

# ILLINOIS AFL - CIO

NEWS UPDATE - 07/31/20



## Board, Officers Elected By Acclamation At Convention *Drea, Devaney Start New Terms With Successful First Virtual Convention*

President Tim Drea and Secretary Treasurer Pat Devaney were elected to new terms by delegates to the Illinois AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention on Tuesday.

Drea and Devaney, who were appointed by the Executive Board in December to fill outgoing President Michael Carrigan's vacancy and the vacancy created by Drea's move to president, were elected by acclamation along with the Executive Board.

Motions to nominate the two were made by their unions –Local 881 UFCW President Steve Powell nominated Drea, while Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois President Chuck Sullivan nominated Devaney.

The election was one of the highlights of the State Federation's first convention held virtually. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and to assure the health and safety of all involved, the convention delegates participated remotely.

Despite the remote nature of the two-day event, delegate resolutions dealing with a wide variety of critical issues and governance were debated and approved, as well as key initiatives outlined.

"The preparation and practice paid off," Drea said. "This was the first convention done in this way and it worked. The delegates have given us a clear direction for the next two years. We now have to build off that momentum."



Pictured: Pat Devaney and Tim Drea

### Vice Presidents elected to four-year terms are:

Terrence Healy, Laborers  
Ed Christensen, Elevator Constructors  
James Allen, Bricklayers  
Robert Paddock, Operating Engineers  
Jeff Isaacson, Carpenters  
Dorothy James, AFGE  
Terry Jares, Musicians  
Donald Woods, Bakery Workers  
Dave Weaver, Machinists  
Bob Guy, SMART  
Dan Montgomery, Teachers  
Pat LaCassa, Cement Masons  
Rick Terven Jr., UA  
Jackie Engelhart, Postal Workers  
Craig Carlson, IATSE  
David Beard, Iron Workers  
Richard Shavzin, SAG/AFTRA  
Michael Newman, AFSCME  
Kenneth Franklin, ATU  
Michael Caref, Letter Carriers  
Ronnie Huff, Mine Workers  
Dian Palmer, SEIU  
Tim Murphy, TWU  
Doris Carroll, INA  
John Coli, Jr, Teamsters  
Celia Cody, CWA  
Dennis Roach, Painters  
Eric Davis, Boilermakers  
Anthony DeGrado, Steelworkers  
Roushaunda Williams, UNITE HERE  
John Gedney, UAW  
Josh Sapp, IBEW  
Chuck Sullivan, Fire Fighters  
Steve Powell, UFCW  
William Mangin, Heat & Frost Insulators  
Gary Menzel, Roofers

## Reaffirmation of Our Commitment to Fight for Racial Justice

In the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., during the 44th Illinois AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention delegates overwhelmingly passed Resolution number one, a “Reaffirmation of Our Commitment to Fight for Racial Justice”. The resolution highlights the state federation’s commitment to building solidarity and fighting against racial inequity.

The resolution notes that systemic racism is ingrained in our culture. The Illinois AFL-CIO’s call for social and economic justice extends not only to the workplace, but across all segments of our state and its institutions.

When King addressed the 8th Illinois AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention in 1965 he noted that the Labor Movement and the Civil Rights Movement have the same essential origins. He said that, “each is a movement that grew out of burning

needs of an oppressed poor for security and equality. Each was denied justice by the dominant forces of society and had to win a place in the sun by its own intense struggle and indescribable self-sacrifice”.

The killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery may have sparked the current push for social and racial equity, but we cannot forget Sandra Bland, Tamir Rice, Trayvon Martin, and the countless unnamed and never forgotten victims of pervasive racism in our country.

The Illinois AFL-CIO is committed to striving for the ideals found in our governing documents and in King’s speech to build a better state and nation where we can truly live as one people.

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS - <https://www.ilaf-cio.org/press/>**

### Labor’s “Go-To” Legislator Jay Hoffman Honored With Giorgi Award

On Wednesday during the convention, State Rep. Jay Hoffman was honored with the Illinois AFL-CIO’s Zeke Giorgi Award presented to the lawmaker who best advances the cause of organized labor and working families.

In his introduction of Hoffman, Illinois AFL-CIO Secretary Treasurer Pat Devaney described the longtime legislator as labor’s “go-to” person at the Capitol.

Devaney noted Hoffman’s tireless efforts this past May in making sure workers were protected during the pandemic through workers compensation, as well as those workers displaced by the resulting economic collapse.

Hoffman, a union member who represents the Metro East-based 113th District, has served in many leadership roles including Labor Committee chair and his current position as Assistant Majority Leader. He has a 93 percent lifetime voting record spanning nearly 30 years of public service.

The award is named for “Labor’s Legislator” Edolo J. “Zeke” Giorgi, the longtime state representative and union member from Rockford who served from 1965 until his death in 1993.



# Illinois AFL-CIO 44th Constitutional Convention Wrap-Up

The Illinois AFL-CIO wrapped up its 44th Constitutional Convention via zoom this past Wednesday. Delegates from unions across the state heard from elected officials committed to propelling the labor movement forward both in Illinois and Washington.

The first guest to address convention delegates was Governor JB Pritzker. In his remarks to the convention, he stressed his commitment to helping workers overcome the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, he expressed his commitment to “supporting new jobs for hardworking Illinoisans in the midst of a challenging new job market.”

“In a midst of an ongoing pandemic, our efforts to lift up working families is more important than ever,” said Pritzker. He also highlighted his efforts to put the state on a path to giving workers a living wage and to expedite unemployment claims by waiving the waiting week for receiving unemployment benefits.

From Washington, Senators Tammy Duckworth and Dick Durbin expressed their commitment to getting workers what they need to survive these challenges times.

“Workers are on the frontlines maintaining the essential services we all too often take for granted, we will never be able to fully repay them for what they do... but we can try. That’s why I’m proud to support the HEROES Act which has been passed by my Democratic colleagues in the House. This bill provides up to \$10,000 in Hazard Pay for frontline workers, ... issues OSHA worker protections..., and extends federal investments in our state’s unemployment,” said Senator Duckworth.

Unfortunately, Senator Mitch McConnell has refused to allow Senators to vote on a bill so critical to workers across the country on the premise that Congress has already provided sufficient support to workers. Both Duckworth and Durbin disagree that workers are well supported during this time.

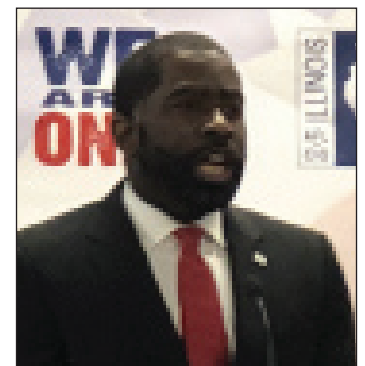
“I don’t know the exact number of people who are unemployed in America... but I want to tell you the notion of giving workers \$600 a week and saying that it is some sort of a luxury wage really portrays that people like Mitch McConnell don’t have a clue what families are facing when you lose a job,” said Durbin. He also expressed that we need to be all in for workers especially when workers are scheduled to lose the \$600 federal unemployment benefit on July 31.

Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madigan also addressed the convention delegation. He expressed that, “we need to stay vigilant against people who want to end unionization in Illinois”. He highlighted his efforts to end Rauner’s 5-point program that included Rauner’s attempt to eliminate the privileging wage, reduce worker’s compensation benefit levels, and implement right to work zones.

In Senate President Don Harmon’s remarks, he stressed that “we have the right Governor in charge for this moment [and the legislature] have the right people [in place] to put people in valuable jobs.” Senator Harmon also shared a story of an IBEW electrician he witnessed volunteering to help a senior in need. He highlighted that there is “an army of public sector workers” helping our state survive these challenging times.

Labor Committee Chair Senator Omar Aquino and Representative Marcus C. Evans Jr. also addressed the convention and expressed their commitment to the labor movement and to the essential workers providing vital services across our state. Both legislators shared that they are from union families. Representative Evans shared how his father currently works to deliver the mail in the midst of the pandemic and Senator Aquino mentioned how he immediately requested a seat on the Senate Labor Committee because of his dedication to working families.

The Illinois AFL-CIO is grateful to all the speakers at the 44th Constitutional Convention and with the support of elected officials in Illinois and Washington the labor movement can help workers overcome these challenging times.



*Sen. Omar Aquino, Chair of the Senate Labor Committee and Rep. Marcus Evans, Chair of the House Labor Committee, addressed delegates participating in the Illinois AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention.*

# Board Makes Additional Endorsements For Election

With ballot vacancies being filled after the original COPE meeting in June, the Executive Board made additional endorsements for the November election at its meeting Monday.

Topping the list of endorsed candidates is State Senator Sara Feigenholtz. Feigenholtz, long a supporter of labor issues with an 89 percent voting record, was appointed to fill the vacancy created by former Senate President John J. Cullerton's retirement. Feigenholtz didn't officially file until June 19.

Also endorsed were: Kate Monteleone (House District 50), Marci Suelzer (HD 52), and Mitchell Esslinger (HD 102) based on the recommendations of COPE districts, Central Labor Councils and Building Trades Councils.

An updated list of 2020 General Election Endorsements can be found here: <https://www.ilaf-cio.org/political/>

## Illinois AFL-CIO 2020 General Election Endorsements



**Italics – incumbent**  
\* – union member

### Ballot question

Support Fair Tax Constitutional Amendment

### U.S. Senate

*Dick Durbin (D)*

### U.S. House

1<sup>st</sup> – Bobby Rush (D)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Robin Kelly (D)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Marie Newman (D)

4<sup>th</sup> – Chuy Garcia (D)

5<sup>th</sup> – Mike Quigley (D)

6<sup>th</sup> – Sean Casten (D)

7<sup>th</sup> – Daney Davis (D)

8<sup>th</sup> – Raja Krishnamoorthi (D)

9<sup>th</sup> – Jan Schakowsky (D)\*

10<sup>th</sup> – Brad Schneider (D)

11<sup>th</sup> – Bill Foster (D)

12<sup>th</sup> – Raymond Lenz (D)

13<sup>th</sup> – Betsy Dinkens Landrigan (D)

14<sup>th</sup> – Luciano Underwood (D)

15<sup>th</sup> – Erica Weaver (D)

16<sup>th</sup> – Dani Brazzowski (D)

17<sup>th</sup> – Cheri Beasley (D)

### State Senate

1<sup>st</sup> – Antonio Manzo (D)

4<sup>th</sup> – Kimberly Lightford (D)

6<sup>th</sup> – Sara Feigenholtz (D)

7<sup>th</sup> – Heather Steans (D)

10<sup>th</sup> – Robert Murtzock (D)

11<sup>th</sup> – Cabira Villemann (D)

13<sup>th</sup> – Robert Peters (D)

16<sup>th</sup> – Jacqui Collins (D)

19<sup>th</sup> – Michael Hastings (D)

22<sup>nd</sup> – Cristina Castro (D)

25<sup>th</sup> – Karina Villa (D)

28<sup>th</sup> – Laura Murphy (D)

31<sup>st</sup> – Malinda Bush (D)

34<sup>th</sup> – Steve Stralheim (D)

40<sup>th</sup> – Patrick Joyce (D)

43<sup>rd</sup> – John Connor (D)

46<sup>th</sup> – Dave Konshor (D)

49<sup>th</sup> – Meg Laughran Cappel (D)\*

52<sup>nd</sup> – Scott Bennett (D)

### State House

1<sup>st</sup> – Aaron Ortiz (D)\*

2<sup>nd</sup> – Theresa Mah (D)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Eva Dina Delgado (D)

4<sup>th</sup> – Della Ramirez (D)

5<sup>th</sup> – Lamont Robinson (D)

6<sup>th</sup> – Sergio Harper (D)

7<sup>th</sup> – Chris Walsh (D)

8<sup>th</sup> – La Sharra Ford (D)

9<sup>th</sup> – Lakesia Collins (D)\*

10<sup>th</sup> – Oscar Williams (D)\*

11<sup>th</sup> – Ann Williams (D)

12<sup>th</sup> – Margaret Crooke (D)

13<sup>th</sup> – Greg Harris (D)

14<sup>th</sup> – Kelly Cassidy (D)

15<sup>th</sup> – John D'Amico (D)\*

16<sup>th</sup> – Charyce Wang Stankiewicz (D)

17<sup>th</sup> – Januszfor Song-Froschowitz (D)

18<sup>th</sup> – Rodney Gabriel (D)

19<sup>th</sup> – Lindsey LaPointe (D)

20<sup>th</sup> – Michelle Barbero (D)\*

21<sup>st</sup> – Edgar Gonzalez (D)

22<sup>nd</sup> – Michael Montgomery (D)

23<sup>rd</sup> – Milan Zolnerzki (D)

24<sup>th</sup> – Lisa Hernandez (D)

25<sup>th</sup> – Curtis Torver N (D)

26<sup>th</sup> – Ron Buckner (D)

27<sup>th</sup> – Justin Slaughter (D)

28<sup>th</sup> – Bob Ritter (D)

29<sup>th</sup> – Theodorus Jones (D)

30<sup>th</sup> – WG Davis (D)

32<sup>nd</sup> – Mary Flowers (D)

32<sup>nd</sup> – Andrew Thompson (D)

33<sup>rd</sup> – Mercedes Evans (D)

34<sup>th</sup> – Nick Smith (D)

35<sup>th</sup> – Francis Florky (D)

36<sup>th</sup> – Kelly Barba (D)

37<sup>th</sup> – Michelle Fuchley (D)

38<sup>th</sup> – Debbie Mayers-Martin (D)

39<sup>th</sup> – WG Guzzardi (D)

40<sup>th</sup> – Joana Andrade (D)

41<sup>st</sup> – Janet Yang Rahr (D)

42<sup>nd</sup> – Ken Mejia-Beal (D)

43<sup>rd</sup> – Anna Mosler (D)

44<sup>th</sup> – Fred Crespo (D)

45<sup>th</sup> – Oscar Pappas (D)

46<sup>th</sup> – Deb Conway (D)

47<sup>th</sup> – Jennifer Zardani (D)

48<sup>th</sup> – Terra Costa Howard (D)

49<sup>th</sup> – Maura Hirschauer (D)

50<sup>th</sup> – Kate Monteleone (D)

52<sup>nd</sup> – Mary Eddy-Allen (D)

52<sup>nd</sup> – Marci Suelzer (D)

53<sup>rd</sup> – Mark Waller (D)

54<sup>th</sup> – Maggie Trevor (D)

55<sup>th</sup> – Morvy Mrolyan (D)\*

56<sup>th</sup> – Michelle Messman (D)

57<sup>th</sup> – Jonathan Carroll (D)

58<sup>th</sup> – Bob Morgan (D)

59<sup>th</sup> – Daniel Dinkel (D)

60<sup>th</sup> – Rita Mayfield (D)

61<sup>st</sup> – Joyce Mason (D)

62<sup>nd</sup> – Sen Yangling (D)

63<sup>rd</sup> – Brian Sager (D)

64<sup>th</sup> – Leslie Armstrong-McLeod (D)\*

65<sup>th</sup> – Martha Paschke (D)

66<sup>th</sup> – Suzanne Ness (D)

67<sup>th</sup> – Munirco West N (D)

68<sup>th</sup> – Dave Vella (D)

70<sup>th</sup> – Paul Stockard (D)\*

71<sup>st</sup> – Juan Padilla (D)

72<sup>nd</sup> – Mike Holpin (D)

74<sup>th</sup> – Christopher Desnick (D)\*

76<sup>th</sup> – Lance Yankovick (D)\*

77<sup>th</sup> – Kathleen Wells (D)

78<sup>th</sup> – Camille Lily (D)

79<sup>th</sup> – Charlene Eads (D)\*

80<sup>th</sup> – Anthony DeLaco (D)

81<sup>st</sup> – Anna Stave-Murray (D)

83<sup>rd</sup> – Barbara Hernandez (D)

84<sup>th</sup> – Stephanie Kijewski (D)

85<sup>th</sup> – Dagmara "Dee" Javelar (D)\*

86<sup>th</sup> – Larry Walsh Jr (D)\*

88<sup>th</sup> – Eria Bailey-Smith (D)

90<sup>th</sup> – Seth Higgins (D)

91<sup>st</sup> – Mark Luft (D)

92<sup>nd</sup> – John Gordon-Booth (D)

93<sup>rd</sup> – Scott Stoll (D)

94<sup>th</sup> – Angel Smith (D)\*

95<sup>th</sup> – Chase Wilhelm (D)\*

96<sup>th</sup> – Sam Schauer (D)

97<sup>th</sup> – Harry Benton (D)\*

98<sup>th</sup> – Natalie Minsky (D)

102<sup>nd</sup> – Mitchell Esslinger (D)

103<sup>rd</sup> – Carol Amunoz (D)

104<sup>th</sup> – Cynthia Cunningham (D)

105<sup>th</sup> – Chemberly Cummings (D)

107<sup>th</sup> – David Seiler (D)\*

108<sup>th</sup> – Kacie Weichending (D)

109<sup>th</sup> – John Spencer (D)

111<sup>th</sup> – Monica Britton (D)

112<sup>th</sup> – Katie Sturck (D)

113<sup>th</sup> – Jay Hoffmann (D)\*

114<sup>th</sup> – LaToya Greenwood (D)

116<sup>th</sup> – Nathan Reitz (D)

### Judicial

1<sup>st</sup> Supreme – P. Scott Neville (D)

1<sup>st</sup> Appellate – Michael Hyman (D)

1<sup>st</sup> Appellate – Sharon Johnson (D)

3<sup>rd</sup> Supreme – Tom Kilbride (retain)

5<sup>th</sup> Supreme – Judy Cates (D)

5<sup>th</sup> Appellate – Sarah Smith (D)

(As of July 27, 2020)