

A NEW MODEL  
FOR A **OPEIU** **DELEGATE**  
**NEW UNION**

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## Lanigan and Mahoney Re-Elected



President Richard Lanigan and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Mahoney were re-elected by acclamation by delegates to lead OPEIU for the next four years.

Convention delegates also passed a resolution reaffirming President Lanigan and Secretary-Treasurer Mahoney's commitment to adopting a new model that focuses on prioritizing three main areas: organizing both internally and

externally; a firm commitment to increasing member engagement and activism in all aspects of the union; and the encouragement and facilitation of greater collaboration among all OPEIU local unions.



**On Today's Program.** Today's agenda focuses on OPEIU's renewed commitment to organizing and a look at the OPEIU's Organizing Apprentice Program. We'll also hear some OPEIU local union organizing success stories and will be joined by Lynn Rodenhuis and Patrick Scott of the AFL-CIO.

## THE FUTURE OF WORK



*"It's time to think big!"*  
— Ken Jacobs

Ken Jacobs, chair of the UC Berkeley Labor Center, kicked off a powerful group of speakers yesterday with a rousing speech about both the challenges and opportunities facing OPEIU and the labor movement as a whole. Making the point that technology and innovation shouldn't be the enemy of America's workers, Jacobs emphasized the importance of unions being a part of how technology is rolled out and "what problems it's trying to solve." Thinking big about what could be, he said, is key to achieving what can be.



*"Our vision is more beautiful than the oligarchs and the autocrats."*  
— Shawna Bader-Blau

Executive Director of the Solidarity Center Shawna Bader-Blau discussed a range of topics during her speech – all of which could be traced back to one of the most important tools at working people's disposal: solidarity. As the head of the nation's largest international workers' rights organization, her expertise was on full display as she wove together various subjects – exploitation of working people by multinational corporations, labor issues in the international arena, and cross-national solidarity – which delegates greeted with raucous applause.



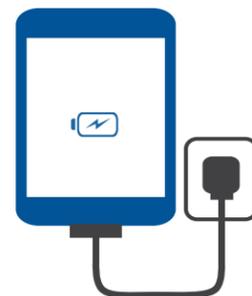
*"What we have is socialism for the rich and harsh capitalism for everyone else ... we've got to fight for stronger unions."*  
— Robert Reich

Capping off the pre-convention conference, former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich delivered to delegates a dazzling speech on a range of subjects relevant to working people. Touching upon wage stagnation, inequality, workers' rights and, most importantly, the continued significance of the labor movement, Reich left assembled delegates with a crystal-clear understanding of the struggles working people have gone through and, in line with the theme of the morning, the struggles yet to come to build a more prosperous future for working people.

*"When locals engage their people, others want to join in."* — Richard Lanigan, OPEIU president

### Las Vegas Fun Fact!

The Las Vegas Strip is the brightest place on Earth when looked at from outer space.



**Remember to charge your tablet tonight** so you have access to important convention materials tomorrow.

### Tonight, *bowling!*

Make your way to the Linq Promenade from **6-9 p.m.** for a strike-filled (the good kind!) night of bowling with your fellow delegates.

*Remember to bring your ticket, as only ticketholders will be admitted.*





OPEIU's very own Lynnette T. Howard, Local 537 business representative, and Jeremiah Edmond, Local 101 president, impressed convention delegates with their renditions of the Canadian and American National Anthems.



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## On the Schedule for Tomorrow



Stephanie Bloomingdale



Noah Karvelis



Alisa Gallo



Gloria Hernandez

We will be joined tomorrow by several speakers who will address the convention about the importance of member mobilization to forging a stronger union. Stephanie Bloomingdale, president of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO; Noah Karvelis, a leader in Arizona's #RedForEd movement; Alisa Gallo, organizing director of UNITE HERE; and Gloria Hernandez, a Culinary Union Local 226 organizer from Las Vegas, will address convention delegates in the morning.

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