

CONSERVATIVE VOICE

Our Stated Objectives

What has been done? What can be done in the next few months?

Our goal is to activate conservatives to support the union and its goal of strengthening labor through emphasizing conservative values. We believe in the strength of the family, community, and of our own self determination. SEA provides the platform to accomplish our objectives and we have done well. The Conservative Members Committee (CMC) has actively pursued policies, rules, and laws supporting our objectives as conservatives and as labor.

Objectives

Accomplishments

Workplace Safety

Established a strong Committee

Strong Health Benefits

Improved Members Communication

Good Pension

Built relationships with Conservatives

Reasonable contract

Cultivated Strong Member Leaders

Partner with like minded conservatives

Proposed legislation

We must actively avoid the wedge issues that divide us. We have too much to lose to be dragged into issues that neither advance our stated goals, nor support the Mission and Vision established by the CMC. Let's get on with the work of the committee. That's where our power lies - the power of solidarity.

Life has a regrettable way of passing you by if you don't seize your own power and use it to position yourself for the future. Adding new members and then taking action to advance your issues (fair wages, safe workplaces, fully funded pensions and a real career ladder) will get everyone's attention. Otherwise, the wedge issues that are intended to divide us and weaken us will crop up again and again, robbing us of any forward movement.

Don't let this happen. Engage your power!

The Importance of Member Density

As a member you pay 1.25% of your wages to support your union and your work. The work you do benefits non-members. That's good for them and a problem for you.

The Governor likes to say that employees that are not members agree with him about the value of state workers. But, you talk to non-members every day and you know that simply isn't true. In fact, many of your non-member co-workers passively support our union and what you are doing to make their work better. We must ask them to join the SEA so that we can elevate the power of conservatives in SEIU1984. We need their numbers to vigorously apply pressure on the Governor and Legislature to honor state workers with respect and dignity.

New Hampshire politicians are now aware of the Conservative Members Committee (CMC) as a movement within the SEA, but, there's no sign they are taking us seriously - yet. If the committee gets larger and more active, neither the Governor nor the Legislature will be able to ignore us or the pressure we apply to the issues we know are important.

We are headed into an uncertain political time. The future of our movement is at stake. We need focus - focus on the legislature and its process. Legislators have a real effect on our day to day lives. The friendships we work to establish in the Legislature must have our continued attention.

You should feel proud of the work you have accomplished but there is much more to do. New Hampshire political realities as well as National realities will have an outsized affect on your work. Building alliances within our organization and within the state have to be the priorities going forward.

The Conservative Member Committee needs to step up now and recruit co-workers to continue this work. There is power in numbers. I will help you grow the committee in every way I can. If you need a lunch time meeting to help recruit members or if you want to do a door-to-door campaign, I'm available. This is your committee and your future as leaders of the CMC.