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*Elected Officers of 2-Year Term, to End June 2012*

## Meet Our Council Officers

*By Gabriele Hallock*

Last July, elected council delegates from roughly 20 chapters elected new P-4 Council Officers to two-year terms. This diverse group will lead our council and represent us on the CSEA/SEIU 2001 Local Executive Council.

### Elected Officers

- President – *John Vitale*,  
CT Dept of Transportation, 860-982-7207
- Vice Pres. – *William Richards*,  
CT Div. of Special Revenue, 860-594-0607
- Treasurer – *Byron Lester*,  
Office of State Comptroller, 860-985-0510
- Secretary – *Dawn McKay*,  
CT Dept. of Environ. Protection, 860-424-3592

### CSEA Executive Council Delegates

Delegate John Vitale, Dept of Transportation,  
Delegate Robert Reilly, Dept of Transportation,  
Delegate Fredrena deGraffenreidt, Dept of Correction,  
Delegate Joseph Sorcinelli, Jr., Dept of Transportation,  
Delegate Jay Young, Dept of Transportation,  
Alternate Stephen Anderson, Dept of Environ. Protect.,  
Alternate Stanley Juber, Dept of Transportation

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## A Call for More Member Involvement

*By Nate Jenkins*

The key to a strong Council is that we have to be member-driven, from top to bottom. We need to increase involvement, from simply attending meetings, to signing up to take on leadership roles, to everything in between!



### Nate Jenkins

Information Technology  
Analyst  
Chief Steward,  
Chapter 148, P-4 Council

Our P-4 Council represents a wide variety of engineers, scientific experts, and technical professionals working for the State of Connecticut. Our Council's Chapters are organized by State agency or worksite to unite co-workers together for strength in the workplace. For some of the larger agencies, we have organized membership into multiple chapters by related job classification.

Our Council leaders/delegates/members meet the first **Thursday** of the month at **7:00 PM** at our CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Hall in **Hartford**, located at **760 Capitol Ave. in Hartford**. Refreshments are served on a first come first served basis starting at **6:30 PM**. Delegates and alternates can access the minutes from previous meetings, which are uploaded to our Union's ftp server.

Every P-4 Council member is welcome to join the council meetings.

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## Other Union Leadership Positions

McCusker Trustee Lynn Coda-Klein,  
 Dept of Information Technology,  
 Auditor Linda King-Corbin,  
 Dept of Public Utility Control,  
 Auditor Travis Woodward, Dept of Transportation,  
 Auditor Denise Eaton, Dept of Transportation.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **"Rebuild Connecticut: A Fair Economy for All" Leadership Conference**

**March 5, 2011, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM**

*Central CT State University,  
 Student Center Ball Room  
 1615 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT*

**Purpose:** Interactive meeting for member leaders of five Connecticut SEIU local unions as part of the new "Fight for a Fair Economy" project. Get answers and tools for fixing the big problems our members -- and all working and middle class families -- face in Connecticut:

- Why are we in this mess?
- What are real solutions that will work?
- What's the plan?

**Presenters:** SEIU President Mary Kay Henry and others.

**Agenda:** Complete program is posted online --

- 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM: Registration (coffee and refreshments available)
- 9:30 AM - Conference convenes
- 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Presentations, workshops, and breakout sessions
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Working lunch

**Reservations:** Attendance is limited to 300, so RSVPs will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To sign up contact:

Political Director Danny Medress  
[dmedress@csea760.com](mailto:dmedress@csea760.com)  
 (800) 894-9479, ext. 111

### **P-4 Council Communications Committee Meeting**

**April 7, 2011, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

*Room 3, CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Hall,  
 760 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT*

### **P-4 Council Delegates Meeting**

**April 7, 2011, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

*Room 1, CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Union Hall,  
 760 Capitol Ave. Hartford, CT*

## Council & Union Level Working Groups

**We have a variety of P4 Council Committees** whose appointed members focus on building the power needed to protect the public structures we make work for the people we serve. These volunteer members also play an important role in strengthening economic security and improving working conditions for all State employees.

**P-4 Council members** also serve on CSEA Committees alongside their brothers and sisters from our diverse Union. Participants on these union-wide working groups ensure that our Council's unique contract and workplace issues are addressed and our member's viewpoints and perspectives are included in our organization's wider agenda.

Our Council President makes appointments and selects the chairs for our internal committees, and nominates members to serve on our CSEA Committees at the Executive Council level. Interested members are always invited to notify him by email.

Send committee recommendations by email to Council President John Vitale: [jvitale@csea760.com](mailto:jvitale@csea760.com)

### **P-4 Council Committees**

- ❖ Bylaws
- ❖ Communications
- ❖ Contract and Benefits Preservation
- ❖ Cost Savings
- ❖ Council/Chapter Involvement
- ❖ Good Works
- ❖ Grievance Data Base
- ❖ Health and Safety
- ❖ Labor Management
- ❖ Objective Job Evaluation
- ❖ Social Activities



*Council Cost-Savings Committee Members at the Union Hall*