

# THE RECORD



**LOCAL 1-2**  
uwua1-2.org

# *Election* **RESULTS**



**LOCAL 1-2, NY**

**PRESIDENT  
JAMES SHILLITTO  
AND SLATE  
RE-ELECTED  
TO LEAD  
LOCAL 1-2**

VOL.LXII, NO. 552 MARCH 2023



## Utility Workers Union of America LOCAL 1-2

<b>President</b>	<i>James Shillitto</i>
<b>Vice President</b>	<i>William Smith</i>
<b>Secretary-Treasurer</b>	<i>John Capra</i>
<b>Senior Business Agents</b>	<i>Thomas Martin Frank Morales Darryl Taylor</i>
<b>Business Agents</b>	<i>Steve D'Auria Frank Dominguez Frank Feilecia Emilio Frederick Robert Griffin Rich Nasca Michael Peña Jean Washington Robert Vuono</i>
<b>Financial Observers</b>	<i>Wade Dennis Sharon Griffith Michael McCann</i>

### Executive Board

**Chairman -** *William Connolly*  
**Secretary -** *Christopher Katzmann*

<i>Timothy Burton</i>	<i>Archangelo Minetti</i>
<i>Kevin Byfield</i>	<i>Jack Mota</i>
<i>Paul Caminiti</i>	<i>Joel Pacheco</i>
<i>Cheryl Covington</i>	<i>Angelo Romano</i>
<i>Michael Crispino</i>	<i>Anthony Salomon</i>
<i>Bruce Edwards</i>	<i>Steve Sanguini</i>
<i>Ursula Grant</i>	<i>John Scarpa</i>
<i>Henry Gutierrez</i>	<i>Carmine Somma</i>
<i>Milagros Valentin-Graham</i>	<i>Ryan Steffenson</i>
<i>John Harris</i>	<i>Justo Vega</i>
<i>William House</i>	<i>Marc Vingelli</i>
<i>Shawn King</i>	<i>Joseph Wolfinger</i>
<i>Vinny Labocetta</i>	

**Safety Director**  
*Thomas Cunningham*

### Editor

*James Shillitto*  
Your Views and Comments Are Welcome

# IN THIS ISSUE

## President's Message

I want to give a big thank you.....3

## Vice President's Message

My thanks to the membership.....4

## Black History Month

Darryl K. Taylor.....5

## UWUA Scholarship Program

.....5

## State Labor Power 100

.....6

## Protect Working People

.....7

## Local 1-2 is in the Ivy League

.....8

## Women's History Month

.....9

## Local 1-2 agents in the field

.....10

## Financials

.....11-14

## Scenes from January Meeting

.....15

A photograph of President James Shillito, a middle-aged man with glasses, wearing a light blue and white checkered button-down shirt. He is seated in a dark brown office chair, gesturing with his right hand as if speaking. Behind him is a blue banner with a gold circular seal that includes the words "UTILITY WORKERS OF AMERICA".

A Message from President, James Shillito

## **I WANT TO GIVE A BIG THANK YOU**

Brothers and Sisters. I want to give a big “Thank you” to the Membership for your confidence in me and my team in the recent Union election. Also, the fact that we had a well-fought and thoughtful campaign shows the Bosses that we function as a democracy internally, yet act as One Voice when it comes to facing them.

This is Unionism at its finest. For that we should all be grateful. Certainly, I am humbled and grateful for the trust you have placed in me and my team of Vice President William Smith, and our Senior Business Agents, Business Agents, Executive Board, and Financial Observers. With these trusted Brothers and Sisters in place to advise and consent, there is no limit to what we can accomplish together in the years ahead.

We have a lot of work to do.

In early March, as many of you know, I was a speaker at the “Worker Power for Climate, Jobs and Justice Town Hall,” a virtual gathering. I also participated in a panel with other labor leaders from our National UWUA and from other Unions including DC37, NYSNA, and UAW 9A at the event. The Labor Movement and the Climate Justice Movement have come together to prepare for the

future as to how we will work and how we will live in a rapidly changing global weather climate.

As a member of the state’s Climate Action Council, I can tell you that we – the Utility Workers – are positioning ourselves to assume the jobs that come from the clean energy mandates that are barreling into the workplace. Whether it’s nuclear, wind, solar, thermal or any other source of renewable energy, Local 1-2 will be there.

The future has arrived, but we still have to take care of the existing power plants, overhead lines, underground gas, steam and electric grids, as well as water treatment facilities and obstructive trees. The good news is that the Local is growing again. This bodes well for all of us. There are billions of dollars available to build our new energy future and it will take millions of workers to accomplish the clean energy goals set out for us on the national, state and local levels.

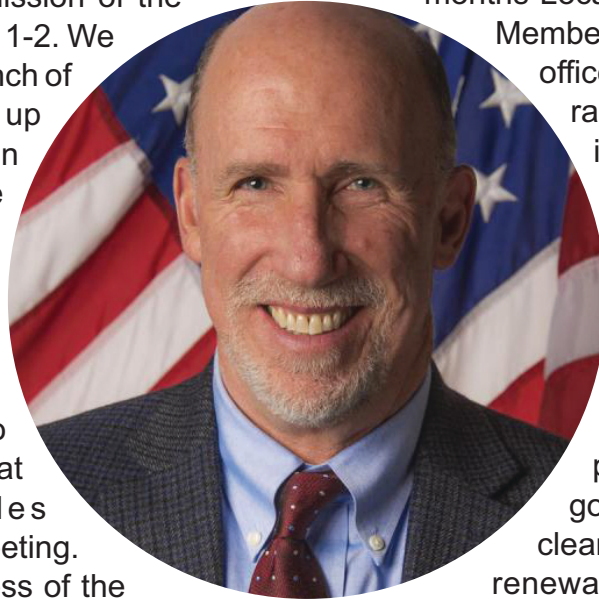
It’s going to be messy, it’s going to be hard, it’s going to be protracted. If the history of Local 1-2, UWUA, is any guide, we will be in the thick of it at every turn.



A Message from Vice President William Smith

## **My thanks to the Membership for your Participation in the February election.**

I too, along with President Shillitto, add my thanks to the Membership for your participation in the February election. It is humbling to be given this trust from you, our Union Brothers and Sisters. We put our Slate forward because we believe in Unionism, we believe in the mission of the UWUA, and we believe in Local 1-2. We are fortunate to have a deep bench of committed Members who step up to do service for their Union Brothers and Sisters. It can be on the job as a Shop Steward, working as volunteers in various Union initiatives, serving on boards and committees, and right up to being elected by your peers to Union office. Importantly, that commitment also includes attending your Membership Meeting. This is where the major business of the Union takes place. We put our ideas, our needs, our plans before the Membership for a vote. It is the most precious right you have as a Member of Local 1-2. Membership in the Union should never be taken lightly. It is only by joint effort that we meet the Bosses on a level field. We are backed by our Members. Without that support we would all get steam-rolled. Our solidarity is the reason we have delivered to the Membership more



than 30 agreements in recent years, spread across fourteen companies. And with every passing month, we have new Bargaining rounds to begin, again to secure the future for our Members with a new agreement. And over the past several months Local 1-2 has added scores of new Members to our ranks. Our new Union office renovations are coming along rapidly. None of us can wait to get into our new Union home which is ours and ours alone. But it was the Membership that approved the fund for this accomplishment and it will be the Membership that will benefit from having a real place to call home. All of this is taking place as our employers face government mandates to achieve clean energy goals and to create a renewable energy industry from the ground up or to repurpose existing facilities as Rise Light is doing in Queens. We are gearing up for a new world of energy generation and delivery. The UWUA is leading the way across the country and here at home Local 1-2 is emerging as a big player. We have the experience, we have the knowledge, we have the professionalism. But to get it all done, we need to be united.





# AFL-CIO SPOTLIGHTS UWUA FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Local 1-2's Senior Business Agent Darryl K. Taylor was singled out during the AFL-CIO's recognition of Black History Month in February as a tried and true trade Unionist. A higher calling if ever there was.



## UWUA NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APRIL 3, THERE WILL BE ONE \$10,000 AWARD

### UWUA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO (UWUA) established a scholarship program in 2022 in an effort to promote the solidarity of its members and encourage educational growth of the future generations of our labor organization.

#### Entry Eligibility

High school seniors who are the son or daughter of an active UWUA member.

#### Year of Eligibility

Students are eligible for entry into the scholarship drawing during the scholarship year that coincides with their graduation from high school, i.e., 2023 Scholarship/2023 High School Graduation.

#### How to Enter

Each year, there will be a drawing for each region (Regions I, II, III, IV, and V) for a \$2,000 scholarship, with the exception of the National Convention year, in which there will be one drawing for a \$10,000 scholarship. To be entered into the scholarship drawing, the student must submit a scholarship entry form to the National Union. **The 2023 deadline to enter is April 3, 2023.**

#### Selection of Award Recipients

An awardee/awardees will be selected in a blind drawing from all of the eligible entry forms submitted. Recipients will be recognized in the year selected.

#### Amount of the Award

#### Requirements for Payment of the Award

Recipients will receive the scholarship upon proof of acceptance and attendance at any university, college, or trade school, etc.

Go to: [www.uwua.net](http://www.uwua.net)

To fill out application

**The Local 1-2 Scholarship application will be in the May Record**

While he now serves as president of the Utility Workers Union of America Local 1-2, James Shillitto was a card-carrying power lineman for 30 years. A proposal to convert a Queens fossil fuel plant to clean energy was praised by Shillitto, saying workers are ready for its next chapter. He applauded state legislation to strengthen disaster preparedness by exempting utility workers from emergency travel bans. Shillitto is a member of the Clean Energy Jobs Coalition, which promotes a sensible approach to the clean energy economy.



## 36. James Shillitto

*President, Utility Workers Union of America Local 1-2*



James Shillitto / John Capra

**PROTECT  
WORKING  
PEOPLE**

**PASS THE PRO ACT**

AFL-CIO

Add Your Name

In Solidarity,  
Utility Workers Union of America

On February 28, 2023, ranking Member Bobby Scott (D-VA), House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Chairman Bernie Sander (I-VT), and Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) joined workers, AFL-CIO President Shuler, and other labor leaders to introduce the [Richard L. Trumka Protecting the Right to Organize Act \(PRO Act\), H.R. 20.](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/add-your-name-pass-the-richard-l-trumka-pro-act?source=direct_link&)  
[https://actionnetwork.org/forms/add-your-name-pass-the-richard-l-trumka-pro-act?source=direct\\_link&](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/add-your-name-pass-the-richard-l-trumka-pro-act?source=direct_link&)



**LOCAL 1-2 IS IN THE IVY LEAGUE,  
TWO MORE EARN CREDENTIALS FROM CORNELL,  
LABOR RELATIONS FROM THE IVORY TOWER,  
THEN TAKING IT TO THE BARGAINING TABLE**



Congratulations to Local 1-2 Business Agents Mike Pena and Steve D'Auria on their graduation from Cornell International Labor Relations (ILR) Union Leadership Institute. Pictured here with UWUA Local 1-2 President James Shillitto, we congratulate Mike and Steve on their graduation and their dedication to the Labor Movement and Local 1-2.

*Celebrate*  
**Women's History  
Month**



March is Women's History Month! Join us this month in honoring the contributions women past and present have made to both our union and our country.



## LEWIS TREE GETS EXPERT ROADSIDE SERVICE LOCAL 1-2 AGENTS OUT IN THE FIELD



Frank Dominguez and safety director Tom Cunningham out with Lewis Tree members.



@uwualocal12 #TBT





UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO  
LOCAL 1-2  
Statement of Financial Position (Continued)  
June 30, 2022

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Current liabilities:									
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	457,470	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 457,470
Liability for supplemental pension plan - current portion		22,600		-		-		-	22,600
Due to other funds		<u>1,294,775</u>		-		-		<u>(1,294,775)</u>	-
Total current liabilities		<u>1,774,845</u>		-		-		<u>(1,294,775)</u>	<u>480,070</u>
Non-current liabilities:									
Liability for supplemental pension plan - non-current portion		86,470		-		-		-	86,470
Total non-current liabilities		<u>86,470</u>		-		-		-	<u>86,470</u>
Total liabilities		<u>1,861,315</u>		-		-		<u>(1,294,775)</u>	<u>566,540</u>
Net assets		<u>(2,321,545)</u>		2,375,122		42,446		<u>6,512,832</u>	<u>6,608,855</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	<u>(460,230)</u>	\$	<u>2,375,122</u>	\$	<u>42,446</u>	\$	<u>6,512,832</u>	<u>\$ 7,175,395</u>

**UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO**  
**LOCAL 1-2**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the three months and six months ended June 30, 2022**

	Three Months				Six Months					
	General Fund (Without Donor Restrictions)	Defense Fund (Without Donor Restrictions)	Political Action Fund (With Donor Restrictions)	Building Fund (Without Donor Restrictions)	Total	General Fund (Without Donor Restrictions)	Defense Fund (Without Donor Restrictions)	Political Action Fund (With Donor Restrictions)	Building Fund (Without Donor Restrictions)	Total
Revenue:										
Dues and initiation fees	\$ 2,133,621	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 187,330	\$ 2,320,951	\$ 3,967,418	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 374,660	\$ 4,342,078
Interest and dividends	2,034	2,507	-	-	4,541	2,660	4,494	-	-	7,154
Other	1,351	-	-	-	1,351	1,351	-	-	-	1,351
Net assets released from restrictions	1,850	-	(1,850)	-	-	2,350	-	(2,350)	-	-
Total revenue	2,138,856	2,507	(1,850)	187,330	2,326,843	3,973,779	4,494	(2,350)	374,660	4,350,583
Expenses:										
Program services:										
Member services	1,978,499	981	-	-	1,979,480	3,948,174	1,963	-	-	3,950,137
Supporting activities:										
Management and general	342,075	245	-	-	342,320	633,624	491	-	-	634,115
Total expenses	2,320,574	1,226	-	-	2,321,800	4,581,798	2,454	-	-	4,584,252
Change in net assets	(181,718)	1,281	(1,850)	187,330	5,043	(608,019)	2,040	(2,350)	374,660	(233,669)
Net assets:										
Beginning of period						(1,713,526)	2,373,082	44,796	6,138,172	6,842,524
End of period						\$ (2,321,545)	\$ 2,375,122	\$ 42,446	\$ 6,512,832	\$ 6,608,855



**UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO**  
**LOCAL 1-2**  
**Statement of Functional Expenses**  
**For the three months and six months ended June 30, 2022**

	Three Months			Six Months		
	Program Services	Supporting Activities	Total	Program Services	Supporting Activities	Total
	Member Services	Management and General		Member Services	Management and General	
Salaries, benefits and related costs	\$ 902,802	\$ 225,700	\$ 1,128,502	\$ 1,716,030	\$ 429,008	\$ 2,145,038
Per capita taxes	610,197	-	610,197	1,413,673	-	1,413,673
Travel, meetings, conventions and negotiations	61,989	15,497	77,486	126,952	31,737	158,689
Occupancy costs	214,334	53,583	267,917	309,341	77,335	386,676
Office expenses	49,858	12,465	62,323	89,398	22,349	111,747
Donations	6,917	1,729	8,646	25,303	6,326	31,629
Professional fees	133,383	33,346	166,729	269,440	67,360	336,800
Total expenses	\$ 1,979,480	\$ 342,320	\$ 2,321,800	\$ 3,950,137	\$ 634,115	\$ 4,584,252

# SCENES FROM THE JANUARY NOMINATIONS MEETING



# Utility Workers Union of America

Local 1-2, Affiliated with AFL-CIO

5 West 37th Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY



**DATED MATERIAL - DELIVER IMMEDIATELY**

NON-PROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
NEW YORK, N.Y.  
PERMIT NO. 1615



# 1-2 UNION

# MEETING

## UWUA LOCAL 1-2 In Person Meeting

**Place:** Salvation Army Headquarters

120 West 14th Street, New York, NY 10011

**Date:** Thursday March 30, 2023

**Time:** 6:15 P.M.

**This Will Also Be a Virtual Meeting on Zoom**

**Admission Only To Members In Good Standing**

**To Register:** Send your name, personal email, the Company you work for, and your employee number to [localmeeting@uwua1-2.org](mailto:localmeeting@uwua1-2.org) by 12:00 noon on March 30, 2023

**Please note:** NO COMPANY EMAILS WILL BE ACCEPTED and if you register you will automatically be invited to the next three regular Virtual Union Meetings (registration is good for one year).

Questions and comments under New Business, Old Business, or Good of the Union should be sent via your personal email to [localquestion@uwua1-2.org](mailto:localquestion@uwua1-2.org) by 12:00 noon the day before the meeting.

We look forward to you attending.

Fraternally,  
John Capra  
Secretary-Treasurer