



# MID-VALLEY ORGANIZER

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INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD

## BRANCH NEWS

### NOVEMBER

Nominations for office will be accepted throughout the month.

To be eligible for nomination:

1. A member must be in active standing
2. A member must have joined at least 3 months prior to nomination\*

**ELECTIONS ARE APPROACHING**

### DECEMBER

Elections will be held on **Sunday, December 4th** at the General Membership Meeting.

## JOIN A COMMITTEE

#### Membership Committee

- Industrial Unions
- Safer Spaces
- New Member Guidance

#### Social Committee

- Mutual Aid
- Public Events
- Literature

#### Organizing and Training Committee

- Training
- Hotshops
- Campaigns

#### Media Committee

- Social Media
- Newsletter
- Web Design

#### Tenants United Corvallis

Renting is a system inherently stacked against renters. Tenants have few limited protections under current laws, and landlords can often ignore them with impunity because we lack the time and resources to dispute. Together, we can fight for our right to housing for ourselves, our families, and our neighbors.



### Portland Doormakers Attempt Union

Doormakers at Pacific Architectural Wood Products organized their workplace in anticipation of a vote to unionize. The workers petitioned the National Labor Relations Board to conduct an election that would recognize Millworkers United as an independent union.

Alex Amen, an organizer with Mill Workers United, described how the boss responded to organization efforts: "So far the process since filing the NLRB petition has gone surprisingly smooth. The boss has put out a lot of nonsense anti-union fliers and the shop floor has been mostly laughing at them. We aren't engaging in the paper war and just continue driving the message of wages and safety."

Alex also added, "We are great friends with the Portland IWW and they have been very helpful in our process."

On Wednesday, October 26, workers voted against unionizing by a slim margin of 21 no votes to 17 yes votes.

Millworkers United Twitter account added after the election "We lost our vote, and we'll carry on...Our company has been doing business in NE Portland for 30 years. We tried, where no one else did, we failed."

### Weyerhaeuser Strike Comes to an End

1,100 workers at Weyerhaeuser locations in Washington and Oregon went on strike on September 13th after the company failed to budge in negotiations regarding healthcare benefits and pay. The employees occupied 24/7 picket locations for 6 weeks, and a federal mediator was called in to oversee talks between workers and the company.

A tentative deal was reached and just 55% of the membership of IAMAW Woodworkers local 246 voted to accept the proposal.



**"REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE FIGHTING MORE THAN YOUR OWN FIGHT. YOU ARE FIGHTING FOR THE ENTIRE WORKING CLASS AND YOU MUST STAND TOGETHER."**

-William Dudley 'Big Bill' Haywood, IWW Co-Founder



## LOCAL LABOR NEWS

### General Membership Meetings

First Sunday of each month at 5p.m. PST

### Have a submission or inquiry?

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