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# Trades Candidates Vie for House of Delegates Seats

Five members of the Trades are on the ballot for this year's election all seeking to be members of the House of Delegates.

Three are already serving and two hope to join them.

Phil Diserio (D-Brooke) is President of Electricians Local 246 based in Steubenville. Diserio has been an IBEW member since 1979.



In the legislature he represents Brooke and part of Ohio County and serves as Vice-Chair of the House Industry and Labor Committee as well as on the House Government Organization, Energy, Agri-

culture and Health Committees.

Diserio was appointed to a vacated position, in early 2012, and then elected in 2012 in a close election.

Dan Poling (D-Wood) is Business Manager of Painters District Council 53 having been a painter and member for 40 years.



In the legislature he represents Wood County residents and serves in a number of positions.

Poling is Chairman of the House Energy, Industry and Labor Committee and a member of the House Finance Committee.

Poling was first appointed to a va-

cant position in 2007 and has since won re-election three times.

Dave Walker (D-Clay), a retired member of Operating Engineers



Local 132, served on the union's executive board and as a steward for many years. Walker represents the 33rd District which includes Calhoun and parts of Clay and Gilmer Counties.

He is Chair of the Agriculture Committee and serves on the House Education, Labor, Energy and Transportation Committees.

"It is important to have representatives of the Trades in the House of

Delegates because they understand important issues that other occupations don't," said Steve White, ACT Director and a lobbyist for the Trades for more than 20 years.

Gary McCallister is also working hard to win election to one of two House seats from the 22nd district



which covers most of Lincoln and parts of Putnam, Boone and Logan Counties.

McCallister has previously been elect-

ed to the Lincoln County Board of Education and is a member of the Carpenters and works as a service representative for

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## \$308 Million Project in Grant County

# Proposed Wind Turbine Development Sold

Developers of the AES New Creek project slated for Grant County have sold their interest in the project to EverPower Wind Holdings, Inc.

AES New Creek had received approval to build the project from the West Virginia Public Service Commission on September 30, 2009.

The project involves 66 turbines that could produce up to 160 megawatts of power. At the time the total project estimate was \$308 million.

The developers had entered into a memorandum agreement with the North Central WV Building Trades Council and the WV State Building Trades Council that committed the project to use local union construction workers.

The changes in ownership will not change the agreement terms with the Trades as the new owners have agreed to accept all terms and conditions of the AES application.

The project had been delayed because of issues relating to airline traffic.

It also is important for projects like these, which do not sell to the general public, have a power purchase deal in place before a project can move forward.

Initial project estimates had 120 workers building the project over an 11 month period with a payroll exceeding \$10 million.

Additional benefits to the community such as related jobs, payroll taxes and corporate taxes also exceeded \$10 million. Total business sales in West Virginia were estimated at around \$60 million.

EverPower Wind Holdings, Inc. is headquartered in Pittsburgh with offices in NY and OH. They have operational projects in IL, PA, NY and CA. They are a division of European private equity firm Terra Firma. ■

# WVU President Gordon Gee Speaks State Building Trades Conference Held

WVU President Gordon Gee was the keynote speaker at the WV State Building and Construction Trades conference held in September.

Gee talked about his vision for growing the university and about the many challenges we all face.

Gee also spoke about the great relationship he developed with the Ohio State Building Trades Council before taking his position at WVU.

Dennis Duffy, President of the Ohio State Building Trades was on hand to confirm the positive relationship.

Gee expressed his willingness to work with the trades to build a similar positive relationship as both parties enjoyed in Ohio.

“We enjoyed President Gee’s comments and look forward to working with him to build a better university and provide more work opportunities for our members,” said Bill Hutchinson, President of the WV State Building Trades.

Also speaking was Jon Williams, a member of Moundsville Power LLC, the developers of a \$615 million gas-fired electric generating plant in Marshall County.

Williams expressed his appreciation for the work done by the Upper Ohio Valley Building Trades and Project BEST to support the company in getting needed property tax agreements with Marshall County for the project.

He explained Moundsville Power is getting close to selecting a contractor and that a number of permits and

other factors still need to be put in place before construction can begin hopefully sometime in 2015.

Moundsville Power has signed a Memorandum Agreement with the Building Trades to ensure any contractors selected will work out a project labor agreement using local union labor to build the project.

Other speakers included John

Junkins, Acting Commissioner of Labor, Josh Sword, Secretary-Treasurer of the WV AFL-CIO and Sam White, Assistant Professor at WVU Institute for Labor Studies.

Around 85 delegates and guests attended the conference including representatives from the Ohio and Pennsylvania State Building Trades Councils and ACT-Ohio. ■



WVU President Gordon Gee is flanked by Dennis Duffy (left) President of the Ohio State Building Trades and Matt Szollosi, Executive Director of ACT-Ohio, as he talks to the WV State Building and Construction Trades annual convention.

## \$90,000 Raised for Mesothelioma Research

The Breath of Life Foundation raised approximately \$90,000 this year at their 6th annual Mesothelioma Charity Golf Tournament.

The event was held on September 8 at the Griffin Gate Marriott in Lexington, KY.

According to Insulators Local 80 Business Manager Steve Keller, 144 golfers representing contractors, labor and major construction users participated.

“I want to thank all those who participated and our office manager Tina Jordan who worked tirelessly to make this event a success,” said Keller.

The Breath of Life Foundation was formed through a partnership between the Central States Conference and the Central States Insulation As-

sociation. Together, these organizations created a fundraising effort for Mesothelioma research.

The Breath of Life Foundation’s mission is to prevent and cure mesothelioma and other asbestos related diseases by providing critical funding, monitoring, early detection and cutting-edge research.

From its inception in 2009 until 2012, the Breath of Life Foundation made donations to the Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit, Michigan, to support Dr. Michael Harbut’s work in mesothelioma research.

In 2013, Dr. Harbut moved his research efforts to St. John Providence Health System in Southfield, MI. Now, 100% of Breath of Life Foundations proceeds are donated to these efforts. ■



Tom Dyl, (from left) Rand Environmental Services, Inc.; Bud Turner, Prime Insulation; Rob Osborne and Tom Householder, AEP at tournament.

# 2014 State Building Trades Endorsement

## U.S. Senate

Natalie Tennant

## U. S. House of Representatives

David McKinley – 1st District

Nick Casey – 2nd District

Nick J. Rahall II – 3rd District

## State Senate

1st Rocky Fitzsimmons

2nd Larry Edgell

3rd Robert “Robin” Wilson Jr.

5th Mike Woelfel

6th Truman Chafin

7th Ron Stollings

8th Erik Wells

9th Mike Green

10th Ronald “Ron” Miller

11th Gregory A. Tucker

12th Mike Romano

13th Bob Beach

14th Stan Shaver

15th Donald H. Cookman

16th John Unger

17th Doug Skaff Jr.

## House of Delegates

1st Randy Swartzmiller,

Ronnie D. Jones

2nd Phil Diserio

3rd Holli Smith, Erikka Storch

4th Mike Ferro, Dave Hall

5th Dave Pethtel

8th Denzil “Buddy” Malone

9th Jim Marion

10th Dan Poling

12th Michael “Mike” Bright

13th Joshua Martin, Josh McGrath

14th Johnny Roach

16th Jim Morgan, Sean

Hornbuckle, Lauren Plymale

17th Doug Reynolds,

Dale Stephens

19th Don Perdue, Ken Hicks

20th Justin J. Marcum

21st Harry Keith White

22nd Jeff Eldridge,

Gary McCallister

23rd Barry L. Brown

24th Ralph Rodighiero

25th Linda Goode Phillips

26th Clif Moore

27th Carol B. Bailey

28th James “Jim” Brown

29th Ricky Moye

30th Mick Bates

31st Clyde D. McKnight Jr

32nd Dave Perry,

Margaret Anne Staggers,

John Pino

33rd David A. Walker

34th Brent Boggs

35th “Bobbie” Hatfield,

Andrew D. Byrd,

Sherri Wong,

Thornton Cooper

36th Nancy Guthrie, Danny Wells,

Larry Rowe

37th Mike Pushkin

39th Sally Shepherd

41st Adam R. Young

42nd Ray Canterbury,

Coy A. Flowers

43rd Denise L. Campbell

44th Dana L. Lynch

45th Bill Hamilton

46th Peggy Donaldson Smith

47th “Tammy” Stemple

48th Richard J. Iaquina,

Tim Miley, Joe Shaffer,

Patsy Samuel Trecost II

49th Mike Manypenny

50th Mike Caputo,

Linda Longstreth,

Tim Manchin

51st Barbara E. Fleischauer,

Charlene Marshall,

Anthony “Tony” Barill,

Nancy Jamison,

John Williams

52nd Larry Williams

55th Isaac Sponaugle

57th Ruth Rowan

59th Layne Diehl

61st Jason Barrett

62nd Kristin Loken

63rd Heather Marshall

65th Tiffany Lawrence

66th Daniel P. Lutz Jr.

67th Stephen Skinner ■

# Control of WV House at Issue Voter Turnout Will Decide Election

Non-presidential election cycles historically have a low voter turnout.

Add in attack ads, robo-polls and millions of dollars and it's not hard to understand why many voters just want the elections to be over.

But because of the low numbers those who do go to the polls will have more powerful votes than ever.

“After the smoke clears this election will be all about turnout,” said Dave Efaw, Secretary-Treasurer of the West Virginia State Building & Construction Trades Council.

For this reason, and some very important job related issues, Efaw is urging members to make sure they vote and to remind friends and family members as well.

Control of the West Virginia House of Delegates is at stake,” said Efaw.

“We could be looking at serious wage cuts through legislation that would erase our bargained agreements.”

Efaw is referring to the attacks on state prevailing wage laws that make sure public construction projects don't drive down local standards for construction workers.

Using false information a number of business groups like the State Chamber of Commerce and the anti-union Associated Builders and Contractors have accused construction works as being the cause of budget problems.

“They keep saying the same lies over and over, like cutting wages will lower costs of schools,” said Efaw.

“But the facts are the cost of school construction never goes down when workers' wages are cut, you can look at other states to compare.

“Instead contractor profits go up, benefits, safety and training programs suffer and the public is left with the same per square foot cost.”

Members of the Building Trades along with other unions have been working hard to get members informed and labor endorsed candidates elected.

“There has been much talk about out-of-state billionaires trying

to buy elections in states like West Virginia,” said Efaw.

“But it remains to see if the investments will pay off, we sure hope not.” ■

## Candidate

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the newly formed Keystone, Mountain, Lakes Regional Council of Carpenters.

Denzil “Buddy” Malone is trying to join Poling, Diserio and Walker as the newest trades' member in

the House.

He is running in the 8th District which covers part of Wood County.

Malone is Business Representative for Millwrights Local 1755, a position he has held since 2006. ■



Denzil Malone

**October 22: Early voting begins**

**November 4: Election Day**

# McKinley Tours Apprenticeship Training Sites

U.S. Congressman David McKinley toured three union apprenticeship sites in the Parkersburg area to learn more about craft training programs.

He took the day to meet with Building Trades and Contractor leaders and tour the Laborers, Sheet

Metal Workers and Carpenters sites on October 9.

McKinley, who is an engineer and made a career in the construction industry, already understands the value of union construction workers.

However the trip helped him better understand how the value is developed in workers.

"I started in this industry in 1965 working for the State Highway Commission building Route 70," said McKinley.

"A lot has changed since then and I want to stay current on issues we face today."

McKinley pointed out he is one of only five members of congress, both Senate and House, that has a construction background.

"We appreciate Congressman

McKinley's interest in our program and that he asked for our input as well," said Carl Reynolds, Administrator, WV Laborers' Training Trust Fund.

Much discussion followed about the importance of a trained workforce to meet the needs of the local economy, especially natural gas and the cracker.

McKinley recognized that many areas of the state are not yet benefiting from the gas work and have suffered with the decline in the coal industry.

The Laborers training center had a number of classes underway relating to pipeline work, a hot occupation in the shale industry.

Sheet Metal Workers 33 has a class of third year apprentices who were practicing HVAC related tasks.

Apprenticeship Coordinator Scott Newell explained their system of training a week at a time was important for their program because it served a region from Charleston to Wheeling and students were more focused when they had a full day to train.

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(From left) Laborers Training Supervisor Ross McPherson, Congressman David McKinley, Local 1149 apprentice Charlie Smith, Instructor Cody Stimpert and LU 1149 apprentice Dillon Krol talk about apprenticeship and training at the West Virginia Laborers training site in Mineral Wells.

At the Carpenters program apprentices were working with a new form system.

Jeremy Jeffers, Training Director, explained how the program would work with equipment suppliers when a new product was to be used at a project.

"We had people take a nine hour form class to prepare for a major job at the new hydro-project," explained Jeffers.

"These were experience journeyman who just needed a little time getting familiar with this form system."

Joining the tour were McKinley's Chief of Staff Mike Hamilton; Parkersburg-Marietta Building Trades Business Manager Bill Hutchinson; Clint Suggs, Executive Director of the Parkersburg-Marietta Contractors Association; Dan Poling, Painters Council 53 Business Manager and Steve White, ACT Director. ■

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