

OHIO AFL-CIO TASK FORCE ON ORGANIZING AND AFFILIATION

Over the years, the Ohio AFL-CIO has done very little to assist our affiliated unions in campaigns to organize new members. The AFL-CIO has been attempting to do more in organizing campaigns nationally, and we are long overdue in developing a plan for greater activity in organizing.

Regarding affiliations to our State Federation, we have done some work to increase affiliations with our State Federation, but those efforts have been scattered and no real plan of action on an ongoing basis. As a result, we historically have never had more than fifty percent of eligible members affiliated with our State Federation.

Therefore, I am hereby announcing my intention to appoint a Task Force on Organizing and Affiliation. The Task Force will be charged with the responsibility to recommend to the officers of the State Federation **(1) Ways to improve our assistance in organizing new members and (2) to establish goals and a plan of action for affiliating more locals and members to the State Federation.**

The Task Force work will include but not limited to the following:

- The Task Force will discuss these issues with key union leaders to develop a plan for the State Federation both in organizing and in affiliation.
- To develop a communication and information plan between the Ohio AFL-CIO and our affiliated unions on matters relating to organizing and affiliation.
- To determine the resources available from the AFL-CIO and the Ohio AFL-CIO and include in a plan of action the maximum use of resources that are available.
- To develop a plan of action with international unions for more accurate information on unaffiliated unions and unorganized work sites.

The President will appoint members of the Executive Board to the Task Force as soon as possible. An initial report by the Task Force shall be made to the officers at its earliest opportunity and at the executive board meeting following the development of their report.

William A. Burga, President
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