

POTUS MEETING WITH LABOR LEADERS

White House, Roosevelt Room

Monday, January 11, 2010

4:30-5:00pm

Background on labor leaders

Anna Burger, Chair, Change to Win

Anna Burger is the Secretary-Treasurer of SEIU and Chair of the Change to Win Federation. Prior to that, Burger served as SEIU Local 668's first female President and as SEIU's National Field Director. She and her husband, Earl Gohl, have one daughter, Erin. In February, 2009, Burger was appointed to YOUR Economic Recovery Advisory Board.

Richard Trumka, President, AFL-CIO

Rich Trumka was elected President of the AFL-CIO in September 2009, after serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL-CIO since 1995. In February 2009 Trumka was named a member of YOUR economic advisory panel. Trumka has been a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council since 1989. He and his wife Barbara have one son, Richard, Jr.

Dennis Van Roekel, President, National Education Association

Dennis Van Roekel was elected President of the NEA in 2008. Prior to that, he served two terms as NEA Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and president of the Arizona Education Association. He taught high school math for 23 years. He and his wife, Julie, have two adult sons and are now grandparents.

Andy Stern, President, Service Employees International Union

Andy Stern was first elected President of SEIU in 1996, succeeding John Sweeney. In 2005, Stern led SEIU out of the AFL-CIO and helped found Change to Win. Prior to that, Stern served as President of his Pennsylvania local and as the head of SEIU organizing efforts.

Joe Hansen, President, United Food and Commercial Workers

Joseph Hansen was elected President of UFCW in 2004. Prior to that, Hansen served International Secretary-Treasurer and before that as a leader and member of his meatcutters' local in Milwaukee.

Teny O'Sullivan, President, Laborers International Union of North America

Terry O'Sullivan has been President of LIUNA since 2000. Prior to that, O'Sullivan served the union as a Vice President, Mid-Atlantic Regional Manager, and Assistant to the General President. O'Sullivan is a member of the Governing Board of Presidents of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the AFL-CIO and a member of the Leadership Council of Change to Win.

Jim Hoffa, President, International Brotherhood of Teamsters

James Hoffa was elected President of the Teamsters in 1998 and re-elected in 2006. Prior to that, he served as an attorney for the Teamsters from 1968 to 1993. He and his wife Virginia have two grown children.

Gerald McEntee, President, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
McEntee has served as AFSCME President since 1981, recently re-elected in July 2008. Prior to that, McEntee served as a labor leader in Pennsylvania, served as Executive Director of AFSCME Council 13, and served as the AFSCME International Vice President. He is married to Barbara McEntee.

Randi Weingarten, President, American Federation of Teachers

Weingarten was elected as AFT President in July 2008. Before that, she served as AFT Vice President for eleven years and as President of the United Federation of Teachers, which position she recently stepped down to focus her efforts fully on the international.

Leo Gerard, President, United Steelworkers

Gerard was elected as USW President in 2001. Prior to that, he was director of USW District 6 for six years, National Director of the Canadian USW, and served as Secretary-Treasurer of the international union for eight years.

Ed Hill, President, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

Hill was re-elected as IBEW President in September 2006. Before that, he served as IBEW Secretary-Treasurer. Hill has worked for the IBEW for over fifty years.

Lany Cohen, President, Communication Workers of America

Cohen was elected as CWA President on August 29, 2005. Prior to that, he served as a CWA Staff Representative, as CWA New Jersey Area Director and Assistant to CWA Vice President for District 1, as CWA Director of Organizing, and as CWA Executive Vice President.