

Candidates for President



JERRY SMITH – for PRESIDENT

Jerry has been with the state for 30 years working at the SHA and has been with MPEC since 1997. He has served many positions at the Union including MPEC's first Chief Steward, current the Executive Vice President, and Chairperson for the SHA and MDOT LMCs. Jerry is very well versed in contract language, politics, and legislative processes. Serve on MPEC Negotiation Committee ratifying two contracts with the State protecting the wages hours and working conditions of state employees. Jerry has what it takes to advance this Union and put us on the road to where we are recognized and respected. He is a strong leader with a proven record of fighting for fairness and justice.

Candidates for Executive Vice President

Lisa Levy – for Executive Vice President

My name is Lisa Levy and I have been a state employee for close to twelve years. I currently serve as commercial assessor at the Department of Assessments and Taxation in Baltimore County. During my time, I have served as a board member with the Maryland Association of Assessing Officers and as Secretary and Vice-President at Large with the Maryland Professional Employees Council. Among the many things I have participated in with the union, the most impactful was serving on the AFT/MPEC negotiations team. Sitting down to the table with DBM, I was able to see firsthand the challenges we face as a group. If elected I will continue to work together with my colleagues to come up with strategic approaches to combat these challenges. To that end, I believe the most important thing we can do as employees is to stay informed. We need to share information with each other as that is what brings us together and empowers us as a group. As a “union of professionals” we can use this power to make a positive impact on the community in which we live and work. I look forward to meeting and working with each and everyone on of you!!



JACQUELYN RAINES – for Executive Vice President

Jacquelyn R. Raines, MA, M.Ed is the Employee Development Training Manager in the SHA Office of Administration, Organizational Development Division. She is an organizational development professional with more than 25 years of experience in human capital and workforce development. She is a founding member of the AFT-Faculty Union for Part-time Adjuncts at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, Michigan. She has experience recruiting and training members, negotiating contracts, and leading public, private, and non-profit organizations.

Candidates for Treasurer

Al Dyer – For Treasurer

Al Dyer is currently employed by the State of Maryland, Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation (DLLR) as a Contribution Specialist II in the Experience Rate Unit, and the current Treasurer of MPEC. He has been a dedicated employee of the State of Maryland for 19 years. As a member of the Executive Board of MPEC, Al learned how the union operates as a team to move the Union forward toward a better tomorrow. During his term as Treasurer, Al learned the financial responsibilities of the union. He understands what is needed, and is prepared to go beyond the call of duty. He told me, being the Treasurer was truly an honor that he hopes to continue. Please vote, Al Dyer for Treasurer."

Lauren Boyce - for Treasurer

"Hi MPEC members! Thanks for considering me as your next Treasurer. I've been asked to write a bio, so here it goes! I currently work as a charter specialist at the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation, where I've been for the last year and a half. Prior to working here, I served the State of Maryland as an attorney at the Maryland Office of the Public Defender and before that, as a law clerk in the same office. I earned my law degree from the University of Baltimore in 2007 and studied Religion and Philosophy at the University at Albany in New York. I've been an MPEC member since I joined SDAT (I wasn't allowed in when I worked at the OPD!) and I look forward to continuing to serve Maryland and my MPEC colleagues as your next treasurer."

Candidate for Secretary

Simeon Williams – for Secretary

I was born and raised in the tiny Caribbean Island of Grenada, and migrated to the USA at age 28, eventually becoming a naturalized U.S. Citizen. After completing a Bachelor's degree in Management at Adelphi University in New York, I moved to Maryland to attend Johns Hopkins University. In 2007, I graduated with a Master of Science in Real Estate from Carey Business School. My first experience with State Government was at D.H.M.H., working in the provider enrollment division, before moving to my present position of Assessor at the Department of Assessment and Taxation. I am married to Dawnn, an employee at D.H.M.H., and live in Middle River MD, with our son Rhys. With a blend of private and public sector experience, I would be honored to serve as Secretary for the MPEC Executive Board.

Candidates for Vice President at Large



CLARA ROBINSON-EL – for Vice President at Large

Clara has been with State Government for over 10 years and has over 40 years' experience working for Unions. Clara is Union strong. She has done an outstanding job of serving on the MPEC Executive Board as Western Regional VP and is an active member on the SHA LMC. Clara is a strong leader not afraid to speak up and address the elephant in the room. She will continue to fight the good fight to protect and advance member rights and bring about workplace improvement.

Rickey Carpenter - for Vice President at Large

Graduated from Barber-Scotia College with a BS Biology/Chemistry. Married to Tangee for 25 years, father of two sons Malique; sophomore at De Paul University and Zakiah; Presidential Honor student at Deer Park Middle School. Employed 20 years as a Public Health Scientist III with the Maryland State Laboratory Administration and 15 years as a Phlebotomist with the U. of Maryland Mid Town Campus. Currently Co- chair of the Laboratory Administration Labor Management Committee (LMC) and Shop Steward with MPEC. Active member of Prince Hall Mason 32 degree. Passionate about Labor Issues and genuinely concerned about fairness and equality in the workplace.

Jewel Freeman-Scott for Vice President at Large

Graduated from Virginia State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. Happily married for 28 years to Antonio R. Scott. Two sons Antoine R. Scott; B.S in Business and Julian J. Scott; B. S. in Finance. Employed with The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as a Public Health Laboratory Scientist III for 22 years. A concerned activist for my fellow co-workers, I assisted in the development of the DHMH Labor Management Committee, serve on it and act as a Shop Steward for Laboratories Administration. I am currently the Vice President of the Central Region for Maryland Professionals Employee's Counsel (MPEC) and 2nd Vice President of a National Organization that mentor Adults and Teens, Top Ladies of Distinction. Currently coordinating the Logistics Team for The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America. I am Passionate about Labor issues and people and am a firm believer in the quotation "Busy people get the work done".



LISA BANKS – for Vice President at Large

Lisa has been working for the State since 2008, and has served as interim Secretary for MPEC since 2015. She brings a fresh perspective and a desire to help others dealing with workplace issues. Lisa's attention to detail and problem-solving skills will be of great benefit to MPEC in the years ahead.

Candidates for Chief Steward



RONNY MYERS – for Chief Steward

With over 20 years State Service, Ronny has proven to be a stellar Chief Steward, assisting with training and helping members with workplace problems. He is resolved to promote MPEC by standing up for workers' rights and helping to negotiate a new contract beneficial to the members. Ronny has been active in public and private sector unions throughout his adult life.