Recertification Voting Information

Vote from noon Thursday, April 7 through noon Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Vote by telephone at 1-866-458-9862 (toll free)

After providing information to verify that you are an eligible voter (the first four letters of last name and the last four digits of social security number), you will be asked, “Do you want to continue to be represented by (the name of your current union) for the purpose of collective bargaining?” You will be instructed on how to vote “yes” or “no” and asked to confirm your choice. You must confirm your choice for your vote to be recorded.

Vote online at http://www.aaaelections.org/WERC and follow the on-screen instructions for online voting.

If you experience trouble using the telephone or online voting system, call 1-800-529-5218 during the hours of 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday–Friday.

If you have any questions or problems placing your vote, please call Local 212 at 414-765-0910. If you reach our message system, please press 15 and leave a message for Richard Cohn.

President’s Message

By Dr. Michael Rosen
Local 212 President

It’s that time of year. And I don’t mean that spring is just around the corner.

No. It’s time for Local 212’s annual recertification election conducted by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC). The election will begin at noon on April 7 and continue through noon on April 27.

You will be able to vote by phone or online. It is critical that you vote whether you are a member of Local 212 or not. Anyone who doesn’t vote is counted as a NO vote. Last year 96% of MATC faculty, counselors, and professional staff voted YES for Local 212. As a result, Local 212:

- Negotiated the largest salary increase allowed by law
- Maintained our status as just cause employees
- Continued to provide faculty professional development through ER & D and Peer Support
- Advocated for members when loads were arbitrarily changed or members were mistreated by supervisors

- Fought for more full-time positions and against administrative waste
- Insisted that part-time faculty be included in establishing departmental credentials

Continued on page 2

Inside this issue...
President’s Message.............1
Retiree News....................2
Voter Guide........................3
President's Message, continued from page 1

- Demanded that faculty, counselors and professional staff be treated as professionals
- Worked tirelessly to prevent MATC from providing for-profit diploma mills access to our students
- Participated in designing the MATC Promise to ensure that students’ academic needs are fully addressed

Local 212 will hold voting kick-off parties on all four campuses on Thursday, April 7th.

Please mark April 7th and make plans to vote on that day. Once you vote, let us know so we can monitor the progress of the election. The WERC only provides us one update halfway through the election. So we need you to vote YES on the first day!

Act 10, the law mandating annual recertification elections and establishing the rules for the elections was designed to make it more difficult for public employees to have representation. Walker and his financial backers like the billionaire Koch brothers view educators, social workers, and other public employees as the enemy. They want to eliminate public employee unions because we are the most effective and organized opposition to their goal of privatizing education, Social Security and Medicare, driving down wages, slashing benefits and eliminating pensions and tenure. America’s working people and MATC’s employees need unions.

- Unions provide employees with a voice on the job and are essential to workplace democracy.
- Unions work to ensure that scarce tax dollars are invested in education, in our classrooms and labs, and not squandered on non-value added administrators.
- Unions guarantee employees due process and protection from arbitrary and capricious employer actions.
- Unions created the American middle class and the decline in union representation is a major reason that the middle class is vanishing in this country.

On April 7th vote YES for Local 212!!!

---

Retiree News: Getting to Know 212 Retirees

By Jennifer Madej
Retiree Chapter President

This month I would like to introduce you to one of our most loyal and enthusiastic members, Larry Janquart. He was a biology, chemistry, math, and bacteriology teacher for 35 years, mostly at the downtown campus. Since retiring in 1993, he has been busy keeping up with politics, history, and science. He comes to all of our chapter meetings and breakfasts. He is an active participant, contributing his thoughtful and sometimes humorous insights. Larry usually comes with his wife of over 60 years, Rose, and we’ve enjoyed getting to know her.

Larry is one of our Local 212 union heroes. He was chairman of the strike committee in 1969. He worked with Phil Blank to get collective bargaining for our union, which led to many advancements for MATC, our students, and the faculty.

If you’d like to meet Larry and other MATC retirees, we invite you to our next meeting on April 22, 2016, at Cuisine Restaurant at MATC-Milwaukee. If you are thinking about retiring but not quite there yet, you are welcome to join us anytime. Please contact Jennifer Madej at jmadej@local212.org, or call 262-797-9561 for more information about our chapter.

Larry Janquart. Photo by J. Madej.
Vote Chris Larson  
for Milwaukee County Executive  
Tuesday April 5th

He deserves our support because he

- Fought against Walker's cuts to technical education
- Fought against Act 10, the law designed to eliminate Local 212 and all public sector unions
- Is committed to reopening the Domes and investing in Milwaukee Parks
- Will invest in the Milwaukee Transit System our students rely on
- Will appoint MATC board members who value and support students and educators

Larson's opponent is a trust fund baby who has:

- Appointed critics of MATC to the MATC board over qualified candidates from Milwaukee County
- Failed to invest in the Domes and Milwaukee's parks while sticking Milwaukee taxpayers with an $80 million tab for a new basketball arena
- Given campaign contributions to Madison politicians who cut MATC's state funding
- Cut public safety funding while getting the County to pay $100,000 for his Hollywood limousine and bodyguards
- Supported Supreme Court candidate Rebecca Bradley, an anti-public education, anti-union zealot, in her election for the Circuit Court

Vote Chris Larson  
for Milwaukee County Executive  
Tuesday April 5th

Vote Joanne Kloppenburg  
for Wisconsin Supreme Court  
Tuesday April 5th

- Is an educator who has taught at the UW Madison Law School since 1990 and was honored as the Adjunct Instructor of the Year in 2011
- Is tough on corporate criminals
- Was elected and re-elected to her judicial posts unlike her opponent.
- Served for 23 years (1989-2012) as an assistant attorney general at the Wisconsin Department of Justice
- Is experienced in constitutional law, administrative law, environmental law, and all aspects of civil litigation in Wisconsin's circuit courts and in federal court
- Has Argued before the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

Her opponent:

- Worked effectively with both Republican and Democratic Attorneys General while at the Department of Justice
- Was appointed to all three positions by Scott Walker
- Is beholden to special interests
- Lacks the temperament to be fair and impartial.
- Labeled gay people “degenerates” and “queers” in a column she wrote for her college newspaper in 1992
- Wrote it was legitimate to argue that women “play a role in date rape”

Vote Joanne Kloppenburg  
for WI Supreme Court  
Tuesday April 5th
Join Us for a Three-Day Workshop

~ Earn credits toward professional development & recertification ~

ZERD 048: On Course Workshop I

The On Course I workshop is a learner-centered professional development event designed to provide you with innovative strategies for empowering your students to become active, responsible and successful learners. Join us for this major on-campus professional development event and learn proven methods for empowering your students to achieve their greatest potential in college...and beyond.

This course is open to all MATC employees and substitutes for

ZERD 101: Understanding Classroom Environments
in the new “Faculty Development for New Teachers” program. (2 credits)

Guest Facilitator: Eileen Zambora/On-Course Workshops