

Spokane Regional Health District

LABOR LOOP

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Negotiations Update

We need your input! There are currently three proposed policies that we need your feedback on. These include Immunization, Tobacco Free Workplace, and Drug Free Workplace. Please go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/spokane_policy_10_11 to complete a survey regarding these proposals. Please complete by **Nov. 4**.

You can download the proposed policies from either the survey itself or from Local 17's SRHD webpage: www.ptel17.org/units/health/spokane.

Negotiations Team Elected

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Negotiations Team election. The next scheduled negotiations are Nov. 3 and Nov. 18. Your 2011 Negotiations Team members are: Colleen Gorman, Tammy McCauley, Linda Swendig and Liz Wallace. Your alternates are Deanna Quinn and Katie Murray.

Chapter Election Time!

It's time to nominate your Chapter Officers! The SRHD Chapter meetings are open to all SRHD members. The SRHD Chapter addresses not only workplace issues but also participates in the governance of Local 17 by the election of Regional Executive Committee (REC) Delegates who attend Local 17-wide meetings two to three times a year. The following Chapter positions are open for nomination:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary-Treasurer
- REC Delegates (2)
- REC Alternate (1)

To nominate members for any of these positions, go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/srhd_chapter_nom or www.ptel17.org/units/health/spokane to complete the nominations survey. Please complete no later than **Tues., Nov. 15 by 5 p.m.** These are three-year terms that will end on Dec. 31, 2014.

Want Updates electronically?

Send your home email address to Carrie Blackwood at carrie@ptel17.org. Carrie will periodically update members about the latest union information. Your personal contact information is never shared with any outside entity.



A union member talks with a politician at the rally.

Celebrating the Unions in Spokane - Members Attend Labor Rally

Local 17 SRHD members attended the Labor Rally held the evening of Oct. 19. PTE Local 17 donated \$250 to the Rally.

SRHD Local 17 member, Sheila Carson said, "The rally gave us a good snapshot of the unions' outlook on some of the upcoming voting issues, as well as an opportunity to match faces with some of the political contenders."

Layoff Update

The employer and Local 17 have met to discuss recent proposed layoffs. There have been contractual concerns raised about some of the proposed layoffs and the employer is investigating these concerns.

As soon as we're able to share details and get more information out to the bargaining unit, we will do so. In the meantime, if you have questions you may contact Carrie Blackwood or your Steward for more information.

Stay up to Date on Legislative Issues!

Sign up for Local 17's blog and receive updates on what's happening with public health in the state legislature's special session. Initial updates will be relevant to public health as well as to other sectors that impact members. In the future you'll have an option to receive updates solely related to public health. To sign up, go to ptel17publicaffairs.org and enter your email address under "Email Subscription."

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