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**Coffee Break**

May 2010

## **BALLOTING NOTICE**

### **UAW Local 2324 Elections May 2010**

The Local Union Election will take place on

**Wednesday, May 26, 2010**

Positions to be elected for a 3-year term are:  
Financial Secretary/Treasurer and Trustees

Voting will take place at the following locations:

**8am to 5pm Union Office**

**650 Beacon Street 4<sup>th</sup> floor (at Kenmore Square)**

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**12 noon to 2pm George Sherman Union**

**775 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 320-21**

**Take elevator to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (in hallway behind elevator)**

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Please review sample ballot on next page.

In order to be eligible to vote you must be a member in good standing.

Please bring your BU ID, Union Membership Card, or photo ID.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>President</u></b> Vote For Only One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chris Snook</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Vice President</u></b> Vote For Only One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Siteman</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Financial Secretary/Treasurer</u></b> Vote For Only One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Terry Canavan <input type="checkbox"/> Nancy Olson Garofalo <input type="checkbox"/> Catherine Kupa</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Recording Secretary</u></b> Vote For Only One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Selma L. Mayer</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Trustee</u></b> Vote For No More Than Three (3)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ali (Shakir) Al-Giezi <input type="checkbox"/> Therese Delprato (Terry D.) <input type="checkbox"/> Claude Green <input type="checkbox"/> Tessa Skinner <input type="checkbox"/> MICHAEL SWAN</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Guide</u></b> Vote For Only One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MELINDA A. PETERSON</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Grievance Committee Chair</u></b> Vote For Only One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> George Boag</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Grievance Committee</u></b> Vote For Only One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Robert Snee</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Steward</u></b> Vote For Only One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Richard S. Larkin</p>	

Greetings Members,

It has been nearly six years since I became the President of UAW Local 2324. During this time I have had to overcome a great deal of controversy, internal politics, and many tests by the Boston University management. It has not been all peaches and cream along the way, but the fight is one I still feel very passionate about. I feel very honored to be able to represent you for another three years. There is always room for improvement, and it is my promise to continue working hard to make our local one that everyone can be proud of.

I feel very confident with the addition of Terry Canavan to the local staff that great things are in store for our local's future! That being said with negotiations a year away, it is important to have a strong leadership team that is working towards the same goals. I am asking for everyone to support the group I feel will best prepare us for the tough battles that lie ahead over the upcoming year and beyond.

Please vote for my slate this Wednesday.

**President- Chris Snook**

**Vice President- Stephen Siteman**

**Recording Secretary- Selma Mayer**

**Financial Sec/Treas- Terry Canavan**

**Trustee(s) Claude Green, Tessa Skinner, Ali Al-Gezi (please re-elect)**

**Guide- Melinda Peterson**

**Chair of Grievance Committee- George Boag**

**Grievance Committee- Bob Snee**

Thanks for your continued support!

Chris Snook

Stephen Siteman

Greetings my sisters and brothers of UAW local 2324. I would like to take an opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Stephen Siteman. I have worked in the Media Group at Boston University for close to seven years. In that time I have been a member of the union, and I have held the position of Steward twice. I have decided to run for **Vice President** in the upcoming election.

In February of this year, I was lucky enough to attend the leadership seminar held at Black Lake in Michigan. At this seminar, many of our brothers and sisters in the UAW were present and worked toward a better understanding of how to best serve the members of their locals. I became very interested in getting more involved with our local, and to help in any way that I could to better serve the membership. On returning from the seminar, I began to stop by the local's office regularly, to help out in any way that I could. I have spent the last few months learning how our local works. I am looking forward to learning more, and to getting involved with negotiations with the university.

I believe that a strong union can make changes for the better, for all of its members. I believe that division within the union will cause us to be ineffective in our dealings with the university. Because of this, I am supporting the following people for the union's executive board for the election on Wednesday:

**President- Chris Snook**

**Vice President- Stephen Siteman**

**Recording Secretary- Selma (Sandy) Mayer**

**Financial Sec/Treas- Terry Canavan**

**Trustee(s)- Claude Green/ Tessa Skinner/ Ali Al-Gezi**

**Guide- Melinda Peterson**

In solidarity,

Stephen Siteman

Hello all- I'm Selma Mayer( aka Sandy), and have been your union Recording Secretary for this past term of 3 years. I have met many of you at membership meetings and luncheons and on campus when delivering Coffee Break.

This position entails taking the minutes at each meeting-- Membership, Work Place Council and Executive Board-- and transposing them into cogent computerized documents which are later read, voted on and bound into binders held in the Union Office. Additionally, it is my responsibility to analyze, ascertain documentation and sign off on ALL financial transactions. Other tasks have included communication with and preparation of new member materials.

In this position, I also sit on the Executive Board and Workplace Council. This presents the opportunity to see the real time workings of our members and of the B U administration, providing a window into the day to day issues, problems, and resolutions with which your president is confronted, and the actions necessary to resolve these situations. As well, I have met and worked in the office with many of our official regional union officers and representatives.

I am eager to maintain this post, to continue my efforts in aiding our officers to move our union forward and am seeking your vote for another term as your union Recording Secretary. The elections are **WEDNESDAY MAY 26 , 9-5** at the Union Office, 650 Beacon St. 4th floor.

Thank you. Selma

Terry Canavan

My name is Terry Canavan and I am running for Financial Secretary in the upcoming election.

I would like to thank my fellow members of UAW local 2324 for supporting and providing me the opportunity to fill David Ritchie's recently retired position as Office Administrator at our Local office. It is an honor and a pleasure to offer assistance to all my fellow members who call and stop by the UAW office.

I have worked at B.U. for ten years, mostly in the B.U. Office of Rental Property as an accountant prior to working with President Chris Snook as office administrator. Because a large part of my office duties involve finance, it makes sense to run for Secretary Treasurer. It will ensure that checks are co-signed promptly and accurately, and all financial records are in constant proper order for all our members, trustees, and auditors to review. My experience has been all about the daily balancing and reconciliation of accounts whilst presenting financial information in the simplest manner to all. Well organized and balanced records that are easily read and accessible is something I take very seriously.

Some of you know me as a member of our bargaining committee through two of the best contracts we've ever had. I have also served as Steward, Trustee, attend committee meetings, am a long time member on the Workplace Council, and generally assist our local in any way I can. You can also find me wheeling coolers across the B.U. campus and setting up and cleaning up at our union meetings, luncheons, and parties, selling Red Sox tickets, or delivering newsletters and new member union packets to our members.

This past February I attended the UAW leadership seminar held at Black Lake in Michigan. It taught us how to best serve the members of our locals. I also learned more about how fiscal responsibilities to our union are best served. It was also a refresher on how crucial it is to work together in harmony and unity within our union.

Only a strong union can ensure that our daily workplace is safe, comfortable, and remains financially secure. Because of this, I am supporting the following people for the union's executive board for the election on Wednesday:

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Respectfully yours in solidarity,

Terry Canavan

**Support your favorite animal rescue, or mine:**

<http://www.helpsaveone.org/index.html>

**Carm's recommendation for live time wildlife cam & safari drives in South Africa**

<http://www.wildearth.tv/home>

## **Sisters and Brothers of Local 2324.**

**Transparency and accountability is what I offer to bring to the position of Financial Secretary/Treasurer.** If you can't come to a meeting for whatever reason, I'll come to you and show you what you need or want to know.

In 2004, there were financial issues that I thought needed to be brought to your attention. You elected me as your Financial Secretary and we worked together to clear those things up. In 2010, I'm back again to say there are more financial issues a little bit different than 2004 that I've seen that need to be brought to your attention again that we need to work on. We were in the red in 2002 and 2003. Let's not have a repeat when it's not necessary.

And please remember, if someone tells you the finances of the local are confidential, you can tell them the U.S. Department of Labor has a website where you can see for yourself what the finances are for each year; not only of our local, but all other union locals. It's our Local, help keep it transparent and open.

**Please give me your vote on Wednesday, May 26 either before or after the luncheon that was planned in your honor. Thank you.**

This was submitted to the election committee on 5/21/10 by Nancy Olson-Garofalo

To the Members of Local 2324 UAW-TOPS

My name is : Michael Swan

I am asking for your vote in the upcoming local 2324 election. I have been at BU since 1993. Since then I have served the local as Vice President, and been very active as Steward for some years. It is important to stay involved in the local by attending meetings on a regular basis so as to keep informed so we can pass it on to the membership. Integrity: Refers to having righteous, moral and ethical behavior. Your word is the symbol of the real you. (if you say your going to do something, do it) If not, explain why? Then go about getting it done.

Vote for Michael Swan as TRUSTEE

Thank you.