

POLITICAL DIRECTOR

State Employees' Association of NH, Inc., SEIU Local 1984, the largest union in New Hampshire, is looking for candidates who are outgoing, self-directed, organized, intellectually curious, and driven to succeed to fill the Political Director position

About Us:

State Employees' Association of NH, Inc., SEIU Local 1984, represents over 10,000 public and private sector workers in New Hampshire, all committed to defending and improving the varied and critical services we provide for our state's citizens. We work to build a stronger voice for our members.

Job Description:

Performs work of a professional and specialized nature related to legislative activity and political education. Work involves presentation before legislative committees and monitoring of the legislative and executive branches. Performs such other duties consistent with the individual's competency as may be assigned from time to time by the President. Works closely with President, and Board of Directors, and advises the organization on matters related to legislative and governmental activities.

Supervision:

Works under the direct supervision of the President.

Supervision Exercised:

Exercises some supervision over staff in directing political and lobbying efforts.

Example of Duties:

1. Advises Union leadership and management on matters concerning legislative and political issues.
2. Responsible for the development, coordination and execution of the activities of the Member Political Organizers.
3. Leads the development coordinates the execution of the Political Action and Legislative plans.
4. Assists in staff and member leaders in building capacity and membership engagement around political programs.
5. Supports, provides objectives, and advises the political education committee.
6. Establishes and maintains relationships with union members, coalitions of elected officials, community leaders, local agencies, and community residents, to increase empowerment and awareness through educational and systematic campaigns.
7. Attends and participates in meetings involving union staff, Board and Chapters and other meetings as may be required.

8. Plans and coordinates meetings between members and elected officials to discuss legislative issues and proposals and allow officials to respond to membership concerns.
9. Confers with legislators and elected officials to emphasize weaknesses or merits of specific bills to influence passage, defeat, or amendment of measure, or introduction of legislation more favorable to Union's interests. Studies proposed legislation to determine possible effect on interest of Union.
10. Contacts individuals and groups having similar interests in order to encourage them to also contact legislators and present views. Works in concert with the Communications staff to help shape and prepare news releases, messaging, political communications, and informational pamphlets and may conduct news conferences in order to state Union's views and to inform public of proposed legislation considered desirable or undesirable.
11. May attend and represent the Union at state and national association meetings. May instruct individuals or organization members in lobbying techniques. Encourages Union members and chapters having similar interest to contact elected officials and present views.
12. May contact regulatory agencies and testify at public hearings to enlist support for union's interests.
13. May be legally required to register with governmental authorities as lobbyist and to submit reports of regulated expenditures incurred during lobbying activities.

Preferred Qualifications:

Juris Doctor or Master's degree in Labor Employment Relations, Political Science, or Governmental Relations. Three to five years of prior experience in a related field. Experience/knowledge of NH political and/or legislative landscape and officials. Knowledge of labor employment law and/or State and local governmental and legislative functions.

Minimum Qualifications:

Four years of college education leading to a Bachelor's Degree in political science, government history or other comparable field and three years of practical experience as a legislative advocate and/or similar work or any combination. Ability to effectively communicate with individuals regarding legislation and the legislative process. Excellent written and verbal communications skills a must. Computer competency (Microsoft Office Suite) preferred. Valid driver's license required.

Salary and Benefits:

Salary \$70,345, negotiable based on experience. Excellent benefit package.

To Apply:

Please e-mail your cover letter and detailed resume, stating your interest and qualifications to baborn@seiu1984.org. Please put in the Subject Line: **Political Director Position** in your e-mail.

Deadline: April 1, 2020