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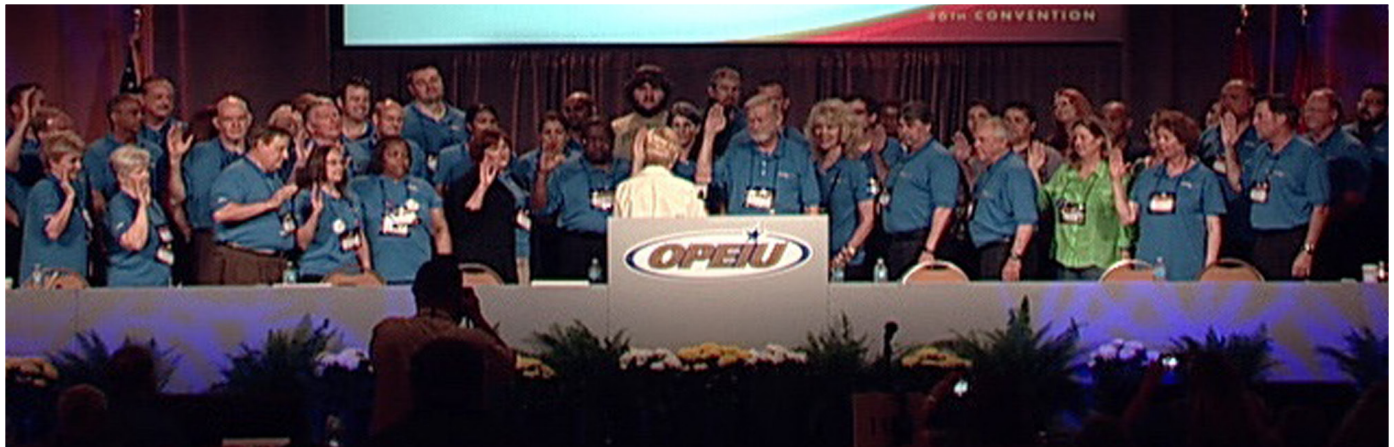
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# DELEGATE

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## The OPEIU Convention May Be Over, But...

We didn't want you to miss out on a synopsis of Thursday's events! Also, be sure to read the next issue of **White Collar** for more convention wrap up.



Officers who will lead OPEIU for the next three years are sworn in by Secretary-Treasurer Emerita Nancy Wohlforth.



## Diversity VPs Elected

(From left) **Christine Page**, **Green P. Lewis** and **Joan Craft** were each elected as an OPEIU Diversity Vice President. The three were congratulated and met with much applause.

## “We are the right organization... at the right time in history.”

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and President of Guild 45

John A. Mattiacci, DPM, President of Guild 45 and OPEIU Vice President gave a rousing speech on the importance of OPEIU and America’s labor movement to the future of podiatrists and all medical professionals.

“Our Guild was the first national movement of professionals to band together, through our professional associations and become a local of national jurisdiction of OPEIU. We are doctors of podiatric medicine. We can, in each state, perform all medical and surgical procedures to the foot and ankle. We graduate from college, and a four-year medical school, take national tests to qualify for our medical license and serve a three-year residency,” explained Mattiacci. “We are all independent contractors...in competition with each other and, therefore, are not a typical situation for unionization. So, how did I end up here before you today,” he asked.

“OPEIU couldn’t bargain for us, it could not give us a safe harbor to collect or share fee or cost information. AND, because we were in patient care, we could not strike.

“What could a union possibly do for us? Sixteen years ago I, along with Dr. Michael Wodka from New York, Dr. Ed Smith from Vermont and Dr. Robert Herpen from Pennsylvania met together to explore a non-traditional approach to allow us to take advantage of what the labor movement offers...and what the labor movement offered was strength,” said an animated Mattiacci to much applause.

### “WHAT THE LABOR MOVEMENT OFFERED WAS...STRENGTH!”

“I met with representatives of several unions,” he went on. “After which I met with Michael Goodwin, and then-Secretary-Treasurer, Gilles Beauregard. When we met, I did not have an idea of how to achieve my goal, but I did have a goal. I wanted to unite the profession of medicine with organized labor. The result of those meetings is the non-traditional Guild system that you see in OPEIU today. We made the front page of *The New York Times*. The first national union of healthcare professionals in history!”

Mattiacci had delegates on their feet as he left them with this last thought, “This is our future! We can show [other doctor groups] what our union, OPEIU, has done for a small specialty...moving legislatures and standing up to giant insurance interests. The strength of labor is the ONLY interest in the nation that will allow us to do that!” ●

## And The Winners Are...

The Convention presented the 2013 J.B. Moss VOTE Fund Awards, the 2012 Henderson B. Douglas Memorial Awards, Organizing and Special Recognition Awards for outstanding service on behalf of OPEIU.

### 2013 J.B. Moss VOTE Fund Awards Recipients



**Memorial Award,**  
Local 8, Seattle, Wash.  
Accepting the award is  
Local 8 President  
Kellie McGuire.



**Gold Award,**  
ITPEU/OPEIU Local 4873,  
Savannah, Ga. Accepting the  
award is ITPEU President  
Dennis R. Arrington and  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Dennis Conley.



**Silver Award,**  
Local 30, Los Angeles, Calif.  
Accepting the award is  
Local 30 Executive Director/  
Chief Financial Officer Walter  
Allen Jr. and Vice President  
Cathy Young.



**Bronze Award,**  
Local 6, Boston, Mass.  
Accepting the award is  
Local 6 Business Manager  
Bob Manning.

### The 2012 Henderson B. Douglas Memorial Awards

**2012 Henderson B. Douglas Memorial Awards** are given to Jay Minor and Yvon Collin, DAG 403 (Global Helicopter Engineers Association), Vancouver, B.C. Jim Whately of Local 103 accepted the awards for Minor and Collin, who were both working and unable to attend. Also pictured are Secretary-Treasurer Mary Mahoney, Director of Organization and Field Services Kevin Kistler and International President Michael Goodwin.



### Special Recognition Award

OPEIU Nurses Council (ONC) Chair Paige Yates (center), Vice Chair Joan Craft (left) and Secretary-Treasurer Dina Carlisle receive special recognition for their work in forming and leading the ONC.



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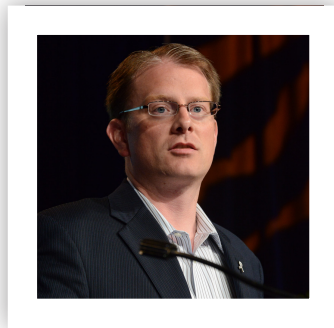
## APRI PRESIDENT CLAYOLA BROWN FIRES UP DELEGATES!

"You guys are amazing," an exuberant A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI) President, Clayola Brown said to the delight of Convention delegates. Speaking on issues ranging from job loss to The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), Brown hammered home the need to organize and get people to the polls. "It's up to you, the leaders, to get the ball rolling," she said. "Let them know that OPEIU is behind jobs, justice and freedom!" ●

APRI President Clayola Brown

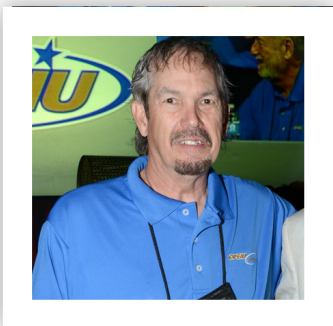


Union Privilege President **Leslie Tolf** shares benefits news with Convention delegates.



**Tim Sullivan**, Chair of the OPEIU Rising Stars youth initiative, shares details of a meeting held earlier in the week for union activists ages 35 and under. Among the topics discussed were how Local Unions could involve young members and encourage them to assume positions of leadership in the union and in their communities, educational tools that can be developed about the union and the history of the labor movement and its significance in today's society, as well as how social media could be used to reach and create a network of OPEIU young activists throughout the United States and Canada.

## 2013 Organizing Award Recipients *Awards continued from Page 3*



**Gold Organizing Award**  
Senior International Representative Jeff Rusich



**Bronze Organizing Award**  
ITPEU/OPEIU Local 4873, Savannah, Ga.  
Accepting is OPEIU Vice President and ITPEU President Dennis R. Arrington (right) and Secretary-Treasurer Dennis Conley.



**Silver Organizing Award**  
Local 2, Washington, D.C.  
Accepting the award are Local 2 President Dan Dyer and Organizer Lou Wolf.



**Bronze Organizing Award**  
Scott Davidson, DAG 110 (Cougar Helicopters)  
Accepting on behalf of Davidson, who was working and unable to attend, was PHPA President Steve Rush.