Statewide officers sworn in to new, three-year terms

Yvonne R. Walker has been re-elected to a fourth term as president of Local 1000. A former U.S. Marine and a 23-year veteran of state service, Walker previously held positions as a District Labor Council (DLC) officer, chair of the Unit 4 bargaining team and served as Vice President for Bargaining.

“I look forward to the opportunities ahead, to building a stronger union and to standing together with our members to negotiate good contracts, fight for higher wages, defend our members’ hard-earned rights and to keep our retirement secure.”

Tony Owens’ work as an Interface Coordinator in the Information Technology Department at CalPERS will serve him well as our new Vice President for Bargaining. His work involves bridging the gap between software developers and various divisions at CalPERS. He previously worked at CDCR in the Division of Adult Parole Operations, and later as a Business Analyst at CalPERS, leading up to his current assignment.

A 12-year state employee, Owens experienced first-hand the power of our union when, in 2007, he was laid off during a large-scale realignment at CDCR. He benefited from the union’s negotiated process to mitigate the job losses and was able to transfer to CalPERS, where he’s been ever since. He’s been a Local 1000 steward for four years.
New and returning regional leaders will guide our future

*Advancing the Local 1000 Purpose Statement*

Local 1000’s new leadership took the oath of office on June 30, beginning a new era for the union as it prepares for the challenges and opportunities that face our members and our families.

Fifty-one new and returning District Labor Council (DLC) presidents were sworn in. These DLC leaders have a seat on our Board of Directors and represent thousands of members that live and work in those DLCs. Other DLC officers, including vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers and chief stewards also took the oath of office.

Our statewide officers also began a three-year term of service. Returning President Yvonne R. Walker was joined by vice presidents Tony Owens (bargaining), Anica Walls (organizing/representation) and Kevin Menager (secretary/treasurer).

“We are a member-led, member-driven union, and these regional leaders will have a voice in choosing our future. Our progress and our success depends on leaders and members working together, not only to build a stronger, more powerful Local 1000 but also to protect the middle class and ensure a better California for all. As leaders, we have a responsibility to constantly think bigger, act better; to be thoughtful and deliberate; to live our Purpose Statement to the fullest.”

— Yvonne R. Walker, President of Local 1000