



New Jersey Work Environment Council

2010 Board of Directors and Staff

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WEC's Board of Directors sets policy, provide programmatic direction, and approves our budget. The Board represents our core labor, community, and environmental constituencies. An Executive Committee of the Board (*), composed of the elected officers, as well as a Finance and project committees, helps guide WEC between quarterly Board meetings.

President

***John Pajak**, Trustee, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 877 (A worker and safety activist at Conoco-Phillips Bayway refinery in Linden, the east coast's largest oil refinery and member of the union's safety and health committee; the local also represents workers at adjacent chemical plants).

Treasurer

***Reverend Fletcher Harper**, Executive Director, GreenFaith (GreenFaith is an interfaith environmental coalition that mobilizes New Jersey's faith community to address issues of environmental spirituality, stewardship, and justice).

Recording Secretary

***Carmen Martino**, Director, Latino Occupational Safety and Health Initiative, Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations. (A strategic researcher working closely with New Labor, a membership organization of immigrant workers).

Other Members of the Board of Directors

Marie Blistan, Secretary-Treasurer, New Jersey Education Association (Officer of the state's largest school employees' union, representing 200,000 active and retired teachers and other school employees).

Chrystal Disant, Chair, Safety and Health Committee, Health Professionals and Allied Employees Local 5004 (Leader of the union's safety and health efforts at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center in Englewood, NJ and on statewide issues).

Matt Elliott, Global Warming and Clean Energy Advocate, Environment-New Jersey. Environment-NJ works on toxics, clean air, water, energy, and transportation issues).

Sam Ferraino, Jr., President, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1360 (Leader in labor/community struggles against opening new Wal-Mart "big box" stores).

Colandus "Kelly" Francis, President, Camden County Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) (Also a member of the Camden Environmental Justice Coalition).

Amy Goldsmith, Executive Director, NJ Environmental Federation (Environmental campaign leader, with focus on safe drinking water; a convenor of the New Jersey Working Families Alliance).

Avery Grant, Executive Director, Concerned Citizens Coalition of Long Branch (Community organization addressing contamination from an abandoned coal gasification plant and working on other environmental justice issues).

Mae Lang, Assistant to the Director, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 1, AFL-CIO (Also Treasurer, Central-Northern New Jersey Coalition of Black Trade Unionists).

Adam Liebttag, President, Communications Workers of America Local 1036 (Represents more than 8,500 workers at the NJ Departments of Environmental Protection, Health and Senior Services, and Labor and Workforce Development, etc.).

Ron McCullough, President, United Radio, Machine, and Electrical Workers Local 155 (UE Local 155 represents the workers at the Stepan chemical plant in Fieldsboro and a number of other NJ facilities).

Marien Casillas Pabellon, Executive Director, New Labor (A workers's center and grassroots organization fighting for safe and healthful working conditions and justice for immigrant workers).

John Shinn, Sub-District Director, United Steelworkers District 4, AFL-CIO (Represents largest industrial union in New Jersey, including chemical and oil workers).

Jeff Tittel, Director, New Jersey Chapter, Sierra Club (The state affiliate of one of the nation's largest and most active environmental organizations).

Reverend Ronald Tuff, Executive Director, Paterson Task Force for Community Action (An anti-poverty and community development organization in Paterson, Passaic County).

Jim Young, Education Director, BlueGreen Alliance (BGA). BGA is a national partnership of unions and environmental organizations dedicated to expanding the number and quality of jobs in a clean energy economy. BGA includes United Steelworkers, Sierra Club, Communications Workers, Natural Resources Defense Council, United Auto Workers, Laborers, Service Employees, Utility Workers, American Federation of Teachers, Amalgamated Transit Union, and Sheet Metal Workers' International Association.

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