



Hanley Elected International President

BAKER, OWENS COMPLETE EXECUTIVE TEAM ELECTED BY DELEGATES TO FIFTY-SIXTH CONVENTION

Larry Hanley was elected international president by the delegates assembled during Thursday's morning session at the 56th ATU International Convention. He will be the ninth to hold the position in the Union's 118-year history.

Larry Hanley began driving a bus in 1978 at age 21 in Brooklyn, NY, and attended his first union meeting that September. He was an activist in TWU during the 18 months he was a member, organizing efforts to get police protection on buses in New York City.

In November 1979, Hanley transferred to Staten Island and became a member of the ATU Local 726. By April 1980, he was involved in his first strike and walked picket lines every day and night. The strike was ruled illegal and lasted 11 days.

In 1984 Hanley was elected secretary treasurer of the local. Shortly after his election, a strike broke out in Austin, MN, at the George Hormell Company. This strike caught the attention of the media due to the anti-union climate in the Reagan administration and the brilliant tactics of the strikers. He joined the New York support group who traveled to Austin. About that time he said, "It was a chilling experience to see the National Guard brought out by the governor to take the side of the owners. I joined many thousands of union members from across America and I walked the line. It was a formative experience."

He served as secretary treasurer until January 1987, when he was elected president, the youngest in his local's history. Hanley would go on to be re-elected to five terms and served until 2002.

Hanley recalls, "I hit the ground running and quickly learned to lead in a crisis. No sooner had I become president than our local union faced a threat to completely privatize all of our express bus work. This crisis led us to devise a creative form of protest: carrying coffins into hearings, hiring stagecoaches to demonstrate the poor funding of mass transit, and taking the fight directly to our opponents."

"We challenged the MTA in New York through internal member organization. We also made great strides in organizing the riders of our buses. We worked every day in the community to convince both our members and the passengers that our interests were one and the same."

The result was a 125% increase in ridership and 500 more jobs in his local. The local's investment of \$160,000 on the campaign has now generated \$450 million in ATU salaries and \$1 billion in capital spending on transit.

Hanley relates, "Around the same time, I organized a multi-union effort that successfully elected 515 labor union members and officers to the Staten Island Democratic Party—effectively putting labor in charge."

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A Look Back at Thursday, September 30

"We were named by New York Magazine as one of the most "politically important unions" in New York City, an honor we shared with other local unions that have tens of thousands more members.

In 2002, Hanley was asked by International President Jim LaSala to join the staff of the International. "Though it was difficult for me to leave my local," he says, "I took the job. I immediately went to work bargaining contracts, often seven days a week throughout the East Coast."

Hanley was the international vice president in the ATU assigned to the most local unions. He negotiated the national Greyhound contract with Local 1700 that resulted in his working with ATU members in many states.

Hanley has worked in about 80 locals in 14 states, including Right to Work states and Canada, and bargained in units as small as 14 people and as large as 50,000.



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Thursday, September 30, 2010

Morning Session

The Convention reconvened at 9:00 a.m., International President Ron Heintzman presiding. International Vice President Marcellus Barnes introduced Pastor Darrell L. Jackson of Liberty Baptist Church in Chicago for the morning's invocation.

Delegate Omega Robinson, Local 993-Oklahoma City, OK, chair of the Credentials Committee, gave an updated report on behalf of the Committee, reporting that the Committee had reviewed and found to be in order credentials for 673 delegates. Of those, five were alternate delegates; 21 were international officers; one represented the Canadian Council; two represented the New Jersey State Council; and one represented the Connecticut State Conference Board. The credentials for 646 delegates were found to be eligible for participation in this week's elections.

The Committee also found that four delegates – one from Local 22, one from Local 582, and two from Local 1625 – lacked the proper credentials and were ineligible to vote. An amendment was proposed and seconded to accept the credentials of those four delegates and allow them to participate in the voting process.

A discussion ensued both for and against the premise that the organization should follow its own rules in deciding whether they should be deemed eligible. On a standing vote, the amendment was adopted. The Credentials report was adopted as amended.



LEO GERARD

International President, United Steelworkers

United Steelworkers President Leo Gerard, one of the most respected labor leaders in North America, addressed the delegates, focusing his remarks on the upcoming elections and the absolute necessity of defeating the Republicans whose recent actions left no doubt about their intent to declare all-out war on working people in America. They were already out campaigning for privatizing Social Security and slashing benefits for military veterans to “reel in” the V.A., the best healthcare system in the country, he said.

Conversely, with Nancy Pelosi as speaker of the House, 350 bills have been passed over the last 20 months, including EFCA and President Obama's new Healthcare Reform Initiative. But when those bills arrived on the Senate floor, all except one were blocked by a Republican filibuster. That means no OSHA improvements, no funding for transit, and no EFCA. “So we can't sit on our ass; we've got to hit the streets and get out the vote for Democrats,” he said.

He warned that “Boehner and McConnell” are trying to roll back the Obama healthcare plan and have campaigned to eliminate the provision allowing children up to the age of 26 to stay on their parents' plans, deny coverage for those with pre-existing conditions, and eliminate gap coverage for seniors.

The Republicans, he said, are running a campaign of fear and trying to fool people into thinking the healthcare plan is a form of socialism. On the jobs front, Republicans this week voted against two-year tax breaks for companies that bring jobs back to the U.S. from overseas and extend tax cuts for the rich, a measure which would save the country \$700 billion in deficits. Thirty-five Republican candidates have pledged to eliminate the minimum wage.

The labor movement is the last bastion of defense on all these issues. “We must raise our commitment to fight harder. We owe it to the next generation,” Gerard said. ATU has always enjoyed a proud alliance with the USW on issues affecting working men and women, and Gerard thanked the leadership for that partnership over the years.

NOMINATION & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Balloting Committee Chair Doug Johannes, explained the voting procedures for the election of officers. An amendment to the Election Rules to ban the distribution of campaign literature near the polling booths passed.

International President

International Executive Vice President Randy Graham assumed the chair for the purpose of hearing nominations for the office of international president. John Hunt, 757, nominated International President Ron Heintzman; seconded by Pennie Johnson, 1733, and Marilyn Perkins-Hooker, 308.

The name of International Vice President Larry Hanley was placed in nomination by Angelo Tansi, 726; seconded by Claudia Hudson, 192, and Bob Kinnear, 113.

Of the 644 valid ballots cast, Larry Hanley received 372 votes; Ron Heintzman received 272 votes. Larry Hanley was declared the newly-elected international president and immediately assumed the chair.

International Executive Vice President

For the office of international executive vice president, Mark Bennett, 627, nominated International Vice President Robert Baker; seconded by Mike Cordiello, 1181, and Stan Dera, 1573.

Randy Graham was nominated by Wayne Crabtree, 1760 and Budh Dhillon, 107. Of the 641 valid ballots cast, Robert Baker received 358 votes; Randy Graham received 283 votes. Robert Baker was declared the international executive vice president, after which the morning session recessed at 2:33 p.m.

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Afternoon Session

The Convention reconvened at 3:42 p.m., International President-Elect Larry Hanley presiding.

International Secretary-Treasurer

Voting resumed for the office of international secretary-treasurer. Vince Contino, 276, nominated International Secretary-Treasurer Oscar Owens; seconded by Vic Guerra, 256, and Donnie Small, 1535.

Local President Jackie Jeter, 689, declined her nomination for international secretary-treasurer by Jack Hill, 824.

There being no further nominations, International Secretary-Treasurer Oscar Owens was re-elected by acclamation.

International Vice President

Nominations were opened for the 18 international vice president positions as follows:

FIRST: International Vice President Rodney Richmond, nominated by Jackie Jeter, 689, seconded by Christine Jones, 1593, and Darrell Jefferson, 241. Re-elected by acclamation.

SECOND: International Vice President Larry Kinnear, nominated by Frank Grimaldi, 113, seconded by Joseph Gaudette, 714, and Gary Sager, 1320. Re-elected by acclamation.

THIRD: International Vice President Javier M. Perez, Jr., nominated by Willy Wilson, 1287, seconded by Antonio Vargas, 1575, and Kimberly Hearn, 1564. Re-elected by acclamation.

FOURTH: International Vice President Richard M. Murphy nominated by Steve MacDougall, 589, seconded by Chris Bruce, 22, and Mike Banks, 1336. Re-elected by acclamation.

FIFTH: International Vice President Bob Hykaway, nominated by Keith Scott, 1505, seconded by Kevin Barrett, 85, and Stuart Litwinowich, 569. Re-elected by acclamation.

SIXTH: International Vice President Charles Cook, nominated by Victor Guerra, 256, seconded by Vince Contino, 276, and Ray Messier, 1575. Re-elected by acclamation.

SEVENTH: International Vice President William G. McLean, nominated by Neil Silver, 1277, seconded by Dale Moore, 1704, and Vince Contino, 276. Re-elected by acclamation.

EIGHTH: International Vice President Janis M. Borchardt, nominated by Dale Anderson, 519, seconded by Jackie Jeter, 689, and Michelle Sommers, 1005. Re-elected by acclamation.

NINTH: International Vice President Paul D. Bowen, nominated by Henry Gaffney, 26, seconded by Mick Ferrell, 752, and Dorothy Mudd, 1333. Re-elected by acclamation.

TENTH: International Vice President Kenneth R. Kirk, nominated by Ken Day, 1338, seconded by Martha Stevens, 1464, and Donnie Small, 1535. Re-elected by acclamation.

ELEVENTH: International Vice President Gary E. Rauen, nominated by Wayne Baker, 1764, seconded by Mike Lowery, 1395, and Peter Schiraldi, 1145. Re-elected by acclamation.

TWELFTH: International Vice President Marcellus Barnes, nominated by Darrell Jefferson, 241, seconded by Marilyn Perkins-Hooker, 308, and Christine Jones, 1596. Re-elected by acclamation.

THIRTEENTH: International Vice President Rafael Rivera, nominated by Calvin Kennedy, 1324, seconded by Antonio Vargas, 1575, and Benita West, 732. Re-elected by acclamation.

FOURTEENTH: International Vice President Yvette J. Salazar, nominated by Holman Carter, 1001, seconded by Jackie Jeter, 689, and Antonio Vargas, 1575. Re-elected by acclamation.

FIFTEENTH: International Vice President Gary Johnson, Sr., nominated by Ron Jackson, 268, seconded by Mark Bennett, 627, and Carl Haymore, Jr., 241. Re-elected by acclamation.

The following contested elections were also held:

SIXTEENTH: Canadian Director Robin West was nominated by Wayne McKenzie, 508, seconded by Stan Dera, 1573.

International Representative Mike Mahar was nominated by Doug Johannes, 583, seconded by Isaac Tate, 758.

Mike Mahar declined the nomination; therefore, Robin West was elected by acclamation.

SEVENTEENTH: New Jersey Council Chair John Costa was nominated by Ben Evans, 819, seconded by Bob Kinnear, 113, and David Benavides, 694.

Isaac Tate was nominated by Don McKnight, 758, seconded by Bob Bean, 1433, and Ken Knox, 19.

Balloting commenced and the results were as follows: Of 580 votes cast, John Costa received 376 votes; Isaac Tate received 201. John Costa was declared the 17th international vice president.

EIGHTEENTH: Financial Secretary/BA Chuck Watson, 580-Syracuse, NY, was nominated by Angelo Tanzi, 726, seconded by Jackie Jeter, 689, and Frank Grimaldi, 113.

Local President Vince Crehan, 1342-Buffalo, NY, was nominated by Charles Sikora, 1342, seconded by Steve Green, 1321, and Carl Turner, 1342.

Of the 512 votes cast, Chuck Watson received 337; Vince Crehan received 174. Chuck Watson was declared 18th international vice president.

The following Delegates and Alternates to the AFL-CIO Convention were elected:

- No. 1 - Claudia Hudson, 192
- No. 2 - Stephen Farrell, 618
- No. 3 - Edward Reid, 694
- No. 4 - Roland Jeter, 689
- No. 5 - Mickey Ferrell, 752
- Alt. No. 1 - Carmen Acevedo, 1181
- Alt. No. 2 - Dwight Mattingly, 1577
- Alt. No. 3 - Patrick McMahon, 85

Following the election of international officers, the delegates took a moment to pay tribute to retiring International Vice President Joe Welch.

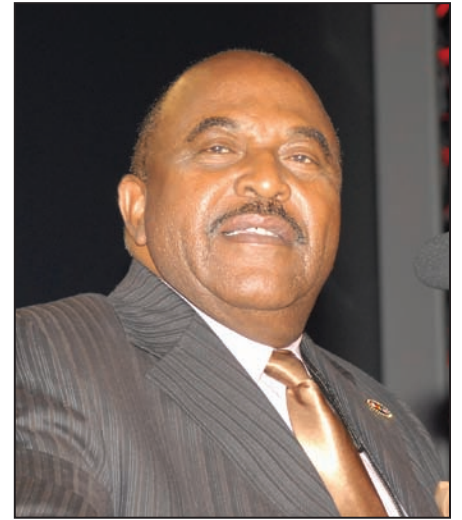
Thereupon, the Convention recessed at 9:25 p.m.



LAWRENCE J. HANLEY
International President



ROBERT H. BAKER
International Executive Vice President



OSCAR OWENS
International Secretary-Treasurer



RODNEY RICHMOND
International Vice President



LARRY R. KINNEAR
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JOHN COSTA
International Vice President



CHUCK WATSON
International Vice President