## **LIUNA CELEBRATES 120 YEARS** OF GROWTH AND TRANSITION



NPMHU President Paul Hogrogian addresses attendees at LIUNA conference



NPMHU Executive Board with retiring GST Armand Sabitoni and incoming GST Michael Sabitoni

LIUNA General President Brent Booker

LIUNA General Secretary-

Treasurer Michael Sabitoni

IUNA General President Terry O'Sullivan announced to the LIUNA General Executive Board (GEB) that he will retire from the office of General President, effective Sunday, April 30, 2023. General President O'Sullivan states he is pleased to report that the GEB voted unanimously to appoint LIUNA Vice President Brent Booker to become LIUNA's eleventh General President at that time. Brent is a third-generation Laborer's Laborer, the son of retired LIUNA General Secretary-Treasurer Carl E. Booker, and the grandson of Local Union 795 Business Manager Carl W. Booker. Brent served as LIUNA Director of Construction until 2012, when he assumed the post of General Secretary-Treasurer of the North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU).

LIUNA General Secretary-Treasurer Armand E. Sabitoni also announced his retirement, also effective Sunday, April 30, 2023. The GEB voted unanimously to appoint LIUNA Vice President and Rhode Island Laborers' District Council Business Manager Michael F. Sabitoni to become our next General-Secretary Treasurer at that time. A third-generation Laborer from a legendary LIUNA family, Michael was elected Vice President by the GEB last year, to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of LIUNA Vice President and Assistant New England Regional Manager Vincent Masino.

During the recent LIUNA conference Celebrating 120 Years of Growth, attendees heard from LIUNA's outgoing General President Terry O'Sullivan and General Secretary-Treasurer Armand E. Sabitoni and warmly welcomed incoming GP Brent Booker and GST Michael Sabitoni. LIUNA leaders gathered from across the United States and Canada to celebrate the union's anniversary and strategize on growth, LIUNA members are poised to seize on expanded opportunities building both U.S. and Canadian infrastructure.

LIUNA was founded in 1903 when 25 delegates from 23 independent laborers local unions representing more than 8,000 laborers gathered in Washington, DC to join together to improve their lives. Since LIUNA's founding, the union has become a powerhouse of workers across North America, a half-million strong, known as a skilled and experienced workforce. Chartered as a construction union, LIUNA is also one of the most diverse and effective unions representing public employees, federal employees, and service contract workers. The National Postal Mail Handlers Union affiliated with LIUNA in 1968.

Over the decades, LIUNA members have also become known for their advocacy and political strength. LIUNA members are proud to support working-class champions who will fight together with us for good, family-supporting union jobs. Through our advocacy and political muscle, we have won massive jobs-creating investment that has the potential to transform our nation, build the labor movement, and create hundreds of thousands of good laborers jobs.

NPMHU President and LIUNA Vice President Paul Hogrogian was honored to address the assembly of growth and history. Brother Hogrogian spoke about the Mail Handlers history with LIUNA that dates back to 1968. "We are proud to be affiliated with LIUNA for 55 of these 120 years. Your battles have become our battles and our battles have become yours. You supported us on Postal Reform, and we support you on infrastructure, prevailing wages, and other issues of vital importance."



General President Terry O'Sullivan and General Secretary-Treasurer Armand E. Sabitoni receive standing ovation during LIUNA Celebration of Growth and Transition