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The President's Report | By Dennis R. Arrington

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The winter edition of the ITPEU News featured pictures and short bios of the ITPEU Officers and Staff, as well as group pictures of the ITPEU Benefit Fund offices in a segment entitled "Imagine All the People Working for You." I hope you enjoyed seeing the faces of the ITPEU team members with whom you may have spoken with from time to time. This special edition of the ITPEU News featuring the delegates and guests to the ITPEU Convention in San Antonio, TX, will show just how much farther our network of union colleagues, activists and allies expands.

The officers, representatives and staff of the ITPEU work each day to provide quality representation and benefits that are next to none in the labor industry. With the support of the OPEIU and the community leaders across the country, we are working to raise the bar and fight against the squeeze so many working families are feeling in today's economy.

I looked out into the delegation seated before me during the convention and I did not only see the individual delegate, I saw the hundreds of ITPEU members that had nominated the delegates to represent them and I was honored to preside over the proceedings each and every day. The quality of our delegation would make any union leader envious and I could not have been prouder of how interested the delegates were in tending to union business, and how attentive they were in gleaning everything they could from the presenters and guest speakers. Many of the delegates expressed their eagerness to return to their work place to share their experience and it is my sincerest hope that each delegate left energized and informed about what membership in the ITPEU continues to offer.

The ITPEU convention theme for this convention year was "The New Wave of Labor." That phrase was much more to me than just a catchy slogan and a trendy logo. I truly believe we are on a new horizon. We are facing new challenges, pursuing new opportunities, and setting goals to increase our collective bargaining power through organizing. With the continued support of the OPEIU International, the ITPEU membership, and the vast network of brothers and sisters in the labor movement, I am confident the ITPEU will continue to be "The New Wave of Labor".

Wishing you and your families a wonderful and safe summer.



The Fallen Soldier Table

**US Army Ranger Dining Facility,
Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, GA**

"The ITPEU recognizes and honors US military service members and their families throughout the country on this Memorial Day"

Pictured from L-R: ITPEU Sec./Treas. Dennis M. Conley, Wolf Management Shop Steward Rosilyn Butts (18 years of ITPEU membership), the Fallen Soldier, U.S. Army Sargent Justin Fisher (9 years of service), ITPEU President Dennis R. Arrington.



OPEIU International President Michael Goodwin and ITPEU President/OPEIU International Vice President Dennis R. Arrington.



San Antonio CLC President Tom Cummins welcomes the delegation.



Linda Chavez-Thompson, AFL-CIO Vice President Emerita, engages the delegation.



OPEIU International Vice President Green P. Lewis, II, addresses the convention delegation on diversity.



OPEIU International Guests from L-R: Kevin Kistler (Director of Organization and Field Services), Richard Lanigan (Local 153 Sec./Treas. and OPEIU International Vice President), Green P. Lewis II, (OPEIU International Vice President), Dennis R. Arrington (ITPEU President and OPEIU International Vice President), Dr. John Mattiacci (OPEIU International Vice President), Becky L. Turner (OPEIU International Vice President), Michael Goodwin (OPEIU International President), Walter Allen, Jr. (OPEIU International Vice President)



L-R: ITPEU President Dennis R. Arrington, Guest Speaker Paul McCarthy and ITPEU Funds Representative Roy J. Boyd.



ITPEU President Dennis R. Arrington with Becky L. Turner, OPEIU International Vice President.



Collective Bargaining Strategist Paul McCarthy leads a workshop on "Strategies to Build Union Power at the Local Level."



Michael Goodwin, OPEIU International President and ITPEU Convention 2014 Keynote Speaker, introduces members only benefits.



President Arrington addresses the convention floor.



OPEIU International Vice President Walter Allen, Jr. addresses the delegation on the importance of the J.B. Moss VOTE Fund.



OPEIU International Vice President Dr. John Mattiacci, DPM, discusses podiatric medicine and the devastating effects of diabetes.



OPEIU International Vice President and Local 153 Sec./Treas. Richard Lanigan educates the delegation on proper grievance handling.



OPEIU International Vice President Greg Blackman discusses unionization in the public sector.



John Brenton IV, Assistant to the President and ITPEU Representative, gives a report from the Constitution Committee.



Mike Chambers, Chief Shop Steward from Research Triangle Park, NC, gives a report from the Rules Committee.



ITPEU Executive Board L-R: Lena Bailey (Director of Field Operations), Wilma Zimmerman, Dennis M. Conley (Sec./Treas.), Dennis R. Arrington (President), Cindy Diehm (Vice-President), T. Ruthie Jones, Joe Serrano, Jr.



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