

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LOCAL UNIONS



National President John Hegarty addresses the SAMLU.



Rod McLeod, Senior Advisor to Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ) brings greetings to the SAMLU attendees.



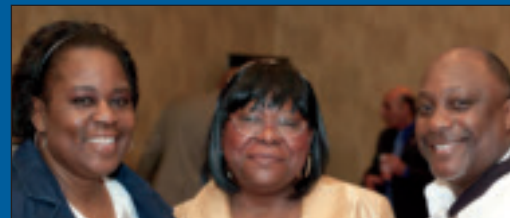
(l-r)-National Secretary-Treasurer Mark Gardner, Local 308 President John Gibson, National President John Hegarty



(l-r) Local 324 President Dan Riemann, Southern Region Director Charles Reynolds



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(l-r) Local 306 Vice President June Harris, Central Region Director Dianne Williams, Local 314 President Anthony Davis

As called for in the NPMHU National Constitution, the National Executive Board conducted its first semi-annual Meeting of the Local Unions in March of this year.

In attendance at this meeting were all members of the National Executive Board, General Counsel for the National Union, all NPMHU National Office department heads, personnel from the National and Regional Contract Administration Department (CAD), the four RI-399 RDRC Regional Coordinators, and various officers and representatives from virtually every NPMHU Local Union.

Western Region Vice President and Local 320 President Rudy Santos began the proceedings by welcoming all attendees to the beautiful city of Tucson, and offering information and any assistance from Local 320 officers and representatives in attendance at this meeting. Brother Santos then introduced a local mariachi band to provide a lively and festive welcome to Southern Arizona.

National President Hegarty then introduced Rod McLeod, who is a senior advisor to Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who represents Arizona's 8th district in the United States House of Representatives. Congresswoman Giffords' district includes a large portion of Tucson. On behalf of Rep. Giffords, Mr. McLeod welcomed the NPMHU to Tucson, and provided an update on the Congresswoman's progress and rehabilitation following the deadly shooting that took place at her town hall event on January 8th of this year. He also expressed his profound gratitude for the outpouring of prayers and sup-

port for the Giffords family, and for all of those who suffered loss on that tragic day. Mr. McLeod also reiterated Congresswoman Giffords' strong support of labor unions and for the collective bargaining rights for workers.

President Hegarty then led the assembly in a moment of silence in remembrance of Abe Calamease, who passed away on January 29th. At the time of his passing, Brother Calamease proudly served as the President of Local 324, representing Mail Handlers throughout the State of Oklahoma.

After introducing the members of the National Executive Board and key staff members from the Union's National and Regional Offices, President Hegarty offered his congratulations to Local 304 (Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana) President Clyde Patterson, Local 298 (Nebraska) President Linda Wagman, Local 328 (South Dakota) President Todd Larson, Local 308 (Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Southern New Jersey) President John Gibson, Local 310 (Georgia) President Pervous Badilishamwalimu, and Local 324 (Oklahoma) President Dan Reiman, each of whom was recently installed as Local President. President Hegarty also extended congratulations to Local 306 (Illinois and Wisconsin) President Jefferson Peppers, Local 301 (New England states) President Tim Dwyer, Local 327 (Montana) President Mark Addington, Local 299 (Hawaii) President Barry Edmonds, Local 302 (Northern California) President Ernie Grijalva, Local 333 (Iowa) President Randy Krueger, Local 318 (Florida) President Nick Mosezar, and Local 315 (Oregon) President David Jarvis, each of whom was recently re-elected as President of

their respective Local Union. Brother Hegarty also congratulated other recently elected and reelected Local Union officers who were in attendance at this meeting.

Following these opening activities, President Hegarty turned to his comprehensive report to the assembly, and entertained numerous questions and comments on a variety of topics, including:

- a report on the aftermath and relief efforts following the horrific disaster caused by the earthquake and subsequent tsunami affecting thousands of people on the islands of Japan. This discussion included a review of relief efforts underway, including efforts by our Japanese postal and other labor union affiliates to reach out to all of its members in need. These relief efforts were spearheaded by our international parent affiliate, UNI Global Unions, employing both physical and financial assistance to the relief efforts, with the NPMHU contributing \$10,000 to the UNI-sponsored "Solidarity Japan Relief Fund";
- a review of, and invitation to participate with, the nationwide "We are One" rallies scheduled for April 4th. These rallies, sponsored by the AFL-CIO, have been organized to help raise awareness of the value and importance of organized labor in America, particularly in light of the strong arm anti-union tactics being implemented in Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, and various other states across the country;
- a discussion of the upcoming April 28 Workers Memorial Day commemoration,