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### SEIU Unveils Membership Pins – Looks Back on 40 Years of Advancement for State Employees

By Jeremy Tripp, SEIU Executive Director

For nearly 40 years, SEIU Local 517M has proudly represented public employees across the State of Michigan.

During that time, we've stood together to negotiate higher wages, create and maintain affordable health care benefits, ensure paid time off, improve workplace safety and protect each other from unjust and unfair treatment in the workplace.



“While it hasn’t always been easy, we have consistently fought for what is right, stood by one another and exemplified dedication and professionalism throughout state government.” said, SEIU Local 517M President, Joey Combs.

In recognition of that commitment and to acknowledge the services our members provide, SEIU Local 517M has designed a special membership pin for all members to proudly wear or display because at 517M, Membership Matters!

Due to expected delays in the U.S. Postal Service, membership pins were mailed last week and are expected to arrive between now and Labor Day.

“I just received my SEIU 517M membership pin in the mail. As a 36 year member, I know the pin represents 4 decades of hard work and progress on behalf of our members. We can accomplish great things when we support each other by supporting our Union. Thanks for the pin.” John Eck, SEIU Local 517M Treasurer.

Also included in the mailing was a brief message around dues reauthorization, a “thank you” to all members who have reauthorized, and step-by-step instructions for those who still need to take action before the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

[Click here to learn more about dues reauthorization and its importance.](#)

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## **Notice of Election for Technical Unit Vice President**

By Dave Corrie, SEIU Staff

The Technical Unit of SEIU Local 517M (UTEA) is holding an election for Unit Vice President for a 3-year term of office. If you are interested in running for this office, the Candidate Petition Form is available on the website and by clicking the link below. Candidate Petition Forms will be accepted between August 1, 2020 and Noon on September 4, 2020. The election calendar is shown below:

- September 4, 2020 (at Noon) Deadline for Return of Candidate Petition Forms & Photos.
- September 14-25, 2020 Electronic Voting Available. Ballot links will be sent via email to members.
- September 21, 2020 Deadline for requesting a paper ballot.
- September 25, 2020 Electronic Voting ends at 5:00 p.m.
- October 1, 2020 Ballots Counted and Election Certified by Election/Tally Committee.
- November 1, 2020 Newly Elected Vice President takes office.

[Candidate Petition Form](#)

## **Tip of the Week from Employee Service Program**

Submitted from the Civil Service Employee Services Program

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic currently impacting state employees and their families, the Employee Service Program (ESP) has created a short weekly video series outlining tips and suggestions to support wellness and foster resilience during these unprecedented times. Each video is around three minutes long and covers a different topic. These topics can also be applied to non-state employees as well!

Videos:

[Tip of the Week #1: Create a Purposeful Stress Management Plan](#)

[Tip of the Week #2: Try Mindfulness](#)

[Tip of the Week #3: Practice Reframing](#)

[Tip of the Week #4: Exercise Works!](#)

[Tip of the Week #5: Stay Connected!](#)

[Tip of the Week #6: Rethinking Drinking](#)

[Tip of the Week #7: Parenting During COVID-19](#)

[Tip of the Week #8: Practicing Compassion](#)

[Tip of the Week #9: Focusing on What's in Your Control](#)

## **Latest COVID-19 Information is Available on our Website**

By Dave Corrie, SEIU Staff

SEIU Local 517M is working diligently to keep you informed with the latest information on the spread of COVID-19 and the steps taken to contain the virus from the Governor's office and SEIU International. We have dedicated a section of our website as a resource to members containing this information.

Please keep checking back for the latest information at:

<http://www.seiu517m.org/2020/07/13/covid-19-updates-and-resources/>