

Bonnie Edmondson – CAPE Region 3; Senate District 9

I am interested in participating on the CAPE council in order to be more involved in advocating for state worker service. I have been involved with unions for the last 20 years and believe strongly in the strength workers can have through unity. I hope to be able to contribute to the process of improving workers lives as the union has greatly contributed to mine through prior members taking on leadership roles. I would like the opportunity to serve in this process. Thank you,
Bonnie Edmondson

Linda Burgin – CAPE Region 3; Senate District 10

I have served on CAPE for many years. I believe our political program gives our Union strength and power. In order to accomplish this, we must work to elect qualified candidates, and once they are elected, hold them accountable.

Conducting candidate interviews, asking intelligent questions, and then discussing results with fellow CAPE members after the interviews, helps bolster our democratic process.

Please re-elect me to the CAPE Council.

Steve Emerson – CAPE Region 3; Senate District 10

I've been a proud union member and employee of the State of Oregon at the Department of Fish and Wildlife for over 7 years now. My experience with our union includes participating in the Member Leader Development Program and serving as a General Council Delegate, CAPE Delegate, ODOT Coalition Bargaining Delegate, Board of Directors Region 1 Director, and Stewards Committee member. Additionally, at ODFW Sublocal 109 I serve as a steward, Secretary/Treasurer, and Labor Management Committee member. I also have years of experience phone banking, canvassing, recruiting, and general outreach. I would be honored to continue representing you and help ensure that CAPE actions reflect the values of our union by advocating for bills and candidates that support us instead of making empty promises and manufacturing excuses. We need real allies, not fair-weather friends.

Ben Moul – CAPE Region 3; Senate District 10

I am Ben Moul, currently holding the position of President at Local 415. My primary objective is to actively engage in the process of choosing political allies who can effectively advocate for the welfare of our members. Should I be elected, I am committed to wholeheartedly representing the interests of our members in every endeavor.

Brian Kirschner – CAPE Region 3; Senate District 12

I am a proud member of SEIU 503/PERS local 459. I have been a member for 12 years. I have served my local as an Executive at Large, CAT, & New Employee Orientation presenter. I am excited to run for CAPE Council. Now more than ever, we need to help ourselves, protect ourselves from PAC groups that want to end our CBA strength. As a member of CAPE Council I will give my all to beat the drum for our member's to contribute all they can to the CAPE fund. Please vote for me.

Candidate Statements

Kelly Town – CAPE Region 3; Senate District 12

I am running for CAPE delegate to fill a void in our area. I will do my best to serve my fellow union members with honesty and integrity, and be sure they have a voice at the table.

Patty Falkenstein – CAPE Region 3; Senate District 13

Now more than ever as we see the erosion of our constitutional rights and voting rights we need to unite and pool our strengths and resources to support politicians that will act for working people not corporate interests and the 1%. Unions can be a deciding factor in an economy that works for all- not just a privileged few. As a CAPE delegate this last term, I met with and interviewed candidates, attended political rallies and strike actions, wrote letters and emails to support union interests, and testified on important bills this legislative session. These are some of the things I do to help move forward a more inclusive agenda.

This next term we need to focus on supporting and electing more diverse and representative political candidates, impartial redistricting to accommodate the population shifts especially in Washington county, and addressing the climate change emergencies that are unfolding before our eyes.

I would like to serve on the CAPE council again in order to use my voice to call for a better Oregon, not just for our union but also for those we serve. Thank you for your support.