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UPCOMING EVENTS

Local 88 Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 6, at 6:15p.m. **CANCELED**

Local 88 General Membership Meeting Webinar

Wednesday, July 20, at 6:15 p.m. **CANCELED**

Registration Link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7Zz8Au9ZRiiO7KHc746cYw



Membership Update

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Welcome to our new Local 88 Vice President Silvia Gomez

Silvia Gomez was born in San Diego, California. She migrated to Oregon after meeting her partner who was serving in the military and from Portland, Oregon. She has been married to her partner for 29 years and is the proud mother of two boys. She is a first generation Mexican American on her mother's side and a multi-generation Mexican American on her father's side. Her father was in the trades union as a brick layer and her mother was part of the local school district union. She learned at a young age not to wait around for someone else to pick up the torch for change. Silvia has been working at Multnomah County with Dept. of Community Justice for 20 years. She served two years as a Correction Counselor and 18 years as a Juvenile Court Counselor. She has served as a union steward for 11 years and is currently serving as Co-Lead Steward for DCJ. She has worked in non-union shops and union shops and firmly believes in the importance of the union for workers. During her off time, Silvia plays disc golf and in 2019 organized a women's Disc Golf League. She loves talking about current events which inspired her to start a podcast and for several years she has been providing educational support to high school girls of color. Her passion is creating beautiful things in her art studio.

AFSCME Local 88 Constitution

At the June 15, 2022 General Membership Meeting, members voted to take the final version of the AFSCME Local 88 Constitution to be voted on as a special order of business at the August 17, 2022 General Membership Meeting. Please review the document at <https://bit.ly/3NY0fbJ>. On May 18, 2022, the General Membership voted to have the committee update Article VI of this document and accepted other changes. Please focus your review on Article VI for the purposes of the August 17, 2022 vote. Register for this meeting at www.afscmelocal88.org/.



LERC Summer School (sponsored by the AFL-CIO and the Labor Education and Research Center, hosted on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene) - August 5-7, 2022 - Eugene * email cabi@afscmelocal88.org if you would like to be considered to attend this event. Details available at <https://lerc.uoregon.edu/>

Stepping Up Your Union Participation!

Our union holds two important monthly meetings. The General Membership Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 6:15 p.m. All meetings are currently held virtually via Zoom. This is where members will receive updates about what is going on within Local 88 and consider union business, such as policy changes, planning events, political endorsements, etc. We ask that you register ahead of time by the Monday prior to the meeting. This will guarantee that you will be able to join the meeting/webinar and receive relevant materials.

The Executive Board meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:15 p.m. Any member in good standing is welcome to attend. Registration must be received by 6:00 p.m. the Monday before the Executive Board Meeting. If registration is received after that, we can not guarantee that you will be a part of the meeting.

Meetings are held online using Zoom and we ask

you to register ahead of time for each meeting. Register at www.afscmelocal88.org/ to receive the meeting agenda, which often includes documents you may wish to preview. **Please note that the July General Membership and Executive Board meetings have been canceled.**

Opting in to Our union!

You or your members may have recently received a mailer from the so-called Freedom Foundation (FF). As we've seen over the course of the FF's time in existence, they have had zero effect on our membership numbers, which is all they really care about. They're a tiresome itch that wants to be a rash, but is nothing more than a slight annoyance.

With that said, each time they send an unsolicited mailing to our members, we get a lot of questions, mostly focused on "how did they get my information." Below are a few notes that we hope will be useful in explaining the FF's unwelcome solicitations.

• How did they get my information?

Oregon AFSCME has been fighting to protect the confidentiality of your information as public employees, and will continue to do so as long as it takes.

• What is this really about?

It's politics. The FF doesn't care about your wages or benefits. They won't negotiate strong contracts on your behalf. They won't be there to fight for funding increases so our facilities have adequate staffing. They just want to destroy unions.

• What should I do if they call?

Tell them you're sticking with your union! There's no need to curse them out or anything more.

Thanks to the work of dedicated member leaders and AFSCME staff, our membership numbers are increasing! Coworkers who were hired in the past two years may not be aware of the importance of opting into our union. Hearing from a dedicated union member like you is a great way to welcome our coworkers into our union. To learn more about joining our union and to opt-in please go to www.afscmelocal88.org/join-afscme-local-88/.