Yvonne R. Walker has been re-elected to her fourth term as president of Local 1000 in the recently concluded statewide leadership elections.

“I’m proud to join with 96,000 members to face our future together,” said Walker. “We have proven that we can accomplish great things and overcome any hurdle when we unite to take action.”

A former U.S. Marine and a 23-year veteran of state service, Walker previously held positions as a DLC officer, chair of the Unit 4 bargaining team and served as Vice President for Bargaining prior to her election as President.

Walker will be joined by three new members of the statewide leadership team. Kevin Menager, the new Vice President/Secretary-Treasurer, works at the Franchise Tax Board. Anica Walls, who will serve as Vice President for Organizing/Representation, currently works at the Department of Social Services, and the new Vice President for Bargaining is Tony Owens, from CalPERS. All three work in the Sacramento area.

"I congratulate Kevin, Anica and Tony on their election victory and look forward to working with them on behalf of our members," Walker said.

President Walker lauded the efforts of Margarita Maldonado, Tamekia N. Robinson and Theresa Taylor, all of whom served as statewide leaders of Local 1000. "These women—my union sisters—have worked unselfishly to advance our union, our families, our communities and our great state. We owe them our highest praise and our deepest gratitude.

Regional Leaders also Elected

Hundreds of member leaders—some new, some returning—will be sworn in June 30 to begin the work of engaging members and advancing the purpose and goals of Local 1000.

District Labor Council Officers

A full slate of officers have been elected in 50 District Labor Councils (DLC). Each DLC president has a seat on the Local 1000 Board of Directors and represents and organizes the thousands of members that live and work in their DLCs.

Bargaining Unit Representatives

Negotiating and enforcing our hard-earned contract starts with more than 200 District Bargaining Unit Representatives (DBUR) along with 17 Unit 1 Classification Bargaining Unit Representatives (CBUR). They are the liaison between the workplace and the bargaining table. They form the Statewide Bargaining Advisory Committee (SBAC) and in turn elect the 60+ member Bargaining Unit Negotiation Committee (BUNC) who negotiate our contract with the state.

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When people think of organized labor and the social justice movement, they may not immediately think of the Asian-Pacific Islander (API) community. But some of the most important achievements in labor history, like the Delano Grape Strike, were won by a united cadre of API workers and leaders like Larry Itliong and Philip Vera Cruz.

Today, the Local 1000 Asian-Pacific Islander (API) Committee seeks to continue that strong legacy by developing new member leaders to build power and organize against the threats facing the labor movement.

The committee takes action in their workplaces and their communities to educate and inspire new API members to create power and opportunities for their fellow workers.

“We recognize APIs are a significant portion of the state workforce, but when we don’t stand up and be active, we allow ourselves to be under-represented and without a voice,” said Joel Chan, a committee member working at CDTFA and a Vice President and Chief Steward of DLC 744 in Oakland. “At the same time, many of our Asian coworkers are not full members, and to build power, we all need to choose our union.”

“We’ve learned the hard way that anything worth having is worth fighting for,” said Chan. “We make progress in the workplace and where we live when we stand strong and stand together.”

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~ Joel Chan

CDTFA, Oakland, Unit 1, Job Steward, DLC 744