

District 142 Convention Legislative Committee Report March 18th & 19th, 2025

The Legislative Committee met on March 18th & 19th, 2025, in the Melrose 4 room at Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The legislative committee was overseen by General Chair Lorraine Fraser, District 142 Legislative Director Sean Holland, and Derek Morton, Vice President of Hawaiian Airlines.

Our first order of business was to elect a Chairperson and Secretary.

Marie Yadao from Local 1932 was elected Chairperson, and Brother Warren Hobbs II from Local 2930 was elected Secretary.

Other members of our committee are,

Cynthia Abbott

Ellen Bruck

Emily Dickinson

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Richard LoVerde

Linda Romaniello

Leo Robino

Shawn Ryan

Christopher Torres

Mark Walker

The Legislative Committee monitors legislation that directly impacts our membership. Our goal is to educate our membership on legislative issues and the positions candidates take regarding our interests. Our legislative committees across the country work tirelessly on Capitol Hill, prioritizing labor issues and educating all House and Senate members on how any position taken can help or harm our members. We recognize the importance of letting all locals know how politics can affect our livelihood.

The Legislative Committee would like to thank President Directing General Chair John Coveny, the District 142 executive board, and Legislative/MNPL Director Hasan Salomon for their daily work on behalf of our members.

At this time, I would like to call on our Secretary, Brother Warren Hobbs II, for the reading of our report.

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Good morning Sisters, Brothers, and Siblings,

Our committee has discussed the crucial need for legislative involvement at all local levels. Our local legislative committees must mobilize our members to ensure the passage of legislation that benefits labor and oppose legislation that harms it.

We recommend that all Machinists Locals increase communication with their local membership and share the following legislative committee recommendations.

- If your local does not have a legislative committee, start one. If you do have one, please make sure it is active and in communication with our MNPL Department.
- Locals should encourage increased individual contributions by promoting the importance of MNPL donations at meetings and events. Contributions can be made by signing up for payroll deductions, which we highly recommend, and also by using the MNPL donation QR code link, which can be posted at all Local meetings.
- Local Legislative Chairs should share the AFL-CIO scorecard for relevant politicians whose platforms focus on labor during their monthly meeting reports.
- Educate local Eboards on how to support and help fund legislative education while encouraging each member of your board to become a sponsoring member of MNPL at minimum.
- Encourage all locals to send delegates to the state AFL-CIO convention, get involved in AFL-CIO central labor, councils, and their areas, and participate in their state machinist councils.

“If a man or woman doesn't have a job or an income, he has neither life nor liberty nor the possibility for the pursuit of happiness. He merely exists.”

- Martin Luther King Jr.

This concludes our report, and we respectfully submit it to the delegates for adoption.