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Voter's Guide and Voting Instructions for the 2023 Ohio-Pittsburgh Local Election

July 31, 2023

Please note that the candidates have been requested to provide statements for this brochure in accordance with rules outlined in the SAG-AFTRA Constitution and the Nominations and Election Policy ("Guidelines"). Photos and statements for Convention Delegate positions are not permitted.

If a candidate for any office is unopposed, the candidate shall be declared elected without the necessity of a membership vote.

Please note that the following candidates ran unopposed and will be installed in office on September 8, 2023:

President - Heather Abraham; Secretary - Joe Gunderman; Local Board Member - Buffalo-Rochester Broadcast - Rick Pfeiffer; Local Board Member - Cleveland - Andy Schofield

IMPORTANT!

Before marking your ballot, please read the "Voting Instructions" on back of this guide. Following these instructions assures that your vote will be cast properly. The National Board Member, by virtue of their election to that position, shall also serve as a Convention Delegate. The National Board Member will also serve as a Local Board Member during the first two years of the term. The Local Officer, Local Board Members and Convention Delegates, by virtue of their election to those positions, are eligible to serve as Alternate National Board Members.

NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER / 4 YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE (1)



01 / CHARLES DAVID "STONEY" RICHARDS

I am Charles David Richards, an actor in good standing with SAG-AFTRA since 1973. Help me continue our work on the National Board. In the past 4 years we have experienced much change with a lot more to come and I am committed to keeping SAG-AFTRA in front of the curve. As a member I am experienced in front of the Camera, Behind the Microphone in Film, TV, Broadcast, Commercials and Voiceover probably much like you. Let's not go back, remember the old days or lose our strength. We are the future of this union. <u>http://unionstrongohpit.org</u>



02 / JEFF SEICH

330-412-2343 (Cell) Serving as **SAG-AFTRA Ohio-Pittsburgh National Board Member** would be an honor. I have a wealth of Corporate knowledge to contribute and I know you'll have a great advocate for this local if elected by you. I am easily accessible and I am always open to new ideas, fresh perspectives, and willing to work across any aisle to advocate for our local. Partisan politics behind closed doors have gotten us into this mess it's time to bring in my laser focus for our Ohio-Pittsburgh members to best serve **YOU. Please Vote SEICH 3 times. VOTE GILBERT-DUNBAR+ANTICO** *Nationally* **unionmembernews.com**

VICE PRESIDENT / 2 YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE (1)



03 / JAY SILVERS

Hello, my name is Jay Silvers. I've been a broadcaster for over 40 years in various radio markets, Pittsburgh for over 30 years and 30 years as a union member. I am running for the position of Vice President, Board Member at Large and Convention Delegate. With my experience and knowledge of our industry, I would appreciate your vote so I can continue taking an active role in our union and help it progress over the next few years. Thank you for your consideration. <u>https://nominations.sagaftra.org//?signing_code=92070D83</u> Thank You, Jay Silvers



04 / RANDY KOVITZ

I joined AFTRA in Pittsburgh in 1978 and SAG in 1980. Since then, I have and continue to work under theatrical, TV, commercial, industrial, V.O. and stunt contracts in NY, L.A., Pittsburgh and elsewhere. My priorities -- jobs, dignity, fair treatment and pay and safe working conditions. I have been a convention delegate, lobbied for the film tax credit in Harrisburg and fought for local issues, successfully ending agent's right to invade scale for commercial contracts. I was on the Pittsburgh local board for four years and would be honored to serve as your next Vice President. *https://unionstrongohpit.org*

LOCAL BOARD MEMBER / 2 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN FOUR (4) – *CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE*



o5 / MARK ROBERTS

I have lived in Pittsburgh and Cleveland all of my professional life. As a longtime voice actor and broadcaster, I know our contracts. Our members benefit from the fact that the level of professionalism here far exceeds our markets' sizes. My National Board experience means I have relationships with staff and members from all over the country and can deal with the bureaucracy effectively. It's time to step away from the Vice-Presidency, but I would be honored to remain on the board. I ask again for your vote. Thank you. Learn more at https://unionstrongohpit.org.

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o6 / JEFF SEICH

330-412-2343 (Cell) Serving as **SAG-AFTRA Ohio-Pittsburgh Local Board Member** would be an honor. I've had the pleasure of connecting with many of you. I've heard your issues, comments, and concerns. Let's work together to find solutions! Having a strong Corporate business background, I know what it takes to keep the organization on track. Together we can make the Ohio-Pittsburgh a destination for talent. More work opportunities and showcasing local talent is a high priority. My office door is always open--come and knock on my door, Come on in! **Please Vote SEICH 3 times. VOTE GILBERT-DUNBAR**•ANTICO Nationally <u>unionmembernews.com</u>



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o8 / EDNAH WRIGHT HOLT

As a **SAG-AFTRA** Delegate, I had a dialogue with several **SAG-AFTRA** members and the following points were their major concerns: Background **SAG-AFTRA** members being paid **SAG-AFTRA** rates in their zone, and Minimal opportunities for **SAG-AFTRA** Principal Players being considered for movies filmed in Pittsburgh and Ohio. As a long time committed loyal **SAG-AFTRA** member, I have witnessed the importance of being steadfast about what **SAG-AFTRA** members deserved compensation should be. **SAG-AFTRA** members must **consistently voice what we want and deserve. No Matter How Long It Takes!**



09 / MIKE KRAFT

Fellow SAG-AFTRAns: I am once again running for Board Member at Large (incumbent) and would greatly appreciate your vote. My active union membership has been continuous for over 40 years. I have been an AFTRA local President, member of the Merger Committee, Co-Chair of the Non-Broadcast Standing Committee and convention delegate multiple times. I have a deep understanding of the Corp-Ed and Commercials Contract. I have enjoyed serving the union, which has been instrumental in my success and look forward to continuing my service. I will continue to help serve the members of the Ohio-Pittsburgh local. Again, thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Michael Kraft

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10 / PAUL MARTINO

Emmy winning, veteran TV newsman. I served our local as both President and board member for decades. Also served on the SAG AFTRA negotiating committee for several contracts with CBS.

CONVENTION DELEGATE / 2 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN SEVEN (7).

11. RICK PFEIFFER

- 12. MARK ROBERTS
- 13. ANDY SCHOFIELD
- 14. JEFF SEICH

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