward Stoughton office; Chief Steward Madison General Office 5+years; Assistant Unit Chair Madison General Office 3+ years; Executive Committee member at Columbia, North Area and Madison GO.

Union Conventions and Activities Attended: Utility Workers Coalition Conference (3 years); Steward Training & Chief Steward training; Code of Excellence Training; Audit Committee Training; Elections Judge Training

Union Committees: Picnic Committee; Audit Committee; Elections Judge & Committee; Contract Voting Judge & Committee; Job Study Committee

Present Position with Company: Lead Engineering Tech-Stoughton Office Dane County

Other Pertinent Information:

UNIT 8 CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE BOARD

Daniel L. Smith

Office Seeking: Unit 8 Chairman/Executive Board & International Delegate

Unit: 8

Local Union Offices Held: Assistant & Recording Secretary-South Area; Chief Steward-South Area; Chief Steward-Beloit; Unit 8 Chairman & Executive Board member

Union Conventions and Activities Attended: Utility Workers Coalition Conference

Union Committees: Executive Board

Present Position with Company: Local Material Coordinator

Other Pertinent Information: