

SEA/SEIU Local 1984

The Conservative Voice

First listening session a hit

About a dozen conservative members participated in the first listening session held at NH Fish and Game in Concord. The event began with dinner as participants mingled followed by an introduction from conservative member committee chairman Dennis Etchells. The discussion started with what it means to be a union conservative with frank dialogue about politics, family, religion and feelings of isolation within our union. Participants discussed the ideal political candidate, talked about current issues dominating the SEA and national news. Participants were encouraged by the fact that there seemed to be more conservatives within our union than any of them realized. Committee members Tamara Feener, Karen Irwin and Tracy Rousseau assisted members during the course of the evening. **A second listening session is scheduled on 8/27.** All are welcomed.



Mitch Locker shares his thoughts with fellow conservative union members during the listening session.

Save the date: Next listening Session on 8/27

Pease Public Library Community Room is the site of the next in a series of listening session for conservative union members in the SEA. If you would like to participate in the next listening session, you have an opportunity to do that on August 27. The Conservative Member Committee (CMC) will conduct listening sessions across the state over the next few months. If you would like more information and/or you want to participate in an upcoming listening session please call Mason Petit CMC Coordinator at the SEA office at (603) 717-1983

Governor Sununu Vetoes SB 148

Republican sponsored Senate Bill 148 was vetoed by Governor Sununu who stated he felt this should be a subject of collective bargaining rather than enacted into law.

But, if he won't negotiate with us, how can that even happen?

SB 148 would require that all new public sector employees meet for a minimum of 1 hour with the SEA and other unions serving public sector employees. As a union this gives us the opportunity to address any benefits or concerns regarding joining a union. If you read through the bill, it is benign in every way and simply codifies existing practices. But it also requires that part-time employees be included. Part-time employees are under-represented in our state. Enacted into law, this Republican introduced and supported bill would go a long way to help build the conservative movement in the SEA. As the CMC grows and gets stronger, these new members will see that the CMC works on their issues and will continue to support them and their families in the future.

Only 31 conservative members of the House need to vote for override to make this happen.

Together we win.

The Conservative Members Committee wants you!

The Conservative Members Committee (CMC) meets every month at 5:00 to 6:30 on the fourth Wednesday at the SEA union office located at 207 N. Main St., Concord, NH 03301.

Conservative voters in the SEA account for about 30% of the total membership in our union. Organized, we would wield great power within the SEA and within the state of New Hampshire. Imagine the power of our lobbying effort when the legislature is majority conservative. But, even now with the legislature being majority liberal we have great power, if organized.

Join us as we engage our power. Let's use the strength we possess but haven't used. All it takes is going to an SEA meeting to make your voice heard. Your opinion, your goals, your values count. You can take that power to make change in our lives and the lives of our families and communities. You have the power to change public employment and the lives it touches. Use that power to improve the lives of our families, communities and the state of New Hampshire.

What are we currently working on?

1. Establishing a strong conservative committee
2. Highlighting safety and pensions as promises made
3. Communicating well with conservative members
4. Developing, supporting and electing labor conservatives
5. Making conservative visible in the SEA
6. Listening to and acting on your beliefs and values
7. Training and developing conservative activists
8. Getting politically active and visible

The Conservative Committee meeting is on 8/28 at 5:00 PM at the SEA Union office

Expect big things!