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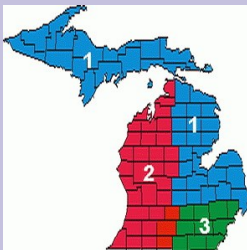
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New Executive Director Hired

On November 10, 2022, the SEIU Local 517M Executive Board voted to hire Mr. Jonovan Luckey of Canton, MI as the next Executive Director of SEIU Local 517M.



Mr. Luckey, formerly the Public Affairs Director for the Michigan Corrections Organization, SEIU Local 526M, brings over 14 years of practical experience and expertise to the position.

Throughout his time in Michigan politics, Mr. Luckey has garnered renown for his political savvy, and a reputation for working relentlessly, and running winning, high-level campaigns. During his time with SEIU, he led numerous successful internal organizing and member engagement programs and developed a proven record of moving issues that matter to the membership.

When asked about accepting the position Mr. Luckey said “I am truly looking forward to beginning this trek with 517M. We represent some of the most extraordinary and talented people across the State of Michigan and we have a unique opportunity to build on the progress this organization has made and continue creating a union we can all be proud of, that best serves the needs of our members. I am thankful to the 517M Executive Board for this opportunity and will work tenaciously to ensure 517M remains a leader and innovator in Michigan.”

The hiring announcement comes after an exhaustive search process which attracted quality candidates from across Michigan and the United States.

Mr. Luckey officially began his duties on January 2, 2023.

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Constitution and Bylaws Election Information Mailed to Members

This week members will be receiving a postcard in the mail with voting instructions for the proposed SEIU Local 517M Constitution and Bylaws. The voting period is currently open and will close at 4:00 p.m. on February 16, 2023. Ballots will be counted on Friday, February 17, 2023. **If you have your voting number and wish to vote now, use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/517MCBVOTE>**

The committee charged with reviewing the current Constitution and Bylaws of the Local found our Local 517M Constitution and Bylaws were in violation of several provisions of the SEIU International Constitution and Bylaws. Updates were also needed to comply with Right to Work laws.

At the November 10, 2022 SEIU Local 517M Executive Board meeting, the Board approved the new proposed Constitution and Bylaws be sent to the membership for their vote.

If approved by the membership, the new Constitution and Bylaws will become effective when the SEIU Local 517M Executive Board certifies the election results.

If you prefer to vote via paper ballot, contact Dave Corrie at corried@seiu517m.org to have one sent to you. The deadline for requesting a paper ballot is February 6, 2023.

Thank You for the Scholarship Program

Thank you so much for the 2022 SEIU Local 517M Scholarship. I transferred to the University of Akron this fall. I was recently accepted into the Respiratory Therapy Program. I plan to use the scholarship money to pay for my respiratory program books. Thank you again for offering this scholarship program.

Sincerely,

Sophia Lozmack

2023 Scholarship Applications Available Beginning in February



SEIU 517M - Tomorrow's Michigan Today Scholarship is open to dues-paying members in good standing (as defined in the SEIU Local 517M Constitution and Bylaws), their spouse, children, step children, adopted children or grandchildren with college or trade school expenses.

There are 15 scholarships available and the amount of each scholarship is \$600. These non-renewable scholarships will be awarded to students based on successful completion of the application process and meeting certain criteria. Awards will be made via a lottery system from all eligible submissions.

Applications will be available starting in February, 2023.

2023 SEIU Local 517M Calendars Are Here!



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