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UNION UPDATE

Statewide officers sworn in to new, three-year terms



Yvonne R. Walker
President

Yvonne R. Walker has been re-elected to a fourth term as president of Local 1000. A former U.S. Marine and a 23-year veteran of state service, Walker previously held positions as a District Labor Council (DLC) officer, chair of the Unit 4 bargaining team and served as Vice President for Bargaining.

"I look forward to the opportunities ahead, to building a stronger union and to standing together with our members to negotiate good contracts, fight for higher wages, defend our members' hard-earned rights and to keep our retirement secure."



Kevin Menager
*Vice President/
Secretary-Treasurer*

Rancho Cordova native Kevin Menager's state career spans more than 30 years, with early stops at the Division of the State Architect and the California Department of Social Services. For 28 years, he's worked at the Franchise Tax Board in Sacramento in the area of Information Technology. He's currently an IT Specialist I.

A "card-carrying union member since day one," Menager became an activist shortly thereafter when he "saw how easy it was to step up and become involved." Working in DLC 786, he was elected as a General Council Delegate to the California State Employees Association. He was a Unit 1 District Bargaining Unit Representative and part of our bargaining team in 2007-08.



Anica Walls
*Vice President for
Organizing/Representation*

Born in Los Angeles, Anica Walls was raised in the agricultural landscape surrounding Ventura, California, where she lived in a community largely populated with immigrant farmworkers. She was influenced greatly by her father and her "tia," who reinforced in her how important it is to be fair and just and to treat all others with humanity. Out of college, she worked as an organizer helping at-risk and poor residents get much-needed services in Mexico, San Francisco, Santa Cruz and Sacramento, including Head Start and the Mission Neighborhood Center.

Her state career began in 2006. She currently works in Sacramento as a Disability Evaluation Analyst III at the Department of Social Services. She's been recognized for her work with an Excellence in Customer Service award in 2017.



Tony Owens
*Vice President for
Bargaining*

Tony Owens' work as an Interface Coordinator in the Information Technology Department at CalPERS will serve him well as our new Vice President for Bargaining at Local 1000. His work involves bridging the gap between software developers and various divisions at CalPERS. He previously worked at CDCR in the Division of Adult Parole Operations, and later as a Business Analyst at CalPERS, leading up to his current assignment.

A 12-year state employee, Owens experienced first-hand the power of our union when, in 2007, he was laid off during a large-scale realignment at CDCR. He benefitted from the union's negotiated process to mitigate the job losses and was able to transfer to CalPERS, where he's been ever since. He's been a Local 1000 steward for four years.

New and returning regional leaders will guide our future

Advancing the Local 1000 Purpose Statement



Local 1000's new leadership took the oath of office on June 30, beginning a new era for the union as it prepares for the challenges and opportunities that face our members and our families.

Fifty-one new and returning District Labor Council (DLC) presidents were sworn in. These DLC leaders have a seat on our Board of Directors and represent thousands of members that live and work in those DLCs. Other DLC officers, including vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers and chief stewards also took the oath of office.

Our statewide officers also began a three-year term of service. Returning President Yvonne R. Walker was joined by vice presidents Tony Owens (bargaining), Anica Walls (organizing/representation) and Kevin Menager (secretary/treasurer).

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“We are a member-led, member-driven union, and these regional leaders will have a voice in choosing our future. Our progress and our success depends on leaders and members working together, not only to build a stronger, more powerful Local 1000 but also to protect the middle class and ensure a better California for all. As leaders, we have a responsibility to constantly think bigger, act better; to be thoughtful and deliberate; to live our Purpose Statement to the fullest.”

— Yvonne R. Walker, President of Local 1000