

Candidate Statements for Sub-local 109, Oregon Dept of Fish & Wildlife

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Steve Emerson

In my time with ODFW, I have served as a steward, General Council delegate, Labor/Management Committee member, and CAPE delegate. I've volunteered for and served in these roles because I understand the importance of each of them to building and maintaining a strong union. With your support, I would be honored to continue serving you.



Micki Varney

I am running for re-election as Chief Steward at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. I have been a shop steward in our sublocal (#109) for over 10 years. In my role as a steward, I have represented many of my co-workers on all types of issues, continually participated in and led advanced steward trainings, and have trained and mentored other stewards throughout ODFW. I am also on the Labor Management Committee, and a past bargaining and General Council delegate. When I first became a steward, it didn't take me long to realize that being a steward was much more than defending our bargaining contract and representing coworkers. When workers face troublesome issues in the workplace, the experience is often scary and isolating. Having a steward present who knows policies, contract language and labor law is more than just comforting—it feels like someone cares about you and is on your side. In these moments, stewards are not just defending coworkers, they're building relationships and they are bringing people together to address difficult issues and improve our work environment. Please re-elect me as Chief Steward and thank you for your support in building our growing union.



Angela Ward

In my role as a contract bargaining delegate this past two years I have seen firsthand the positive impacts that have been made by the tireless efforts of our sub-local's union leadership team. This small group of volunteers spends their time ensuring that all represented staff at ODFW are able to have the safe work environment and benefits that our contract guarantees. As a Business Analyst, 15 year State employee, and someone who has experienced firsthand the challenges of doing field work in rural communities I believe I could enhance the value that your union leadership team brings to your work and I thank you for your consideration.