

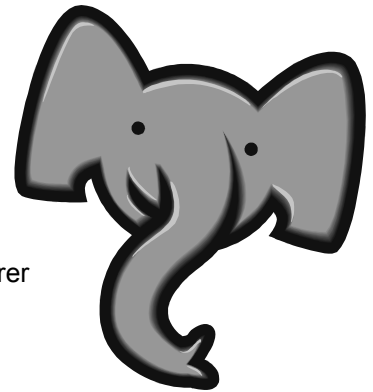


Manitowoc **GOP**

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County Party Call to Caucus January 17, 2015 9a Lincoln Park Cabin 2

Delegates and alternates will be selected to attend the district caucus and state convention. County party officers will also be elected. You must be a member in good standing to be a delegate at district caucus and/or state convention.

Please attend this very important meeting. The county constitution may be viewed online at the Manitowoc GOP website in the "members only" section. Only members in good standing may view the "members only" section of the website.

Circuit Court Judge James Daley to Run Against Supreme Court Justice Anne Walsh-Bradley

Judge Daley is a retired brigadier general who served this country for 36 years. He served as Rock County DA for three terms and was appointed circuit judge in 1989 by Tommy Thompson. Judge Daley has been re-elected five times. He summed up his judicial philosophy by saying, "It is essential that no judge interject his or her personal opinion into matters before the court, and judges must not be activists who legislate from the bench." Judge Daley has requested assistance collecting nomination papers. To find out more about his campaign and download nomination papers, go to daleyforwisconsin.net.

Call for Nominations

At the county caucus, all county party offices are up for election. Members in good standing may nominate someone for an office. To nominate someone, you may email Collin Braunel, chairman, with your nomination, at collin@braunel.com. Members may also nominate someone from the floor at the county caucus on January 17.



Representative Andre Jacque, Caleb and Michaela with Molly and Jeff Dewane at the Two Rivers Holiday Fantasy Parade November 29, 2014





Representative Andre Jacque and Representative-elect Joel Kitchens attend a FACT meeting at Two Rivers High School.

MPSD....Did You Know.....

Salary for the MPSD school superintendent is \$143,000 per year plus benefits.

Assembly Committee Appointments

Representative Andre Jacque will chair the Labor and Interstate Affairs committees. Representative Paul Tittl will chair the Mental Health Reform committee and is vice chair of the Consumer Protections committee. Representative-elect Tyler Vorpagel is vice chair of the Campaign and Elections Committee.. Representative-elect Joel Kitchens is vice chair of the Education committee.

Governor Walker, Assembly representatives and state senators will be inaugurated January 5, 2015, starting with Governor Walker at 11a.



Representative Paul Tittl helps make Christmas cookies for Faith Church's annual Christmas dinner.



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25 School District Unions Decertified Statewide

In elections that ended November 25, workers voted to decertify 25 school district unions that sought recertification. There were 100 fewer unions than last year seeking recertification. In 2013, 408 units sought recertification. This year, the number was down to 305.

Under Act 10, the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC) is required to hold annual recertification elections for unions associated with school districts. Unions must attain "yes" votes from 51 percent of eligible union members to continue serving as an authorized collective bargaining unit.

This year's elections occurred from November 5th to 25th and 305 unions filed for recertification. 25 unions lost their recertification votes. Workers cast their votes using a telephone voting system managed by WERC.

The Appleton Area Substitute Teachers Association was the largest union to lose its recertification vote. Only 122 of the 270 members (45 percent) voted in favor of the union.

Members of the Elkhorn Education Association - the district's main teachers' union - also voted to decertify in this year's election. This was the second largest union to lose a vote, only gaining support from 43 percent of members.

A union representing engineers at Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) also lost its vote. IUOE Local 420 received 45 percent of the vote from eligible members, resulting in decertification.

If a union chooses not to seek recertification or loses its recertification vote, it can no longer represent employees at the bargaining table. Since Act 10 went into effect, public sector unions are only allowed to negotiate base-level pay which cannot exceed inflation.

More than 80 unions lost recertification votes during last year's elections, which may have led to fewer unions seeking recertification this year. In 2013, 408 unions filed for recertification. That number dropped this year to 305.

Most major Wisconsin school district unions that filed for a recertification vote garnered more than 51 percent of their members' support. Members of unions representing teachers at MPS and Madison's schools both voted to approve their collective bargaining units.

Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) - the state's largest teachers' union - President Betsy Kippers claimed, "Wisconsin education unions are alive and well." It seems WEAC may be trying to hide its quickly fading support from members.

Kippers tried to neatly portray this year's elections as a success for unions, but other union bosses have cranked up the rhetoric in the past. Before last year's recertification elections, a local union boss compared it to communist China.

"Gov. Walker and his Employment Relations Commission are taking a page right out of the play-book of communist China, making a complete mockery of the idea of fair elections," said Boyd McCamish, Executive Director of AFSCME Council District 48, at the time.

McCamish was clearly against the recertification elections and spoke out against the timing, which fell over Thanksgiving break. The reason for the timing, however, was because Dane County Judge Juan Colas tried to delay the elections. The Supreme Court overturned his decision last year and the elections took place from November 29th to December 19th.

This year's recertification elections saw fewer fireworks as union bosses tried to prolong the status quo. The results seem to show many union members are headed in a different direction.

Senate Committee Appointments

Senator-elect Devin LeMahieu will chair the Senate Committee on Elections and Local Government; will co-chair the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions and was also appointed to the Agriculture, Small Business and Tourism plus the Health and Human Services committees. Senator Frank Lasee will chair the Senate Committee on Housing and Trade; will be vice chair of the Natural Resources and Energy committee; co-chair of the Joint Committee on Retirement Systems plus was appointed to the Judiciary and Public Safety committee. Both LeMahieu and Lasee were appointed to the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules.



District Attorney Jackie LaBre at the DARE graduation on December 2, 2014



Senator-elect LeMahieu took this lovely photo of the Capitol Christmas tree while in Madison for legislator training.



Congressman-elect Glenn Grothman was appointed to the House Committee on Education and Workforce Development. He is one of 22 Republicans on the committee. The committee tackles issues of K-12 education, higher education, workforce training, employment, labor and pensions.



Chairman Collin Braunel at the December general membership meeting, discussing the upcoming county caucus.



Glenn Grothman at the Lakeshore Holiday Parade in Manitowoc November 26.