



# LOCAL FOCUS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER—SEIU LOCAL 503—SUB-LOCAL 085—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

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## SEIU 085 Officers, Delegates Installed

On Wednesday, April 11, UO Classified Workers, SEIU Sub-Local 085, installed our new officers, stewards, delegates, and committee members who were elected in March.

However, Louie Vidmar who had been elected Vice President was installed as President instead of John Taylor, who won election to that office.\*

(\*See below for more details.)

### Your 2018-20 Executive Committee:

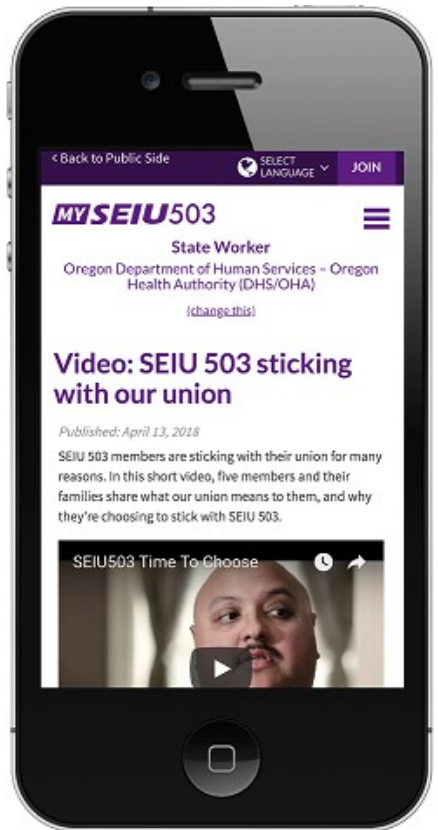
- President – Louie Vidmar
- Vice President – *[currently vacant]*
- Secretary – Stephanie Prentiss
- Treasurer – Lisa Wimberley
- Chief Steward – Gary Malone
- Chief Contact – Lois Yoshishige
- Chief Bargaining Delegate – Johnny Earl
- Chief General Council Delegate – Theodora Ko Thompson
- Membership Organizer – Lisa Roberts
- Newsletter Editor – Jason Stone

**Stewards:** Candice Woyak, Chris Bogle, Chuck Theobald, Cimmeron Gillespie, Gary Malone, Jerimiah Igou, Johnny Earl, Lauradel Collins, Lisa Roberts, Lisa Wimberley, Lois Yoshishige, Michael Omogrosso, Mike Barr, Nikki Rudiger, Sara Clark, Stephanie Prentiss, Theodora Ko Thompson, Toni Campbell, Tony LaChapelle, Morgan Blake.

**Bargaining Delegates:** Candice Woyak, Lisa Wimberley, Louie Vidmar, Ruby F. Thompson, Jerimiah Igou.

**General Council Delegates:** Beth Singler, Cimmeron Gillespie, Gary Malone, Jason Stone, Jimmy Murray, Johnny Earl, Lisa Roberts, Louie Vidmar, Lynne Harrell, Michael Omogrosso, Sara Clark, Jerimiah Igou.

**Strike/Hardship Committee:** Craig Koharchick, Cynthia Lynn Hiers, Jerimiah Igou, Nicole Nelson, Rick Schwab, Toni Campbell, Cimmeron Gillespie.



### LOOK! WEBSITES UPDATED

*In order to better facilitate timely and topical communications with Members, SEIU has made some important improvements to our online communications!*

[Check out 085 Online](#)

[Check out 503 Online](#)

[Guide to key features](#)

\*Due to unfortunate, extraneous circumstances leading up to and following the election, John Taylor declined to accept the position of SEIU Sub-Local 085 President. He also stepped down from his other statewide roles within SEIU 503. John will remain a full dues-paying member of our Union, but he will be taking a hiatus from Union leadership roles to focus on his family.

This is clearly not the result Louie Vidmar expected, so we are very pleased that he has agreed to take on this added responsibility.

## A Message from 085 President Louie Vidmar: **THE PATH FORWARD**



We all appreciate John Taylor's service to our Union and our Members over the years. I was saddened to read John's resignation. He is a strong leader, a great friend, and a passionate advocate for the labor movement. I hope that he gets the respite he needs to recharge.

Whatever the circumstances, I am proud to be your new Sub-Local President and I look forward to meeting the challenges ahead of us. The Executive Committee is united in its desire to work together for the benefit of all UO classified employees.

To help guide our efforts, I want to hear from Members, so I can advocate for what WE as a Union want to fight for.

Going forward, it's important to do what is best for the membership. We work hard in our careers for the betterment of the University, and all of us deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

In Solidarity,  
Louie Vidmar, SEIU 085 President

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## Next Steps: Selecting our new VP

When a vacancy in the President's office was created, 085 executives followed the process in our local bylaws which states that the Vice President assumes the role of President. We checked with SEIU 503 and they agreed with this approach. Since Louie Vidmar was the elected Vice President, he moved into the vacant position of President.

Of course, Louie's installation as President means we now have a vacancy for Vice President. ***If you are interested in serving as Vice President, please contact an officer on the Executive Committee. Deadline for nominations: Prior to the beginning of the All-Member Meeting, 12 noon on Wednesday, May 9.***

ASAP following the May 9 meeting, the Local 085 Executive Committee will convene a special Executive Session to deliberate and appoint a Vice President.



**Oregon Primary Elections are May 15**

**Before completing your ballot, see the SEIU CAPE Council's Candidate Endorsements Online**

### Collective Bargaining Agreement

With 2017 Reopener Updates

For an electronic copy of this contract visit [www.seiu503.org](http://www.seiu503.org)

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