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# 'ELECTIONS MATTER'

## Next month brings us the chance to choose leaders in our country



By **John Previsich**

The past two years will be remembered as unique in American history. For the first time ever, our country inaugurated a president with no history of political experience or public service. By the time you read this he will have completed nearly half of his first term in office, making some people happy and others not so much.

Elected in a populist wave unanticipated by just about everyone, Donald Trump rode over the finish line buoyed by campaign promises that working people wanted to hear. With his vows to return jobs to the heartland, bring manufacturing back from overseas, repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act and invest in our infrastructure, working people lined up to vote for this man who promised to put coal miners back to work, drain the swamp and "lock her up."

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**Matt Hanson**, left, alternate legislative representative, vice local chairman and trustee of SMART Transportation Division Local 171 (Aurora, Ill.), speaks during the Hollywood, Fla., regional meeting with **Rick Tapia**, who was a candidate for the Florida House of Representatives. Hanson, who is running for the Kane County Board, is among a number of TD members who are seeking political office in the Nov. 6 elections.

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## Assistance still needed for Florence recovery

The collection of donations and additional relief efforts for SMART Transportation Division members and other victims of Hurricane Florence continued throughout September and into this month.

Florence caused catastrophic flooding in North Carolina, especially in the Wilmington and Lumberton areas. Portions of South Carolina and other more-inland areas also were affected by the storm's tremendous rainfall.

Financial services firm Moody's estimated in late September that the economic toll from damage and disruptions caused by the storm ranged from \$17 billion to \$22 billion.

In the face of disaster, however, SMART TD members have been stepping up to assist by contributing goods and money.

LCA – CSXT Secretary and UTUIA Field Supervisor **Chris Fly** (Local 1106) began a relief effort soon after damage became apparent.

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In this image, courtesy of Chris Fly, people in North Carolina affected by Hurricane Florence look over donated clothing.

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# Around the SMART TD

## Locals 48, 662 and 971 donate backpacks in Virginia



Students in Virginia were provided with backpacks for school prior to the start of classes by a SMART Army effort on the parts of members from Local 662 (Richmond, Va.), at left, Local 971 (Crewe, Va.), top, and Local 48 (Norfolk, Va.), above. Virginia State Legislative Director Ronnie Hobbs helped coordinate the donations.

## Local 1596, Charlotte, N.C.

Local 1596 and Concord Transit Authority (CTA) ratified a new three-year agreement for Rider transit service, effective July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2020.

The committee of Chairperson **James Reid**, Vice Chairperson **Roosevelt Campell** and Secretary of the Committee **Priscilla Meredith** led by General Chairperson **Craig Patch** achieved the goal of bringing a great agreement to the membership.

The committee added additional members by adopting language to bring in paratransit drivers and also negotiated a max time period for company investigation. Additional sick time for part-time employees, an additional personal day, uniform reimbursement and wage increases each year were gained during the agreement's term.

Rider provides transportation for Concord, N.C., and Kannapolis, N.C., both north of Charlotte.

## Local 1895, Chicago, Ill.



SMART TD Local 1895, along with SMART TD Auxiliary Lodge 723, hosted its 12th annual Union Day at the Ballpark Sept. 8 when the Chicago White Sox took on the Anaheim Angels at Guaranteed Rate Field. More than 125 members, friends, and family attended the tailgate party and the game, which Chicago lost, 12-3.

## Locals 240 and 1770, Los Angeles, Calif.

A pair of Los Angeles-area members are pulling the pin after decades of service, reports **Harry Garvin**, chairperson of Local 240.

**Tim M. Cosner**, a conductor/brakeman/switchman, is retiring with 39 years of service at City of Industry LOS27-03. Cosner hired out with Southern Pacific Railroad on Sept. 2, 1979, and was promoted to conductor April 15, 1981. All the officers and members of Local 240 want to wish him a long and happy retirement.

**Randy L. Douglas**, also a conductor/brakeman/switchman, is retiring after more than 40 years of service on ITCF Local at Long Beach/Dolores LOI21-30. He hired out with Southern Pacific Railroad on April 24, 1978, and was promoted to conductor. All the officers and members of Locals 240 and 1770, wish him a long and happy retirement.

SMART Transportation Division congratulates both Cosner and Douglas and wish them both well in their retirements.

## Local 1554, Ogden, Utah

Det. Chelsea Winslow, daughter of retired Utah State Legislative Director **Pat Winslow**, was recently honored by the Greater Salt Lake Unified Police Department for her work with the Taylorville precinct on an embezzlement case and a drug case. She received the Precinct Chiefs Award in August.



Det. Winslow

## Local 1674, Los Angeles, Calif.



Locomotive engineer **Mark Cawelti** retired Aug. 30 after 39 years with the BNSF and former Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe.

Cawelti was a former local president and vice local chairperson of Local 1674 and a career-long member of UTU/SMART TD. Members from both Locals 1674 and 1544 were in attendance at Cawelti's retirement party at BNSF's Watson Yard.

"I hired out with Mark, and we went into engine service together," Vice President **John England** said. "I am proud to call Mark my friend and to have worked with him for many years and wish him all the best in retirement."

SMART Transportation Division congratulates Cawelti on his retirement.



Cawelti



SMART GENERAL PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

If you don’t stand up for yourself at ballot box, who will?

Brothers and sisters,  
If you feel like things are headed in the wrong direction, you hold the power to help us change that: by voting with your fellow union brothers and sisters to help determine the course of our nation.  
It’s important to note this is a right rarely given, but won by working people and one we must engage in by participating in the voting process. Politicians are elected to serve their constituents and what should be in their best interest. They need to pay attention to the issues actual voters care about. That is why we need to speak up in a collective voice to make sure we are heard loud and clear and that nobody else is speaking for us.  
One factor that adds value to your union membership is the benefits you receive from the healthcare negotiated for you. While many people have their healthcare coverage and livelihoods




By Joseph Sellers Jr.

hanging in the balance due to reckless decisions by lawmakers in Washington, many politicians continue to be more concerned about the short-term profit incentives of insurance companies than the quality of life working families deserve.  
It’s not just healthcare that determines our well-being. That’s why we must expand our efforts to make America’s railroads as safe as possible for the members they employ and the communities they pass through, along with the public they transport. We can only achieve this by mandating two-person train crews as the law of the land.  
We must also continue to fight harder for the safety of

our brothers and sisters who operate our nation’s transit systems that continue to be assaulted and abused by unruly passengers while being given little or no protection on the job. That’s why SMART strongly supports and is pushing legislation that would ensure the safety of our bus and transit operators. And that is why we are working to elect those in office who will continue to raise awareness and fight for the well-being of our members in each sector of our industry. It doesn’t end with your healthcare or the safety of your workplace: Remember that Railroad Retirement has often been a target on the chopping block from some members of Congress. With the ballooning deficit that has now emerged from the latest corporate tax giveaway, expect current leaders in Washington to look for other ways of paying for it. Corporations are buying back their stock, again on the backs of

workers, and those tax breaks don’t “trickle down” to workers in real wage increases. In fact, members will not be able to claim and write off traditional deductions for working families such as unreimbursed business expenses.  
Before he became House speaker, Paul Ryan proposed conforming Railroad Retirement so that the benefit would pay out the same as Social Security – even though we have all paid more than our fair share into it. This ignores the fact that all Railroad Retirement benefits above Social Security – whether Tier 1 benefits or Tier 2 benefits – are fully funded by railroad workers and their employers. But Speaker Ryan and a lot of his conservative friends have continually seen this as an opportunity to raid it to pay for the tax cuts of their wealthiest donors. Thankfully, SMART and our allies in the rail industry were able to stop this scheme. But the


fight isn’t over — we need to get out and vote to make sure our representatives know we are paying attention to stop future attempts to do the same.  
At the end of the day, we must stand behind those who are standing up for us and our families. On Election Day, make sure you are prepared to vote and, if possible, vote early if you can in your locality. Text the words VOTE UNION to 21333\* to check on your polling location and any other Election Day information you may need.

Fraternally,  
  
Joseph Sellers, Jr.  
SMART General President  
\*Message and data rates may apply



Previsich column: Elections matter

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So far, the record of success on those promises is spotty at best. The swamp may have been drained, but many say it is now full of a new bunch of alligators more vicious than the last, all intent on dismantling protections for working people while filling the pockets of the very wealthy. Statistics show that steel plants and coal mines are not revived as promised, manufacturing is still going offshore faster than it is returning, and the recent uptick in employment is due primarily to an increase in low-wage service jobs. The tax bill provided minimal cuts for working people on a temporary basis while extending permanent extravagant cuts to corporations and the super-wealthy. Through the use of executive orders and the appointment of anti-labor nominees to important positions, including the Supreme Court of the United States, the dismantling of labor protections is moving forward at full speed.  
You will read in this publication that elections matter; elections have consequences. The impact of those consequences on the people that we represent is fast becoming evident. The recent Janus decision of the Supreme Court, the loss of away-from-home-expense tax deductions for the workers but not for the companies, the refusal of federal agencies to provide proper oversight in the safety arena; all of these (and many more) provide relief for management at the expense of workers. Hard-fought rights and protections are being overturned on a regular basis, for every craft in every industry.  
People who work for a living have plenty in common. Their desire for a fair day’s pay for a fair day’s work reaches out

across all of labor, providing a connection that transcends craft or class. Regardless of political leaning, left or right, that common bond will allow labor to stand in solidarity and speak with one voice in the upcoming midterm elections. Our voice needs to be loud and clear. We need to inform all who run for office that we expect any candidate who makes promises to working people while on the campaign trail to fulfill those promises when elected. This year, more than ever, it is absolutely critical that working people stand up and be counted through participation in our midterm and fall elections.  
**Every vote counts!** Some have said that they don’t bother to vote because they think their ballot won’t have any impact over the outcome. A number of recent contests have demonstrated that elections often come down to just a few votes making the difference. Now is not the time to sit out and let others decide our future — we need to vote, we need to support the candidates who support us, and we need to be proactive in advancing our cause with our friends and neighbors, relatives and acquaintances. Every vote matters, and a vote not cast is the same as a vote against your interests. We ask that you make sure that you are registered, that you vote when the time comes and that you help deliver our message of solidarity in every forum.  
Fraternally,  
  
John Previsich  
President, Transportation Division

Assistance still needed for Florence relief

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TD members from Locals 1011 and 1105 hail from the area in North Carolina affected by Florence.  
“It’s extremely humbling to see the railroaders and community go from having everything one day to losing it all the next,” Fly said after making a delivery of supplies to members in the Lumberton and Fayetteville area. “I saw Mercedes to Pintos in the parking lot trying to acquire items of necessity. Whether you’re poor or doing well financially, when you lose everything, EVERYONE is on the same level.”  
Fly estimated that goods that he collected and brought in a 24-foot car hauler were able to help about 300 people.  
“I was amazed we could serve so many — our load was the only relief they’d seen since the storm a week prior,” Fly said. “The small towns outside of Wilmington are having difficulty acquiring necessities.”  
Fly continues to accept water, canned food, diapers, wipes, cleaning supplies and hygiene items for men, women and children and plans additional trips to drop off supplies and to provide assistance.  
Items can be sent to:  
**Chris Fly**  
1071 Lindsay Rd.  
Nashville, NC 27856  
SMART TD has activated the disaster relief fund and is collecting monetary donations for members affected. All donations are used solely for the benefit of TD members who are impacted by natural disasters.  
To donate, checks can be made payable to ‘SMART TD Disaster Relief Fund’ and can be sent to:  
**SMART TD Disaster Relief Fund**  
24950 Country Club Blvd.  
Suite 340  
North Olmsted, OH 44070-5333  
Donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.  
In addition, UTUIA President **Kenneth Laugel** announced Sept. 19 that his organization was giving \$5,000 to relief efforts for members affected by the storm.  
“The devastating flooding and the resulting damage in the Carolinas and particularly North Carolina continues to grow as a result of the aftermath from Hurricane Florence,” Laugel said. “It is our hope and desire that this will serve to ease the burden of those who are suffering.”



SMART TRANSPORTATION DIVISION NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR COLUMN

Elections, endorsements are serious business

Elections have consequences, here are some examples:

- Federal regulations requiring two crew members on nearly all trains were nearly completed when President Barack Obama left office. Those pending regulations have been stopped and will likely never be issued under President Donald Trump.
- On Sept. 8, 2015, Gov. Jerry Brown, a Democrat, signed into law a bill that requires two crew members on all freight trains in California. That is now the law of the land there.
- On June 8, 2017, Brian Sandoval, the Republican governor of Nevada, vetoed a bill passed by the Nevada Legislature that would have required two crew members on all freight trains in the state.
- On May 25, 2018, Larry Hogan, the Republican governor of Maryland, also vetoed a bill passed by the Maryland Legislature that would have required two crew members on all freight trains there.
- Other pending federal reg-



By John Risch

ulations that deal with fatigue and workplace safety remain on hold and will likely not be issued during President Trump's time in office.

- The call to reform "entitlements" by House Speaker Paul Ryan, a Republican from Wisconsin, could result in an increase of the retirement age for our bus and rail members as well as cut overall retirement and Medicare benefits.

Who we elect to public office matters. It matters to our job security, it matters to our safety on the job, and it matters to our pensions.

This newspaper includes our official endorsements for the Nov. 6 election. These endorsements are based on the voting records of current elected officials and on interviews and commitments of those who are seeking

office.

During the next session of Congress, we will be working to pass legislation requiring a minimum of two persons – a certified conductor and a certified engineer – on all trains. We will be working to pass meaningful legislation to prevent operator assaults, something that happens far too frequently to our bus and rail passenger members. We will be working to ensure that our transit systems and Amtrak receive the funding they desperately need. We will also be working to increase funding for the National Mediation Board so that it receives the resources necessary to resolve disputes in the workplace in a timely manner.

Electing labor-friendly legislators is key to our success on all these issues.

Our National Legislative Office can be the best in the business. However, if this election produces a Congress with a majority of legislators who don't believe in the fundamental rights of workers, our efforts to protect our members' jobs,

retirement income and workplace safety will be much more difficult.

We all have our personal views about life and government. Our union has members who consider themselves Democrats, Republicans, independents, Libertarians and environmentalists and we all have opinions on just about every issue out there.

While I appreciate our diversity, I urge you to support candidates for office who will support us on our issues. These endorsements are based on commitments to supporting two-person train crews, Amtrak, the coal industry, transportation funding, and other critical issues important to our jobs.

ARTICLE 21B of the SMART Constitution requires that we make these endorsements, and we take this responsibility seriously. If you want to see how your political representatives voted on our issues, go to [www.smart-union.org/td](http://www.smart-union.org/td) and click on the Legislative Action Center button at the bottom-right corner of the

homepage.

Neither I nor anyone else in our union tells anyone "how to vote." What we do is fulfill our constitutional responsibility to endorse candidates who support us and those who have pledged to support us, if elected. To do anything less would be shirking that responsibility.

If your state has early or absentee voting, do so, especially if you work a road job or an extra-board.

I'm honored to serve as your National Legislative Director and pledge to do my best, but our odds of success will be much better if we have members of Congress who will work with us on our issues.

If there are any questions about why we endorsed these folks, call me at 202-543-7714.

*John Risch*

John Risch  
National Legislative Director  
SMART Transportation Division

Bus Department News

A message from your Bus Department leadership

Dear SMART bus members,

Be advised that your locals will be conducting elections in November. I would like to take this time and wish all members who are interested in holding a position within their respective locals good luck.

Whatever office you are seeking will be better because you are taking the initiative to get involved and be a participant in the process of moving your local forward. For that, I say kudos. Just like national elections start at the local level, so, too, do union local elections. Holding one of the many im-



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portant local positions will give you the knowledge to confront management whenever there is a violation of your CBA. Also, it gives you the opportunity to assist your fellow members whenever he or she is being unjustly disciplined. So, once again, good luck to all that will seek office.

Also be advised that both U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois and U.S. Rep. Steve Cohen of Tennessee have submitted bills S.3432 and H.R. 6773. These bills both revive the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

sleep apnea rule making. These bills also, if passed, would mandate that FMCSA issue a final rule on sleep apnea in 12 months.

I will keep you informed as these bills progress.

To all our members who were in the path of Hurricane Florence I hope that you and your loved ones survived with no damages or very minimal damages. But more importantly is the fact that you survived.

As always, continue to be the professional motor coach operators that you are and return home safely after your runs have been completed.

I remain fraternally,

Calvin Studivant  
VP Bus Department,  
SMART TD  
216-630-0963

NEWS IN BRIEF

S&Ts: Get trained for TD Connect

Registration has opened for local treasurers who are interested in attending workshops where they will learn how to use the new TD Connect system to manage member records and to work the new eBill before the system's Jan. 1, 2019, rollout.

Sessions are scheduled:

- Nov. 12, 13 & 14 in Birmingham, Ala.; workshop registration deadline is Nov. 5.
- Nov. 27, 28 & 29 in Rosemead, Calif.; workshop registration deadline is Nov. 12.

The sessions will run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. all three days. Attendance is limited and will be filled on a first-come basis.

Additional information about these workshops is available on the S&T Tools

page on [www.smart-union.org/td/](http://www.smart-union.org/td/) or call Alyssa Patchin at 216-228-9400.

**Hazmat training is available**

The Rail Workers Hazardous Materials Training Program has opened registration for hazmat/chemical emergency response training programs in January, February and March.

Sessions are scheduled Jan. 6 to 11; Feb. 3 to 8; and March 17 to 22 at the Houston Fire Department's Val Jahnke Training Facility, 8030 Braniff St., Houston, TX 77061. Programs begin Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and conclude Fridays at 1 p.m.

For more information, call 202-624-6963 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Monday through Friday. Register online at [www.railworker-trainingprogram.org/UpcomingSQL.asp](http://www.railworker-trainingprogram.org/UpcomingSQL.asp).

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## GUEST COLUMN

## Alternate NLD explains endorsement process

How do we decide the candidates we endorse? The simple answer is: We endorse the person who will work for our best interest at hand.

But many races are much more complex than that — some of the variables considered when making an endorsement include an incumbent's voting record on our issues, co-sponsorship of any of the five bills we are currently working on and their stance on so-called "right to work."

If a member of Congress co-sponsors right-to-work-for-less legislation, that is an immediate deal breaker for us. We will not endorse any-

By **Greg Hynes**

one who does so.

Winnability also is an important factor. It does us no good to endorse someone who has no path to victory and can't win. Many times we will have a great candidate running against an incumbent whom they can't beat. It does us no good to back the opponent of someone with whom we will need to work after he or she wins an election.

Committee assignments are a factor. We don't want to be on the wrong side of a likely chairman or member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee unless we feel strongly that the opposing candidate can win.

We also believe it's important to be consistent and to be an organization that keeps its word. They say talk is cheap in D.C., but that's not the way we work — it's important to hold up our end.

Political party — as hard as some may believe — is not a factor, but voting records are. If members of a particular party tend to support legislation that is beneficial to our union, then the natural trend

**While doing our evaluations, the average score of Democrats as a party was 95.8 on a scale of 100; the average score for Republicans was 20.4.**

is for those members to receive our endorsement. The same is true for members of a party who tend to support legislation that is not beneficial to our members; they likely will not receive an endorsement based on our scoring criteria. While doing our evaluations, the average score of Democrats as a party was 95.8 on a scale of 100; the average score for Republicans was 20.4.

In the end, our state legislative boards make recommendations for endorsements and the National Legislative Office in D.C. gives its opinion. The results of the evaluation are what appear on Pages 6 and 7 of this edition of the TD News.

What follows are examples of current endorsements to show how this process works.

#### ARIZONA U.S. SENATE U.S. Rep. Kyrsten Sinema

This pivotal Arizona U.S. Senate race offers one of the clearest distinctions on why SMART TD recommends one candidate over the other. Both Democratic and Republican

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## State Watch

### News from SMART TD State Legislative Boards

#### Wisconsin



Members of the Wisconsin Legislative Board and representatives from the BLET in Wisconsin jointly met with U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D - Wis.) in Milwaukee to thank her for her co-sponsorship of S. 2360, the Safe Freight Act. Pictured here, from left, are Wis. State Legislative Director **Craig Peachy**, Legislative Secretary **Chris Tassone**, Local 322 Chairperson **Bob Alba**, Baldwin, BLET Wis. State Legislative Chairman Chuck Schulz, BLET Alternate Legislative Representative Dave Loesch and BLET Legislative Representative Jeff Loveland.

#### Minnesota

Assistant State Legislative Director **Nick Katich** of Local 1067 reached out and signed up more than 50 new UTU PAC pledges from his local in the first quarter of 2018, State Legislative Director **Phillip Qualy** reports.

Local 1067 operates the CN/DW&P across Minnesota's Arrowhead on CN's CAN/AM corridor.

"Katich's success simply



Katich

goes to show when we make the effort, when we inform our members and explain that UTU PAC is their voice for railroad labor, and PAC is bipartisan, supporting friends of railroad labor and retirees, our members

join," Qualy said.

Qualy said that Katich's local is the highest contributing one in Minnesota.

"I thank Assistant Director Katich for his outstanding leadership," Qualy said. "All SMART TD members should join your UTU PAC and contribute at least \$10/month. Many small contributions make for one large voice. UTU PAC does not cost, it pays!"

#### Maryland



From left, Delegate Cory McCray, Maryland State Legislative Director **Larry Kasecamp** and Delegate Dana Stein pose for a photo. McCray and Stein sponsored and helped achieve the successful passage of two-person crew legislation (H.B. 180) by the full Maryland General Assembly, which was then ve-

toed by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Stein is seeking re-election as a delegate in District 11 in Baltimore County while McCray is running for state senator in District 45 in Baltimore City.

Kasecamp says that both candidates "have the wholehearted support and endorsement of the Maryland State Legislative Board!"

#### New Jersey

Two pieces of transportation-related legislation were signed into law by New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy in late August.

One new law requires New Jersey Transit (NJT) to take new actions in accidents involving injuries or fatalities. NJT must designate an employee within its police department to be a liaison between NJT, the police department or other law enforcement agencies and the family of a person injured or killed in an accident. The law also requires NJT to study and adopt

methods to improve its policies covering interactions with victims' families and the returning of personal items.

A second bill signed into law deals with school bus safety and requires new school buses to be equipped with 3-point lap and shoulder safety belts.

The bill was introduced in response to a fatal school bus crash that killed a student and a teacher on a field trip and is in line with recommendations made by a National Transportation Safety Board report.





# How to choose SMART on Election Day



## Congressional Recommendations

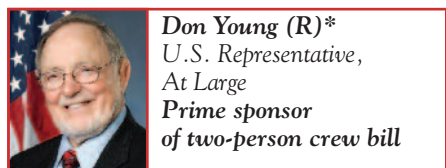
### Alabama

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Robert Kennedy Jr. (D)
- Dist. 2 Tabitha Isner (D)
- Dist. 3 Mallory Hagan (D)
- Dist. 4 Robert B. Aderholt (R)\*
- Dist. 5 Peter Joffrion (D)
- Dist. 6 Danner Kline (D)
- Dist. 7 Terri A. Sewell (D)\*

### Alaska

#### House of Representatives



**Don Young (R)\***  
U.S. Representative,  
At Large  
*Prime sponsor  
of two-person crew bill*

### Arizona

#### Senate



**Kyrsten Sinema (D)**  
U.S. Senate candidate,  
Arizona

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Tom O'Halleran (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Ann Kirkpatrick (D)
- Dist. 3 Raul Grijalva (D)\*
- Dist. 6 Anita Malik (D)
- Dist. 7 Ruben Gallego (D)\*
- Dist. 8 Hiral Tipirneni (D)
- Dist. 9 Greg Stanton (D)

### Arkansas

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Chintan Desai (D)
- Dist. 2 Clarke Tucker (D)
- Dist. 3 Josh Mahony (D)
- Dist. 4 Hayden Shamel (D)

### California

#### Senate

Dianne Feinstein (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Audrey Denney (D)
- Dist. 2 Jared Huffman (D)\*
- Dist. 3 John Garamendi (D)\*
- Dist. 4 Jessica Morse (D)
- Dist. 5 Mike Thompson (D)\*
- Dist. 6 Doris Matsui (D)\*
- Dist. 7 Ami Bera (D)\*



**Paul Cook (R)\***  
U.S. Representative,  
Dist. 8, California

- Dist. 9 Jerry McNerney (D)\*
- Dist. 10 Jeff Denham (R)\*
- Dist. 11 Mark DeSaulnier (D)\*
- Dist. 12 Nancy Pelosi (D)\*
- Dist. 13 Barbara Lee (D)\*
- Dist. 14 Jackie Speier (D)\*
- Dist. 15 Eric Swalwell (D)\*
- Dist. 16 Jim Costa (D)\*
- Dist. 17 Ro Khanna (D)\*
- Dist. 18 Anna Eshoo (D)\*
- Dist. 19 Zoe Lofgren (D)\*
- Dist. 20 Jimmy Panetta (D)\*
- Dist. 21 TJ Cox (D)
- Dist. 22 Andrew Janz (D)
- Dist. 24 Salud Carbajal (D)\*
- Dist. 25 Katie Hill (D)
- Dist. 26 Julia Brownley (D)\*
- Dist. 27 Judy Chu (D)\*
- Dist. 28 Adam Schiff (D)\*
- Dist. 29 Tony Cárdenas (D)\*
- Dist. 30 Brad Sherman (D)\*

- Dist. 31 Pete Aguilar (D)\*
- Dist. 32 Grace Napolitano (D)\*
- Dist. 33 Ted Lieu (D)\*
- Dist. 34 Jimmy Gomez (D)\*
- Dist. 35 Norma Torres (D)\*
- Dist. 36 Raul Ruiz (D)\*
- Dist. 37 Karen Bass (D)\*
- Dist. 38 Linda Sánchez (D)\*
- Dist. 39 Gil Cisneros (D)
- Dist. 40 Lucille Roybal-Allard (D)\*
- Dist. 41 Mark Takano (D)\*
- Dist. 42 Julia C. Peacock (D)
- Dist. 43 Maxine Waters (D)\*
- Dist. 44 Nanette Barragán (D)\*
- Dist. 45 Katie Porter (D)
- Dist. 46 Luis "Lou" Correa (D)\*
- Dist. 47 Alan Lowenthal (D)\*
- Dist. 48 Harley Rouda (D)
- Dist. 49 Mike Levin (D)
- Dist. 50 Ammar Campa-Najjar (D)
- Dist. 51 Juan Vargas (D)\*
- Dist. 52 Scott Peters (D)\*
- Dist. 53 Susan Davis (D)\*

### Colorado

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Diana DeGette (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Joe Neguse (D)
- Dist. 3 Diane Mitsch Bush (D)
- Dist. 4 Karen McCormick (D)
- Dist. 5 Stephany Rose Spaulding (D)
- Dist. 6 Jason Crow (D)
- Dist. 7 Ed Perlmutter (D)\*

### Connecticut

#### Senate

Chris Murphy (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 John Larson (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Joe Courtney (D)\*
- Dist. 3 Rosa DeLauro (D)\*
- Dist. 4 Jim Himes (D)\*
- Dist. 5 Jahana Hayes (D)

### Delaware

#### Senate

Thomas Carper (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

At Large Lisa Blunt Rochester (D)\*

### District of Columbia

#### House of Representatives

At Large Eleanor Holmes Norton (D)\*

### Florida

#### Senate

Bill Nelson (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 5 Al Lawson (D)\*
- Dist. 6 Nancy Soderberg (D)
- Dist. 7 Stephanie Murphy (D)\*
- Dist. 9 Darren Soto (D)\*
- Dist. 10 Val Demings (D)\*
- Dist. 13 Charlie Crist (D)\*
- Dist. 14 Kathy Castor (D)\*
- Dist. 20 Alcee Hastings (D)\*
- Dist. 21 Lois Frankel (D)\*
- Dist. 22 Ted Deutch (D)\*
- Dist. 24 Frederica Wilson (D)\*
- Dist. 25 Mario Diaz-Balart (R)\*



**Carlos Curbelo (R)\***  
U.S. Representative,  
Dist. 26, Florida

### Georgia

#### House of Representatives

Dist. 1 Lisa Ring (D)

- Dist. 2 Sanford Bishop Jr. (D)\*
- Dist. 4 Henry "Hank" Johnson Jr. (D)\*



**John Lewis (D)**  
U.S. Representative,  
Dist. 5, Georgia

- Dist. 6 Lucy McBath (D)
- Dist. 7 Carolyn Bourdeaux (D)
- Dist. 13 David Scott (D)\*

### Hawaii

#### Senate

Mazie Hirono (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Ed Case (D)
- Dist. 2 Tulsi Gabbard (D)\*

### Idaho

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Cristina McNeil (D)
- Dist. 2 Aaron Swisher (D)

### Illinois

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Bobby Rush (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Robin Kelly (D)\*
- Dist. 3 Dan Lipinski (D)\*
- Dist. 4 Jesús "Chuy" García (D)
- Dist. 5 Mike Quigley (D)\*
- Dist. 6 Sean Casten (D)
- Dist. 7 Danny Davis (D)\*
- Dist. 8 Raja Krishnamoorthi (D)\*
- Dist. 9 Jan Schakowsky (D)\*
- Dist. 10 Brad Schneider (D)\*
- Dist. 11 Bill Foster (D)\*
- Dist. 12 Mike Bost (R)\*
- Dist. 13 Rodney Davis (R)\*



**Lauren Underwood (D)**  
U.S. House candidate,  
Dist. 14, Illinois

- Dist. 16 Adam Kinzinger (R)\*
- Dist. 17 Cheri Bustos (D)\*

### Indiana

#### Senate

Joe Donnelly (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Peter Visclosky (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Mel Hall (D)
- Dist. 3 Courtney Tritch (D)
- Dist. 4 Tobi Beck (D)
- Dist. 5 Dee Thornton (D)
- Dist. 6 Jeannine Lee Lake (D)
- Dist. 7 André Carson (D)\*
- Dist. 8 William Tanoos (D)
- Dist. 9 Liz Watson (D)

### Iowa

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Abby Finkenauer (D)
- Dist. 2 Dave Loebsack (D)\*
- Dist. 3 Cindy Axne (D)
- Dist. 4 J.D. Scholten (D)

### Kansas

#### House of Representatives

Dist. 1 Alan LaPolice (D)



**Paul Davis (D)**  
U.S. House candidate,  
Dist. 2, Kansas

Dist. 3 Sharice Davids (D)

### Kentucky

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Paul Walker (D)
- Dist. 2 Hank Linderman (D)
- Dist. 3 John Yarmuth (D)\*
- Dist. 4 Seth Hall (D)
- Dist. 5 Kenneth Stepp (D)
- Dist. 6 Amy McGrath (D)

### Louisiana

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 2 Cedric Richmond (D)\*
- Dist. 4 Ryan Trundle (D)
- Dist. 5 Jessee Carlton Fleenor (D)

### Maine

#### Senate

Angus King (I)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Chellie Pingree (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Jared Golden (D)

### Maryland

#### Senate

Ben Cardin (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Jesse Colvin (D)
- Dist. 2 Dutch Ruppersberger (D)\*
- Dist. 3 John P. Sarbanes (D)\*
- Dist. 4 Anthony Brown (D)\*
- Dist. 5 Steny H. Hoyer (D)\*
- Dist. 7 Elijah Cummings (D)\*
- Dist. 8 Jamie Raskin (D)\*

### Massachusetts

#### Senate

Elizabeth Warren (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Richard Neal (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Jim McGovern (D)\*
- Dist. 3 Lori Trahan (D)
- Dist. 4 Joseph P. Kennedy III (D)\*
- Dist. 5 Katherine Clark (D)\*
- Dist. 6 Seth Moulton (D)\*
- Dist. 7 Ayanna Pressley (D)
- Dist. 8 Stephen Lynch (D)\*
- Dist. 9 Bill Keating (D)\*

### Michigan

#### Senate

Debbie Stabenow (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Matt Morgan (D)
- Dist. 5 Dan Kildee (D)\*
- Dist. 7 Gretchen Driskell (D)
- Dist. 8 Elissa Slotkin (D)
- Dist. 9 Andy Levin (D)
- Dist. 11 Haley Stevens (D)
- Dist. 12 Debbie Dingell (D)\*
- Dist. 13 Rashida Tlaib (D)
- Dist. 14 Brenda Lawrence (D)\*

### Minnesota

#### Senate

Amy Klobuchar (D)\*  
Tina Smith (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Daniel Feehan (D)
- Dist. 2 Angie Craig (D)
- Dist. 3 Dean Phillips (D)
- Dist. 4 Betty McCollum (D)\*
- Dist. 7 Collin Peterson (D)\*
- Dist. 8 Joe Radinovich (D)

### Mississippi

#### Senate

Mike Espy (D)

\* denotes incumbent

### House of Representatives

Dist. 2 Bennie Thompson (D)\*

### Missouri

#### Senate

Claire McCaskill (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Lacy Clay (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Cort VanOstran (D)
- Dist. 3 Katy Geppert (D)
- Dist. 4 Renee Hoagenson (D)
- Dist. 5 Emanuel Cleaver II (D)\*
- Dist. 6 Sam Graves (R)\*
- Dist. 7 Jamie Schoolcraft (D)

### Montana

#### Senate

Jon Tester (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

At Large Kathleen Williams (D)

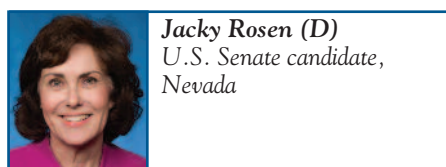
### Nebraska

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 2 Don Bacon (R)\*
- Dist. 3 Paul Theobald (D)

### Nevada

#### Senate



**Jacky Rosen (D)**  
U.S. Senate candidate,  
Nevada

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Dina Titus (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Clint Koble (D)
- Dist. 3 Susie Lee (D)

### New Hampshire

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Chris Pappas (D)
- Dist. 2 Ann McLane Kuster (D)\*

### New Jersey

#### Senate

Robert Menendez (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Donald Norcross (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Jeff Van Drew (D)



**Chris Smith (R)\***  
U.S. Representative,  
Dist. 4, New Jersey

- Dist. 5 Joshua Gottheimer (D)\*
- Dist. 6 Frank Pallone (D)\*
- Dist. 7 Tom Malinowski (D)
- Dist. 8 Albio Sires (D)\*
- Dist. 9 Bill Pascrell (D)\*
- Dist. 10 Donald Payne Jr. (D)\*
- Dist. 11 Rebecca "Mikie" Sherrill (D)
- Dist. 12 Bonnie Watson Coleman (D)\*

### New Mexico

#### Senate

Martin Heinrich (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Deb Haaland (D)
- Dist. 2 Xochitl Torres Small (D)
- Dist. 3 Ben Ray Lujan (D)\*

### New York

#### Senate

Kirsten Gillibrand (D)\*

\* denotes incumbent

### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Lee Zeldin (R)\*
- Dist. 2 Peter King (R)\*
- Dist. 3 Thomas Suozzi (D)\*
- Dist. 4 Kathleen Rice (D)\*
- Dist. 5 Gregory Meeks (D)\*
- Dist. 6 Grace Meng (D)\*
- Dist. 7 Nydia Velázquez (D)\*
- Dist. 8 Hakeem Jeffries (D)\*
- Dist. 9 Yvette Clarke (D)\*
- Dist. 10 Jerrold Nadler (D)\*
- Dist. 11 Daniel Donovan (R)\*
- Dist. 12 Carolyn Maloney (D)\*
- Dist. 13 Adriano Espaillat (D)\*
- Dist. 14 Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D)
- Dist. 15 José Serrano (D)\*
- Dist. 16 Eliot Engel (D)\*
- Dist. 17 Nita Lowey (D)\*
- Dist. 18 Sean Patrick Maloney (D)\*
- Dist. 19 John Faso (R)\*
- Dist. 20 Paul Tonko (D)\*
- Dist. 21 Tedra Cobb (D)
- Dist. 22 Anthony Brindisi (D)
- Dist. 23 Tracy Mitrano (D)



**John Katko (R)\***  
U.S. Representative,  
Dist. 24, New York

- Dist. 25 Joseph Morelle (D)
- Dist. 26 Brian Higgins (D)\*
- Dist. 27 Nathan McMurray (D)

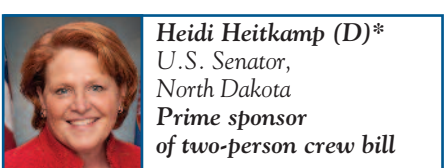
### North Carolina

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 G.K. Butterfield (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Linda Coleman (D)
- Dist. 4 David Price (D)\*
- Dist. 7 Dr. Kyle Horton (D)
- Dist. 9 Dan McCready (D)
- Dist. 10 David Wilson Brown (D)
- Dist. 12 Alma Adams (D)\*
- Dist. 13 Kathy Manning (D)

### North Dakota

#### Senate



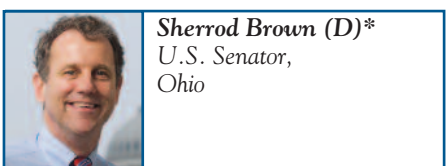
**Heidi Heitkamp (D)\***  
U.S. Senator,  
North Dakota  
*Prime sponsor  
of two-person crew bill*

#### House of Representatives

At-Large Mac Schneider (D)

### Ohio

#### Senate



**Sherrod Brown (D)\***  
U.S. Senator,  
Ohio

#### House of Representatives



THE CANDIDATES

In it to win it: Members, retirees and spouses run for office to make a difference at all levels

Lisa Ring, the wife of a Local 1031 member, is challenging a U.S. House of Representatives incumbent in Georgia

**Q. What inspired you to run for office?**

Empowering people to stand up and be heard. It was a process that began when I was 18 and became a community organizer and activist in Philadelphia. I never thought I would run for office. Yet, seeing a lack of organization in my district and a void of leadership committed to representing the people, pushed me to do the work necessary. It started with encouraging people to run for office and supporting them when they did. Now we have seven first-time candidates running for state House and Senate, several county commissioner and school board candidates, and myself. It's time to have choices on the ballot, and it's time for elected leaders who want to make a difference in people's lives.

**Q. When did you decide to run?**

I decided to run in May 2017 and filed my paperwork a month later. I allowed 18 months of campaigning so I could reach all people in the 17 counties of this district with a message of empowerment and real change.

**Q. How has being associat-**

LISA RING

**TD CONNECTION:** Her husband, John, is a member of Local 1031 (Savannah, Ga.)  
**CITY/STATE:** Richmond Hill, Ga.  
**OFFICE SOUGHT:** U.S. House of Representatives, 1st Congressional District of Georgia

**ed with SMART TD helped you in your campaign?**

Having the support of SMART TD has been personally meaningful. My husband is a member and as a former AFSCME member and strong believer in workers' rights, it was an honor to me that SMART TD was so supportive. You were the first union to endorse me (last summer) and you have provided financial support as well as getting the word out that we can pick up a congressional seat here in the 1st District and further the strength of the working class. You led the way for union support and I'm truly grateful.

**Q. What are some of the challenges you have faced**

**in your campaign?**

There have been three major challenges. The first is the size of this district — 17 counties, the entire coast from S.C. to Florida, more than 730,000 people. We've knocked on over 25,000 doors but there is still so much work to do. Second, is the role of big money in politics. My opposition has millions. I am committed to representing the people of this district and not accepting corporate PAC money. I know we can win despite Carter's millions, but it means outworking him and funding our campaign with smaller individual contributions. The third challenge has been gaining access to the power structure. Challenging an incumbent as a first-time candidate has meant challenging an existing power structure created by the incumbent. We've found our way around the barriers created to shut us out, but it has been a challenging process.

**Q. Has being a candidate been a worthwhile experience?**

Being a candidate has been an amazing experience. It has restored my faith in humanity. As I talk to people all over the district, Democrats, Republi-



Lisa Ring, a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in Georgia, and her husband, John Ring of Local 1031 in Savannah, Ga.

cans and independents, I have found that we have so much more that brings us together than divides us. People have been extremely supportive and have stepped up to do the work necessary to make our district work for each one of us. The momentum grows daily, and I am extremely proud of everyone who is making their voice heard in any way they can this election.

**Q. How can union members show their support for you?**

You can be supportive at any level you feel comfortable. Talk to your family, friends and co-workers. Tell them there is an alternative to politics as usual (and make sure they are registered to vote). Share our social media pages and posts. Put a yard sign in your yard. Come canvass with us if you have the time or make phone calls from home. If you are outside of my

district, do the same for candidates in your area who have the same message and commitment to public service. And of course, your financial contributions fund our grassroots effort in the district.

**Q. Any other words to members of the union about the upcoming election?**

This is the year we will make sweeping changes across the country. The 1st Congressional District will play a pivotal part in that change, as will the state of Georgia. This is the year we will elect leaders who will fight for health care for all, a living wage and the protection of our hard-earned benefits. This is the year we create a government that works for us. This is the year we demand more from ourselves and our elected leaders. This is your year. And we need you to make it happen.

Lane Winters juggles RR schedule, run for Ohio House

**Q. What inspired you to run for office?**

My union brothers and sisters inspired me to run. In our current political climate with things such as Right to Work, two-person crews, the attack on our pensions, and the disregard for labor in general, I feel that we need a voice that will speak up for our rights. We need a legislator that understands what it is to be a laborer, not just a politician, so I decided to run in April 2017.

**Q. How has being associated with SMART TD helped you in your campaign?**

Being the L.R. for Local 586 has helped me to understand the concerns and issues of organized labor. I believe that experience is the best teacher.

**Q. What are some of the challenges you have faced?**

This is my first campaign, so I wasn't sure what to expect. The two challenges that are the hardest obstacles to overcome are time and money. As a railroader that works the road, your time is not a thing of your own. My campaign tries to schedule events, town halls, parades, fundraisers, debates, etc., however, I don't make it to all of them because I'm on a

LANE J. WINTERS

**TD CONNECTION:** Legislative representative for Local 586 (Willard, Ohio)  
**CITY/STATE:** Shelby, Ohio.  
**OFFICE SOUGHT:** Ohio House of Representatives (District 2)



train somewhere. The scheduling issue is what leads to the money issue. I am unable to host a ton of fundraisers because I'm not a politician ... I'm a railroader with an unknown schedule.

**Q. Has being a candidate been a worthwhile experience?**

Absolutely! Every day is an opportunity to learn something new. As I said earlier, experience is the best teacher. On my next campaign, I will know what works for me and what doesn't. This experience will make my future campaigns that much more successful. I have also learned more about how other unions operate, and what their concerns are, which is invaluable and necessary to be an effective public servant.

**Q. How can fellow union members show support?**

First and foremost, the best way to support a candidate that you believe in is to get out and vote! The second-best way is to donate money. We have all seen or heard the message of "even five dollars helps." As a candidate, let me tell you, that quote holds true! My campaign team writes postcards to voters explaining who I am, and what my positions are. To mail out a postcard is 35 cents. Five dollars literally puts me in touch with 14 voters! If you would like to help, you can donate at <http://www.LaneWinters.com>.

Through my experience as a candidate, let me leave you with this ... when you show up on Election Day, I urge you to be prepared to cast your votes. Don't just look down the list for "R's" or "D's". Research your candidates, and make sure that they stand for you, your career, your family and your future!

Candidates and office-holders\*

- ARIZONA**  
**Richard Andrade** (member), re-elected to Ariz. House District 29 seat  
**Wade Carlisle** (member), candidate for state Senate, Legislative District 6
- GEORGIA**  
**Patrick Folsom** (member), county commissioner elect, Brooks County, District 2  
**Lisa Ring** (spouse of member), candidate for U.S. House, Ga. District 1
- ILLINOIS**  
**Matt Hanson** (member), candidate for Kane County board, District 6  
**Lloyd Holman** (Alumni member), candidate for Macon County board, District 4  
**April Kostenski** (spouse of member), candidate for Macon County treasurer  
**Bill Mathes** (Alumni member), appointed 5th Ward alderman, Granite City Council
- INDIANA**  
**Jessica Bailey** (spouse of member), candidate for Porter County clerk of courts
- IOWA**  
**Matt Windschitl** (member), cur-

- rent speaker pro tem Iowa House, representing Iowa's 17th district, seeking re-election in November
- MISSOURI**  
**Jack "Mitch" Wrenn** (retired member), candidate for Missouri House, District 6  
**Dennis VanDyke** (Alumni member), candidate for Missouri House, District 7
- NEBRASKA**  
**Mary Ann Borgeson** (spouse of member), unopposed in re-election for Douglas County commissioner, District 6
- NEW JERSEY**  
**Daniel O'Connell** (retired member and state legislative director), seeking re-election as Delran Twp. Ward 2 councilman
- OHIO**  
**Michael Sheehy** (Alumni member), unopposed for re-election, state House, District 46  
**Lane Winters** (member), candidate for state House, District 2
- WYOMING**  
**Stan Blake** (member, current state legislative director), unopposed in re-election, state House, District 39

\* This list likely is incomplete and consists of only those reported to us before our publication deadline. To report omissions, please email [news\\_TD@smart-union.org](mailto:news_TD@smart-union.org).



THE CANDIDATES

Matt Hanson looks to fill labor representation void on his county board

**Q. What inspired you to run for office?**

Kane County has a 24-person county board now devoid of organized labor members. When the commissioner of my district moved and the seat became vacant, I explored the possibility of my candidacy with party leadership. No one from the working class and organized labor will have to wonder if they have a voice and set of ears at the county board table, nor will they wonder if someone has their back when the \$265 million annual budget of the county is formed and re-worked. I will be there for all of us.

There was an ugly strike in Kane County this past spring. Ugly for the men and women who work for the county and are card-carrying union members. They were essentially suffocated and forced to take a less-than-ideal new contract though it should have never gotten to the point of a work stoppage.

I'm tired of the anti-union "labor is a burden on the budget" mentality that is too prevalent in most levels of government. Working-class families — union or otherwise — need someone they can count on in every level. Union officers defend members and fight to protect agreements and contracts every day. Installing them into offices of public leadership and governance is a smart move for all residents.

MATT HANSON

**TD CONNECTION:** Alternate legislative representative, vice local chairman and trustee of Local 171 (Aurora, Ill.)  
**CITY/STATE:** Aurora, Ill.  
**OFFICE SOUGHT:** Kane County Board (District 6)



**Q. How has being associated with SMART TD helped you in your campaign?**

My leadership roles in legislation and safety for Local 171 have me constantly working with multiple parties to achieve results. Results that provide protections for all labor crafts, customers and the public — not just my SMART TD brothers and sisters. The support of State Legislative Director **Bob Guy** and the state board has been invaluable. I have been able to network with SMART locals in my area as well as other labor organizations thanks to Bob and his endless contacts.

**Q. What are some of the challenges you have faced?**

Finding the time and financial resources to run as a first-time candidate. Helping other elected public officials with their campaigns is one thing, trying to connect with 25,000 of my constituents and listen to their concerns is another! Maintaining the fortitude to campaign and work towards November 6th while withstanding the scrutiny and attacks from the opposition

party and its candidate. It's party politics, which can be very taxing.

**Q. Has being a candidate been a worthwhile experience?**

Absolutely! I have the opportunity to help a county of over 500,000 residents and its 1500 employees move towards being a better place to live and work. Meeting residents, civic and labor leaders, elected officials and candidates and listening to their journeys is rewarding. Carrying the torch for organized labor and the working class is a responsibility I do not take lightly. I want to help future first-time candidates with their campaigns using my experience to strengthen their plan and path to victory.

**Q. How can fellow union members show support?**

I have a campaign account at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/friends-of-matt-hanson-1>. Anyone willing to help with a contribution can enter my name into the search bar. All donations through the site are secure,

and are welcomed and needed. Ten-dollar donations can add up quickly and help get my message and priorities to constituents in District 6, and may only be used for campaign operations. My SMART TD brothers and sisters can also show support for me by voting the pro-labor candidates on their ballots into office. There are labor-friendly leaders who are willing to fight for what we stand for on every ballot. Make sure to help them across the finish line on November 6th.

**Q. Any other words to your brothers and sisters about the upcoming election?**

There are ZERO excuses for not voting twice each year. There will always be a primary and a general or consolidated election each year.

Save the dates! Tuesday, November 6th is Election Day, but voting by mail is another option if you cannot guarantee to get to your polling place.

Check your county, parish or borough election website for early voting opportunities leading up to November 6th.

Turn off Netflix for 30 minutes and do your homework on the candidates on the ballot that impact our everyday lives. Take your notes or a cheat sheet to the polling place and encourage your family, friends and especially your SMART TD co-workers to do the same. Then get ready to celebrate on November 7th!

THE ELECTED

Mary Ann Borgeson has been a county commissioner since 1995

**Q. What first motivated you to run for office?**

My husband, Nebraska SLD **Bob Borgeson**, was the person who encouraged me to run for office. I also have a degree in public administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. After we discussed the idea of me running for office with our family and received their love and support, it really was not a difficult decision.

**Q. Did your association with SMART TD play a role in your political success? How?**

When you run for office you need a lot of support! The fine men and women with SMART TD were absolutely helpful, and I appreciated all their hard work on my behalf. Because of SMART TD's political activity, my campaign knew where to go for help including financial contributions.

**Q. Does your association with SMART TD help you to spread understanding and advocacy about issues important to TD members?**

Yes! One very important issue is two-person crews. Holding political office gives you a forum to use to advocate important issues for TD members. I myself will be sworn in as the President of the National Association of Counties (NACo.) I interact with elected officials and decision makers at the national, state and county levels of government. That is good for SMART TD.

**Q. Do you have any words for TD members and their spouses as the November election approaches?**

As I always say, you may not be interested in politics, but politics is interested in you. I encourage everyone to get involved in political campaigns at any or all levels. I urge everyone to vote and to vote for people who will move our country forward. Your vote matters!



Mary Ann Borgeson, the Douglas County, Neb., District 6 county commissioner, and her husband, Nebraska State Legislative Director Bob Borgeson, pose for a photo during a visit to the White House. Mary Ann is unopposed for re-election Nov. 6.

Alternate National Legislative Director Hynes explains endorsement process

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nominees are members of the U.S. House of Representatives with long voting records to consider. For the Democrats, U.S. Rep. Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona's 9th District has co-sponsored two-person crew legislation three separate times and has a SMART TD score of 93. The Republican nominee, U.S. Rep. Martha McSally of Arizona's 2nd District, has a SMART TD score of 3, which includes her support for National Right-to-Work-for-Less legislation, and she has never co-sponsored two-person crew legislation. In fact, McSally has repeatedly refused to meet with members from Arizona to discuss the merits of the Safe Freight Act on eight separate occasions.

Based on those voting records and their respective positions on two-person crew legislation, SMART Transportation Division strongly recommends Kyrsten Sinema to the U.S. Senate.

N.D. U.S. SENATE  
U.S. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp

This year, North Dakota's U.S. Senate race pits U.S. Rep. Kevin Cramer against incumbent U.S. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp. In 2012, Heitkamp

won the seat by fewer than 3,000 votes, and most national pundits expect the race to be close in November. When it comes to SMART TD's endorsement, the choice was not close. While Cramer has a decent record in support of Amtrak, he has refused to co-sponsor the Safe Freight Act while advocating for policies that threaten rail jobs, including support for heavier trucks on North Dakota highways. He also was a co-sponsor of National Right-to-Work-for-Less legislation. Compare that with Heitkamp, who introduced two-person crew legislation in the Senate and is the prime sponsor of that legislation, S.2360.

Heitkamp also has a consistent record of supporting strong policies including rail safety initiatives and protecting Medicare. Based on the record on issues that directly affect SMART TD members and retirees, she earns our endorsement.

U.S. HOUSE  
N.Y. 24TH DISTRICT  
U.S. Rep. John Katko

This race in upstate New York shows that, when it comes to SMART TD recommendations, our decision is based on where you stand on the issues, regardless of politi-

cal party. If an incumbent has a consistent record of supporting our core issues, they earn our support, no matter how good the challenger may be. That is why SMART TD recommends that Republican Congressman John Katko be returned for another two years based on his voting score of 74, along with his co-sponsorship of H.R. 233, the Safe Freight Act, and his original co-sponsorship of H.R. 6016, the Bus Operator and Pedestrian Protection Act, which is federal legislation to protect bus drivers from assault.

U.S. HOUSE PA.  
1ST DISTRICT  
U.S. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick

This year, SMART TD endorsed many Republican members of Congress. The recommendation for the newly drawn 1st District of Pennsylvania was one of the easiest. First-term U.S. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick's voting record and early co-sponsorship of the Safe Freight Act has earned him SMART TD's support for the 2018 election cycle. Fitzpatrick's score of 94 is the highest of all Republican members of Congress and better than 65 of his Democratic colleagues.

U.S. HOUSE PA.

17TH DISTRICT  
U.S. Rep. Conor Lamb (D)

When the Pennsylvania Supreme Court redrew the state's congressional lines due to an unconstitutional gerrymander, it put in motion this year's only member-vs.-member congressional race. The newly established 17th District is a suburban Pittsburgh district represented by four-term Republican member U.S. Rep. Keith Rothfus, who is opposed by newly elected U.S. Rep. Conor Lamb.

Since both candidates are incumbents, we looked first to their voting records and then at their sponsorships of legislation. The data were clear: In the past five years, Rothfus had three opportunities to co-sponsor two-person crew legislation. He did not. Lamb, on the other hand, co-sponsored H.R. 233 as one of his first acts following his swearing-in ceremony this year. Rothfus' lifetime score is a 28, while Lamb, who was voted into Congress in March, scores a 100 and earns our endorsement.

These are just a few examples. To learn more, please don't hesitate to contact me in the D.C. office at 202-543-7714.



THE ELECTED

A TD connection: Office holders with a link to our union talk about how they got involved

Patrick Folsom, a county commissioner-elect in Georgia, encourages members to act

I have worked for Norfolk Southern Railroad for more than 20 years now. It didn't take long to realize the union was a great benefit to my fellow employees and me. I would hear a lot of people complaining about different things but complaining wasn't getting them anywhere. I had some concerns of my own at times, and I began asking questions and getting involved in my local meetings. From that point on, I was driven to learn as much as I could about what my rights are.

I eventually became president, legislative rep., delegate, insurance rep. and local chairperson for Local 1263 in Valdosta, Ga. If you are a newcomer and just starting a position in SMART Transportation Division, your job is not always going to be easy.

If you are local chairper-



Folsom

son, you are faced with the task of on-the-job training. Your members will be the driving force

because you will consistently be searching for answers to their questions. You will also be fighting for pay claims and to make the task even more challenging, trainmasters will play the "blame game" on field claims. Trainmasters blame crew call, crew call blames dispatch, and on and on. Even though the table is stacked against you, your member is always guilty until you prove them innocent. When you are in a hearing, the hearing officer is only looking out for the best interest of the carrier. Your general chairperson and assistant general chairper-



Patrick Folsom, president of Local 1263 (Valdosta, Ga.) ran and won a county commissioner seat in Brooks County, Ga.

son will be your greatest resources. **Tommy Gholson** and **Jason Roberts** have been great assets for me.

It helps to know that you are not fighting this battle alone. Be prepared for naysayers. As an officer in the union, you will hear complaints that you aren't doing enough or doing things right. Don't get discouraged. Just keep helping and supporting your brothers and sisters the best you can.

As a legislative rep., you write up unsafe working conditions and must keep up with local issues and support your state director. This is

where you learn the importance of UTU PAC. The PAC (political action committee) allows your state director to support the efforts of candidates who will make decisions that will benefit the union. These candidates will be passing new laws and enforcing existing laws that will be crucial to our union. When I hear a complaint asking, "How could the union allow this to happen?" my first reply is "Do you give to the PAC fund?"

Your state director will also be a great help when you have difficulty resolving issues on a local level. **Matt**

**Campbell** is my Georgia state director and has had an impact on my life.

His passion for our union and for his community has encouraged me in a big way. He supported me as I campaigned for county commissioner in Brooks County, Ga., my home. That campaign, after much hard work, was successful, and I now have the honor of working for the community my family has lived in for generations.

I would like to encourage every member to get involved with your local in some way. It doesn't require running for office, just get to know the people who are representing you is a start.

Put your energy toward getting educated and asking questions. Not just at work, but at home, too.

One of the most important things you can do for your future is to support the PAC, and also remember that every member is important and members' participation is what keeps SMART working to better our future.

Stan Blake, Wyoming's legislative director, also has been a state rep. since 2006

**Q. What motivated you to get involved in politics?**

I was attending a meeting with then-Wyoming State Director Terry Ungricht when the discussion turned to upcoming vacancies in the Wyoming Legislature. A candidate moving to the Senate was in the Steelworkers Union, so the House seat he held was going to be vacant. Those attending wished to keep a union person in that seat to help out workers in Wyoming. They asked me, "Where do you live?" I was a resident of that district. I said, "Let me think about it." That was 13 years ago.

**Q. Was it a difficult decision to make?**

It wasn't after my wife told me to go for it. I knew I could, because a UTU legislative rep. from Cheyenne had been a legislator before me.

**Q. Did your association with SMART TD play a role in your wanting to get involved in politics?**

Most definitely. I had been on the Wyoming Legislative Board when, under the guidance of then-State Director **George Bagby**, we successfully passed a

two-person crew bill in Wyoming. It was vetoed at the last minute by the governor. I saw that you could influence policy by lobbying and getting to know your legislators.

**Q. Does your experience with SMART TD help you to spread understanding and advocacy about issues important to our members?**

As the only railroader, I am constantly asked railroad questions. Information gleaned from regional meetings and the National Legislative Office is put to full use when educating other legislators and the public of OUR issues.

**Q. Do you have any words for members and their spouses as the November election approaches?**

Get to know your legislators or those who are running. Ask them what they are going to do to protect your job. What are they going to do to protect your life at work? Volunteer for a candidate who will do these things. Most importantly, register to vote and then GO VOTE.

**Q. Any advice for mem-**



Stan Blake looks to have an easy road to re-election in the Wyoming House of Representatives come November. The Wyoming state legislative director is unopposed for the seat he has held since 2006.

**bers who may be interested in trying to get involved in running for political office in the future?**

Show their support by volunteering for a candidate. Go walk their district with them. Knock on doors, hand out flyers. **Mark Adams**, a member in Cheyenne, recently had an open house at his residence for someone running for the House of Representatives. I had helped lobby for the UTU Wyoming Board and it helped me decide to run for office. Before I ran for office, I got involved in several local issues that got my name out to the voters. Sometimes local office holders are the ones who really change things. Run for city council, school board, college trustee. You could then springboard to a different office.

**STAN BLAKE**  
**OFFICE HELD:** Wyoming House, District 39 representative  
**TERM:** He has held the seat since 2006 and is unopposed for re-election in November  
**SMART TD LINK:** Wyoming state legislative director; legislative representative for Local 1857 (Green River, Wyo.)



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# RRB recommendations are made

Both the labor and the carrier sides have made their recommendations to President Donald Trump for new appointees to the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB).

In late August, SMART Transportation Division President **John Previsich**, along with leaders of 12 other rail unions, sent a letter recommending Johnathan D. Bragg, the vice president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen (BRS), to fill the labor position on the RRB.

Bragg would replace Walter Barrows, who intends to retire after eight years on the board. "Bragg comes from a long family of railroaders and began his own railroad career 18 years ago as a freight conductor and later a signalman," the letter stated. "He has climbed the leadership ranks as a Local Chairman, Grand Lodge Representative, Director of Research, and more recently was assigned to represent BRS as a permanent Board Member of the Na-



Bragg



tional Railroad Adjustment Board.

"Bragg's long and accomplished career has prepared him for this role. As the Labor Member, Mr. Bragg will bring an invaluable level of experience, knowledge and understanding of the needs of rail workers, retirees and their families who rely on the system."

The three-member RRB administers retirement and disability benefits for railroad workers and their families.

The board is appointed by the president of the United States, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The president appoints one member upon the recommendation of railroad employers, another upon the recommendation of railroad labor organizations and the third, the chairman, to

represent the public interest.

The board members serve five-year terms.

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) and the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA), recommended Thomas Jayne, a senior general attorney with BNSF Railway, to Trump to serve as the industry representative on the RRB.

Jayne, if confirmed, would replace Steven J. Anthony, whose term is expiring.

Jayne has been with BNSF since 2011 and, prior to that, worked with Thompson Coburn LLP in St. Louis, Mo., on transportation-related cases, among others.

"He enjoys the confidence and full support of the railroad employers who will be affected by his appointment," AAR President and CEO Edward R. Hamberger and ASLRRA's Judy Petry said in their letter of recommendation.

Over the summer, Trump nominated Erhard Chorle, a Chicago attorney, as RRB chairman. Chorle's nomination is still under review.

# Advance tickets for rail reunion, retirement dinner are now on sale

The 18th annual rail reunion and Retirement dinner is scheduled 4 to 8 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Sierra Lakes Golf Course, 16600 Clubhouse Dr., Fontana, CA 92336.

The reunion is for all active and retired crafts of Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Pacific Electric, ATSF, LA-J, BNSF, Metrolink and Amtrak railroads, as well as any other railroad companies not listed.

The cost to attend is \$45 per person, \$85 per couple in advance or \$50 per person at the door. The deadline for refunds and to make reservations at the discounted rate is Oct. 26.

Call Local 240 Chairperson **Harry Garvin** at 909-261-8878 (cell) or 909-481-7261 (office) to RSVP. Payment (check or money order) may be addressed to Garvin at Reunion Dinner, P.O. Box. 8396, Alta Loma, CA 91701.

Questions may also be directed to Garvin by emailing [loc240@aol.com](mailto:loc240@aol.com). The phone number for Sierra Lakes Golf Club is 909-350-2500.

## THE FINAL CALL

Following are the names of recently deceased members who maintained annual membership in the SMART TD Alumni Association, according to reports received at SMART TD headquarters. These brothers and sisters will be missed by their many friends and by fellow SMART TD Alumni Association members.

Local	Name	City/State	Local	Name	City/State	Local	Name	City/State
1	Kienholz, Gerard	Erie, Pa.	816	Yucha, Carl S.	Ashland, Pa.	1346	Curbow, William F.	Jonesborough, Tenn.
2	Crawford, Roy C.	Guntersville, Ala.	830	Tomko, Bernard J.	Frackville, Pa.	1374	Johnson, Maureen	Struthers, Ohio
138	Deal, Rowland D.	Lima, Ohio	847	Williams, Edward D.	Maylene, Ala.	1376	Hutchison, David L.	Grove City, Ohio
194	Pettit Jr., Donald O.	Elkhart, Ind.	894	Barnes, Jimmy T. R.	Tulsa, Okla.	1383	Cornett, Claude M.	Kansas City, Mo.
196	Ring, Gary R.	Centralia, Ill.	894	Witt, Robert E.	Pierce City, Mo.	1390	Digiacomio, Pasquale F.	Southampton, Pa.
200	Williams, Leland E.	North Platte, Neb.	911	Schultz, John F.	Greenwood, Va.	1393	Frauenhofer, Harold J.	Buffalo, N.Y.
225	Cochran, Larry A.	Norwalk, Ohio	915	Meade, Dawnevyne	Chapmanville, W.Va.	1400	Degrassie, Edwin R.	Ellenton, Fla.
243	Moore, James R.	Weatherford, Texas	971	Davis, James E.	Drakes Branch, Va.	1405	Moriarity, George P.	St. Peters, Mo.
265	Frugoli, Jack L.	Pocatello, Idaho	971	McLaughlin, Harry E.	Victoria, Va.	1405	Russell Jr., Robert R.	O'Fallon, Mo.
298	Maggert, Richard J.	Garrett, Ind.	971	Page, Estes N.	Suffolk, Va.	1421	Pokorny, Raymond J.	Huntley, Ill.
313	Vorel, W. A.	Lake Zurich, Ill.	971	Paris Jr., Thomas A.	Crewe, Va.	1477	Morris, Benedict A.	Dearborn Heights, Mich.
318	Dillon, Joseph J.	Pittston, Pa.	980	Dockter, Vernon A.	Minot, N.D.	1503	Steiger, Gerald L.	Hastings, Neb.
318	Gebhart Jr., Carl W.	Montandon, Pa.	1007	Andrianos, Nicholas	Jordan, N.Y.	1524	Craft, Jerrell L.	Houston, Texas
427	Thames, Thomas L.	Ruth, Miss.	1007	Topa, Frank	Massena, N.Y.	1548	Holliday, Rodney L.	Indianapolis, Ind.
440	Riviers, Larry K.	Xenia, Ohio	1062	White, Samuel P.	Barboursville, W.Va.	1570	Worley, Calvin E.	Phoenix, Ore.
446	Dolan, Robert E.	Cheyenne, Wyo.	1074	Dietrich, Edward J.	Mars, Pa.	1594	Novak, William J.	Chester, Pa.
663	Glew, Willis C.	Grand Isle, Maine	1172	Haga, James G.	Helen, W.Va.	1628	Cooper, James	Shreveport, La.
730	Sechena, John W.	Great Falls, Mont.	1280	Blare, Corey D.	Casper, Wyo.	1628	Cronin, David M.	Turtle Creek, Pa.
769	Suddarth Jr., Hilton E.	Silver Spring, Md.	1290	Deyoung, Calvin H.	Chicago, Ill.	1775	Archer, Kenneth J.	Nampa, Idaho
792	Armstrong Jr., John A.	Cleveland, Ohio	1312	Baber, Alonzo	Pensacola, Fla.			
792	Mayor, Richard D.	Olmsted Twp., Ohio	1334	Koch, Victor E.	Fairhope, Ala.			



# Photo of the month

SMART Transportation Division is always looking for good photos and your picture can be featured on this page as a Photo of the Month.

SMART TD seeks photographs or digital images of work-related scenes, such as railroad, bus or mass transit operations, new equipment photos, scenic shots, activities of your local or photos of your brothers and sisters keeping America rolling.

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With each photograph, please include your name and SMART local number, the names of the persons in the photo (left to right), where the photo was taken, and other pertinent information.

All photographs submitted become property of SMART.

Remember to review your employer's policies regarding use of cameras on the property or during work hours.



*Sean Gilliam of Local 1522 (Washington, D.C.) took a picture of Amtrak's Auto Train (P05302) as it crossed the Rappahannock River in Fredericksburg, Va. The lead engine is Amtrak Heritage Unit 822, which Gilliam says is a rare visitor to the Auto Train service which primarily uses its own captive diesel fleet.*

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