



The Communicator

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New Leadership At Local 284 With A New Plan

On November 20th SEIU Local 284 swore in newly elected and re-elected Executive Board members: Carol Nieters, Executive Director; Brian Dimberg, and Mark Krey,

members.” Looking back to the last 8 years, we know this is no small goal, as state increases to public education funding have been minimal to none (Remember the fund-

Now we face an almost 5 BILLION dollar deficit going into 2009. Public school district budgets have already been stretched to the limit.

Local 284 members must be visible and vocal at the Capitol and with their elected officials as decisions are made on the future of public education in Minnesota. Our Local is moving a bargaining plan in 2009 that is strategic and coordinated in specific areas of the state. Many of our members work in one district and live in another, this plan has us all looking at how to better utilize our membership strength in a geographical area. The goal of this plan is two fold in what will be a very difficult bargaining cycle.

1. Retention of current benefits, w/o reduction in future benefits (no two tiered systems), coupled with
 2. No reduction in take home pay/potential increases.
- Look for Lobbying opportunities on our Local 284 web site calendar.



Board members from left to right: Sandy Ringler, Marion Conwell, Mark Krey, Val Rolstad, Val Brott, Mark Hanson, Sue Krefl, Carol Nieters, Brian Dimberg, Vonnie Holmes, Keith Niemi, Jill Payne, Paul Wuethrich, Bob Cook

Trustees; Bob Cook and Sue Krefl, Members-at-Large. Marion Conwell was sworn in as Sergeant-at-Arms in December. Our Executive Board is committed to achieving the mission of our Local, “improving the lives of our

ing freeze to schools in 2003-04?). We know that many of our members have experienced a decrease in take home pay during this time, as health insurance increases for many of our members have outpaced wage increases.

Custodians – Boiler Test Opportunities

Boiler Training 2 day class with state test are scheduled at: Fred Moore Middle School 1523 5th Ave S Anoka, MN 55303 Contact Don Morrell at 763-228-1795 or Ally Anderson at 612-462-2510 with an RSVP.

Feb 7th 8 am-3 pm class
Feb 14th 8 am-1:30 pm class
Feb 14th 1:30 pm state test
Cost of the class is \$ 200.00, make checks payable to/mail to: Robert Kubitschek

17483 Hayes Ave Lakeville, MN 55044 This cost does not include the state test fee
State Test Fee:
Specials: \$ 20.00
2nd, 1st, Chief: \$ 50.00
You must send in your affidavit and payment to the State of Minnesota separate at least 15 days prior to the test. Indicate an alternative test site and indicate Fred Moore Middle School. You can come just for the state

test, but make sure you mail your information to the State of Minnesota. Bring a picture ID and your confirmation slip for the test. You will receive this from the state after you send in your affidavit and payment.
www.doli.state.mn.us
Print off the application and affidavit from the state website using the link/ address above.
*Any additional questions contact Ally or Don at the numbers listed.

Included in this issue:

New Leadership

Custodians: Boilers Test Opportunities

Calendar of Events (Bottom of other side))

Our Web Site www.seiu284.org is going interactive ! Now available, updated Local calendar including

1. Register for Lobby Day on-line-Link from SEIU284.org (Feb.)
2. Register for scholarships on-line
3. Para Conference (Apr.)
4. SNA Conference (Aug.)
5. SEIU MN Zoo Day (Aug.)
6. Electronic Grievance Form

Watch for more updates.

***Coming soon—Ability to receive all union communications via email**

You can obtain General Membership & Executive Board Meetings' Minutes by calling Union HQ at 651-256-9100 or by visiting www.seiu284.org:

Check Out Local 284's New Updated Website! www.seiu284.org



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Calendar of Events

LOCAL 284 OFFICERS

Executive Director:	Carol Nieters
President:	Keith Niemi
Vice Presidents:	Paul Wuethrich Sandy Ringler
Trustees:	Brian Dimberg Mark Hanson Jill Payne
Members at Large:	Val Brott Bob Cook Sue Kreft Mark Krey Valerie Rolstad
Sergeant at Arms:	Marion Conwell
Senior Member:	Vaughan Holmes

The Officers of Local 284 make up the Executive Board. Executive Board meetings are open to all members in good standing. Please contact Union headquarters if you would like to attend.
April-Scholarship Drawing
July- No Meeting

January 15

SEIU Local 284 Executive Board and General Membership Meeting
5pm
SEIU Local 284 Office
South St. Paul, MN

February 3rd

SEIU Lobby Day
9am
Carpenters Union Hall
St. Paul, MN

February 19th

SEIU Local 284 Executive Board and General Membership Meeting
5pm
SEIU Local 284 Office
South St. Paul, MN

March 2

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION
SEIU International Scholarship Applications

March 19th

SEIU Local 284 Executive Board and General Membership Meeting
5pm
SEIU Local 284 Office
South St. Paul MN

