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## The President's Report | By Dennis R. Arrington

Brothers and Sisters,

It is amazing how quickly four years can go by. I have been reminded of this fact at each of the Union's conventions I have attended over the last 35 years. The convention is the center of gravity for the Union. It is a time to attend to union business but it is also a time for us to reconnect with our beloved and esteemed delegates and recharge our batteries collectively. It is where we set the agenda for the next four years and ITPEU 2018 Convention was no different. The convention featured numerous guests from the ITPEU benefit funds and offered an open forum for delegates to address them. We heard from various guest speakers from the OPEIU, including OPEIU International President Rich Lanigan and OPEIU International Vice-President Michael Goodwin. They addressed and educated the ITPEU convention delegates on important issues related to retirement and to benefits for members-only. If you happen to work with one of the ITPEU convention delegates who attended, please ask them to share

their experience and any information which they found helpful and edifying. It is my sincerest hope that all ITPEU convention delegates enjoyed spending time with their fellow brothers and sisters from across this great nation and that they returned to their places of work enthused, energized and ready to organize!

The ITPEU/OPEIU Local 4873, AFL-CIO participated in the I AM rally in Memphis, TN, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We are all aware of his contributions to civil rights and race relations but few are aware of his dedication to the labor movement. Dr. King recognized organized labor as key to establishing a more level playing field and giving our poorest citizens a chance to enter the middle class and live the "American Dream." Dr. King was assassinated while in Memphis, TN, in solidarity with striking AFSCME sanitation workers. Thousands of Union members marched in the I AM demonstration, from the AFSCME office building to the Mason Temple, where Dr. King delivered his famous and prophetic "Mountain Top" speech.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer.



**ITPEU President Dennis R. Arrington and OPEIU President Richard Lanigan meet with Senate Minority Leader Charles "Chuck" Schumer in Washington, D.C. to discuss important issues to America's working families.**

**L-R: Mike Bodinsky, Esq., OPEIU International VP and Executive Director of OPEIU Healthcare, PA, Tom Perez, DNC Chair and former US Secretary of Labor, Dennis R. Arrington, ITPEU President.**



**ITPEU President Dennis R. Arrington meets with civil rights icon Reverend Jesse Jackson in Memphis, TN.**

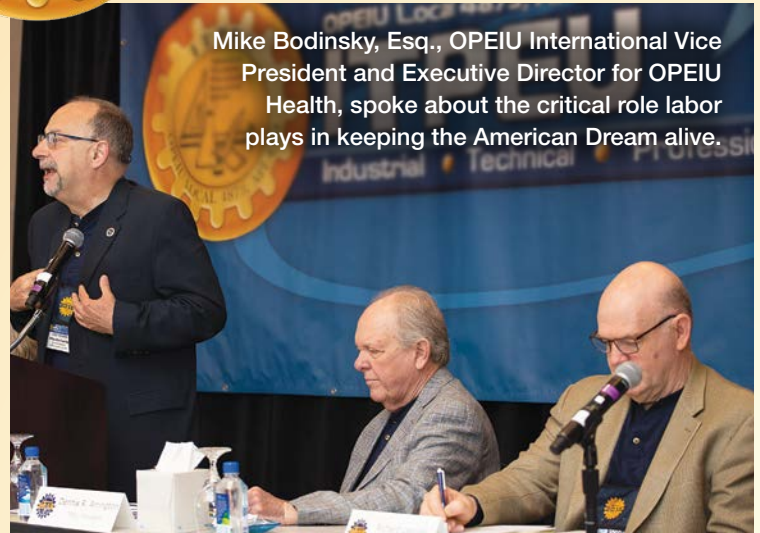
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# ITPEU 2018 CONVENTION



ITPEU Convention 2018 Delegate Jessie Fisher (L), Fort Lewis Shop Steward, and Trina Campbell (R), Tacoma Branch Representative, look on as Chris Heery, ITPEU H&W Fund Office Representative, navigates the ITPEU Benefits Website.



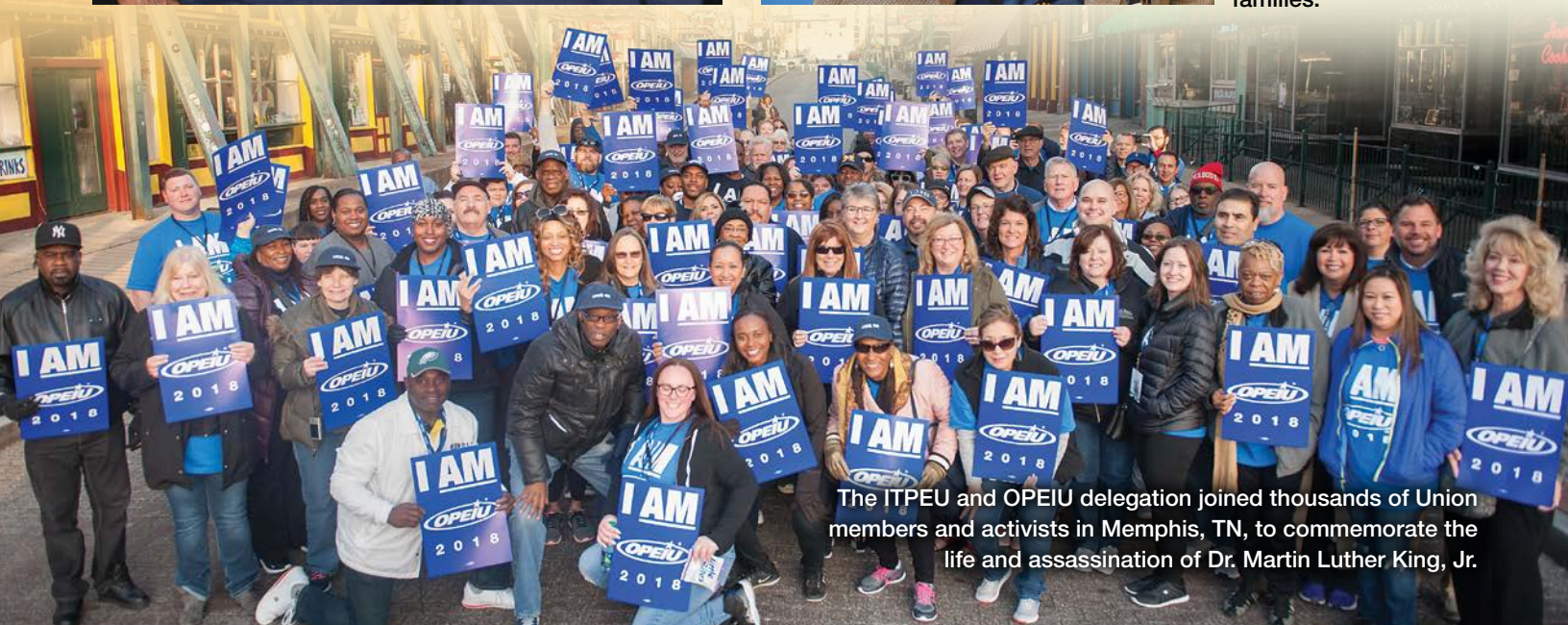
Mike Bodinsky, Esq., OPEIU International Vice President and Executive Director for OPEIU Health, spoke about the critical role labor plays in keeping the American Dream alive.



ITPEU Convention 2018 Delegate Debra Williams (L), Shop Steward, Fort Knox, stands with Wilma "Coco" Zimmerman (R), ITPEU Representative from the Louisville Branch.



OPEIU International President, Rich Lanigan, educated the delegates on the importance of managing retirement savings and protecting ourselves from predatory practices - a poignant reminder of how dreams can be lost in a system which takes advantage of innocent working families.



The ITPEU and OPEIU delegation joined thousands of Union members and activists in Memphis, TN, to commemorate the life and assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.





ITPEU Convention 2018 Delegate James Gholston, Shop Steward, Maxwell/Gunter AFB, AL, receives a plaque commemorating his 42 years of membership. James is the ITPEU's longest running Shop Steward and the embodiment of what our Union stands for.



ITPEU Convention 2018 Delegate Jennifer Woods, Shop Steward, Fort Hood, TX, receives a plaque commemorating her 28 years of membership.



ITPEU Convention 2018 Delegate Brenda Carter, Shop Steward, Fort Polk, LA, receives a plaque commemorating her 25 years of membership.



ITPEU Convention 2018 Delegate Emma Teddlie, Shop Steward, Lackland AFB, TX, receives a plaque commemorating her 32 years of membership.



OPEIU Senior Representative and Organizer, Paul Bohelski, speaks on the struggles and triumphs of the labor movement and his experiences working with the ITPEU/OPEIU Local 4873, AFL-CIO

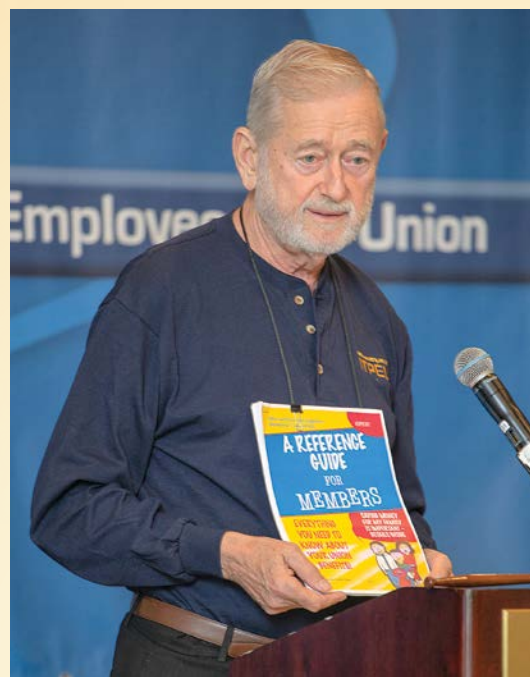


Spring Lake Delegation (L-R Back Row): Elvis Imes, Fort Bragg Security Shop Steward; Troy Fraley, Womack Army Hospital Shop Steward; Maurice Simmons, Fort Bragg Security Shop Steward; Denise Moore, ITPEU Representative (L-R Front Row) Cindy Diehm, ITPEU Vice President; Linda Waters, Camp Lejeune Shop Steward; Amanda Brady, Camp Springs Branch Administrative Assistant; Linda Sessoms, Camp Lejeune Chief Shop Steward.





ITPEU President and OPEIU International Vice President, Dennis R. Arrington, delivers the keynote address to the delegates.

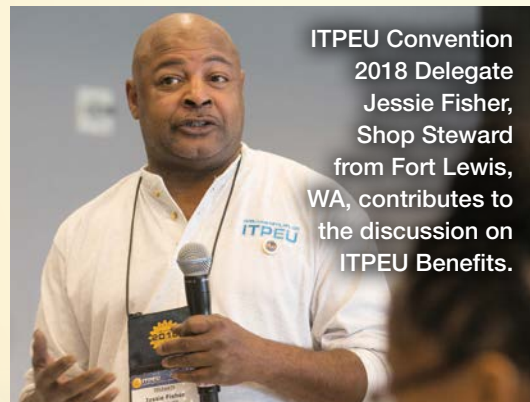


OPEIU International Vice President, Michael Goodwin, walked the delegates through the "The Reference Guide for Members" which he inspired to maximize access and knowledge of the extensive "Members Only" benefits package available to all ITPEU members.

Wilma "Coco" Zimmerman, Louisville Branch Representative, Thomas Bohelski, Savannah Branch Representative, and Ruthie Jones, Las Vegas Branch Representative, explore ITPEU and OPEIU websites and apps.



L-R: Michael Goodwin, OPEIU Intl. Vice President; Paul Bohelski, OPEIU Intl. Senior Representative; Richard Lanigan, OPEIU Intl. President; Dennis R. Arrington, ITPEU President and OPEIU Intl. Vice President; Mike Bodinsky, OPEIU Intl. Vice President.



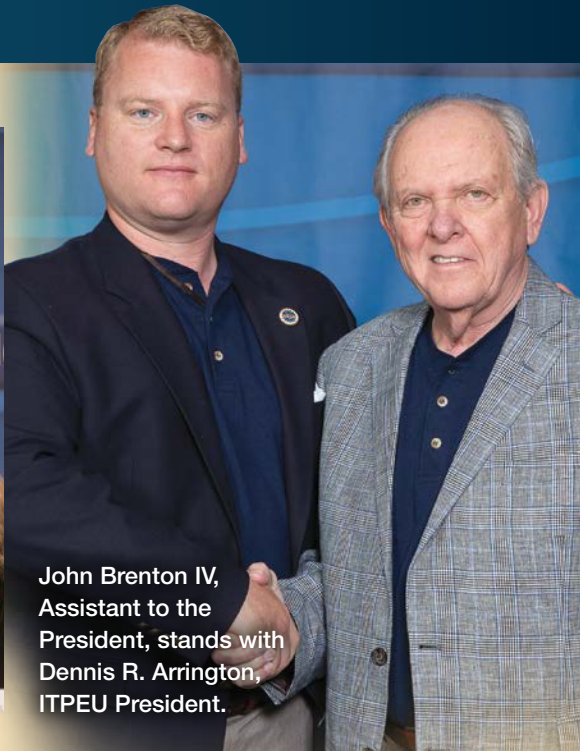
ITPEU Convention 2018 Delegate Jessie Fisher, Shop Steward from Fort Lewis, WA, contributes to the discussion on ITPEU Benefits.







ITPEU Convention 2018 Delegate and 35 year member, Sandy Squirewell, Shop Steward, Fort Jackson, SC, reads ITPEU Resoution aimed at protecting contract jobs on government installations.



John Brenton IV, Assistant to the President, stands with Dennis R. Arrington, ITPEU President.



Gerald Johnson, Las Vegas Taxi Driver, reads the ITPEU resolution which addresses ridershare and contracting initiatives which pose an imminent threat to the livelihood of taxi drivers.



Susan Murray, Esq. ITPEU Benefit Funds Counsel, delivers a primer on Presidential Executive Orders and ERISA Law.



ERISA Systems Administrators Mike Palumbo (L) and Joe Corcoran (R) address questions and comments from the delegates.



ITPEU Convention Delegates work hard and listen diligently to ensure that they return to their places of work informed and better able to serve their union brothers and sisters.





ITPEU Convention 2018 Delegate Elvis Imes, Shop Steward, Fort Bragg, NC, reads the ITPEU's Resolution regarding Security Officers.



Savannah Delegation: (Back Row L-R): James Gholston, Shop Steward, Maxwell AFB; (also pictured: Mike Kilgo, Las Vegas Branch Organizer/Representative); Thomas Bohelski, Savannah Branch Representative; John Brenton IV, Assistant to the ITPEU President; (Front Row L-R) Natasha Gray, Shop Steward, Fort Gordon, GA; Ruth Brown, Shop Steward, Fort Jackson, SC; Sandy Squirewell, Chief Shop Steward, Fort Jackson, SC; Dennis R. Arrington, ITPEU President

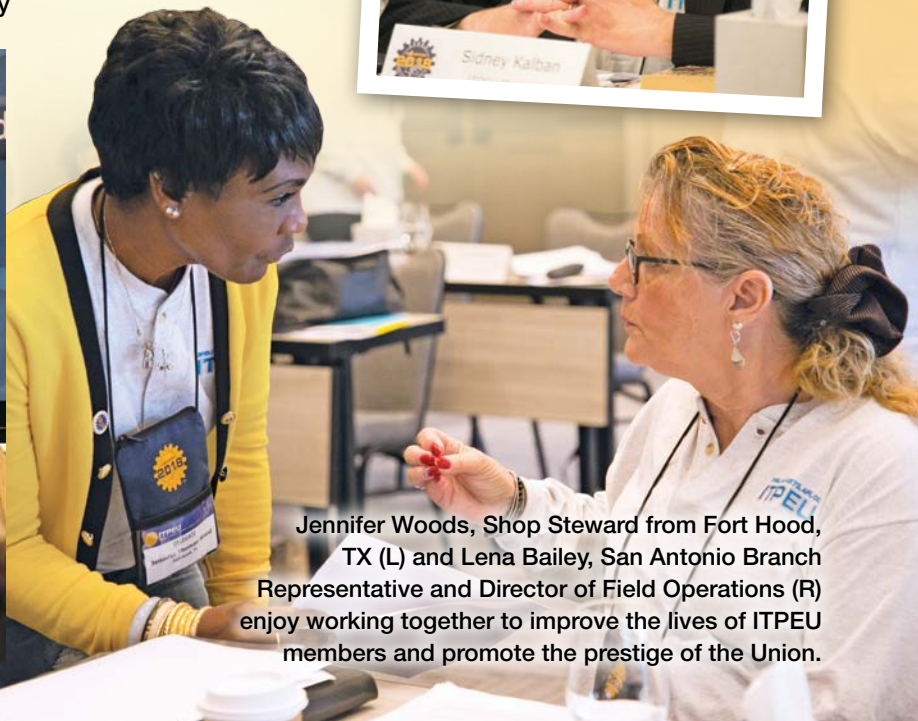


ITPEU H&W Fund Panelists are willing and able to explain the challenges to the health care in the United States and are confident that the ITPEU is weathering the storm (L-R): Chris Heery, ITPEU H&W Office Representative, Kathy Heery, ITPEU H&W Fund Administrator, Reed Joiner, ITPEU Benefit Funds Actuary

Sid Kalban, Esq., ITPEU's sole Legal Counsel for 42 years, delivers an overview on the Service Contract Act, which most ITPEU members work under.



John Brenton IV, ITPEU Assistant to the President, delivers a slide presentation about web access and Union websites/apps.



Jennifer Woods, Shop Steward from Fort Hood, TX (L) and Lena Bailey, San Antonio Branch Representative and Director of Field Operations (R) enjoy working together to improve the lives of ITPEU members and promote the prestige of the Union.

## NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS – ITPEU/OPEIU LOCAL 4873, AFL-CIO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with Article X, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Industrial Technical & Professional Employees Union/OPEIU Local 4873, AFL-CIO ("ITPEU"), nominations will be open from Monday, July 2, 2018, through Tuesday, July 31, 2018, for the following ITPEU Officer and Delegate positions:

*President*

*Secretary-Treasurer*

*Vice President*

*4 Executive Board Members at Large*

*25 Delegates to the ITPEU Convention*

*5 Alternate Delegates to the ITPEU Convention.*

The President, Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President and Executive Board Members at Large will also be ex-officio Delegates to the ITPEU Convention. In addition, the President, Secretary-Treasurer and Vice President shall be the ITPEU's Delegates to the regular and any special National Convention of the OPEIU.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Any member is eligible for nomination to and election as a Union Officer or as a Delegate to the Union Convention provided that member (1) is a member in good standing at the time of both nomination and election; (2) has been a member in good standing of the Union for at least two years immediately preceding the date of the closing of nominations; and (3) has had at least 180 days of employment (not including vacation time) in a collective bargaining unit represented by the Union in each of two out of the three calendar years immediately preceding 2018 (i.e., 2015, 2016 and 2017), provided that time spent by members holding office in the Union or engaged in official Union business shall be considered as employment time for these purposes.

### NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Any member may be nominated or may nominate another member for the offices of President, Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President or Executive Board Member at Large, or for Delegate to the Union Convention. The nomination petition must be signed by at least one hundred fifty (150) members in good standing. The members in good standing who sign the nomination petition must include at least five (5) members in good standing from each of at least ten (10) different bargaining units. The nomination petition must be received at ITPEU Headquarters no later than 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, addressed as follows:

Credentials and Tally Committee  
c/o Dennis R. Arrington, President  
ITPEU/OPEIU Local 4873, AFL-CIO  
14 Chatham Center S., Unit B  
Savannah, GA 31405

It is the responsibility of the nominee to verify the good standing of each member endorsing the petition and to make sure the petition is timely received at the above address. Please note that no member may be nominated for more than one position.

Printed nomination forms will be available upon request from your ITPEU Representative and from ITPEU Headquarters, beginning July 2, 2018. The petition must be dated and must contain the following:

1. The full name of the candidate.
2. The candidate's home address, mailing address (if different) and Social Security number.
3. The number of the candidate's last dues receipt, or the identity of the employer and work site if dues are paid in accordance with a dues check-off system.
4. The title of the office or other job for which the member wishes to be a candidate.
5. The printed names, signatures and membership numbers of 150 members in good standing, including at least five (5) members in good standing from each of at least ten (10) different bargaining units.
6. Evidence of qualifying employment time.
7. A certificate annexed in the following form, signed and dated by the candidate: "I hereby accept the nomination for the office of \_\_\_\_\_. I certify that I am not now, nor for the five (5) years last past, have I been convicted of, or served any part of a prison term resulting from conviction of robbery, bribery, extortion, embezzlement, grand larceny, burglary, arson, violation of narcotics laws, murder, rape, assault with intent to kill, assault which inflicts grievous bodily injury, or violation of title II or III of the Landrum-Griffin Act, or conspiracy to commit any such crimes."

**TO BE TIMELY, THE NOMINATION PETITION MUST BE RECEIVED AT ITPEU HEADQUARTERS AT THE ABOVE SAVANNAH ADDRESS NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2018.**

### VISIT US AT [ITPEU.ORG](http://ITPEU.ORG) AND [ITPEUBENEFITS.ORG](http://ITPEUBENEFITS.ORG)!

The ITPEU has made tremendous strides in offering resourceful, user friendly platforms for ITPEU members. Access your personal benefit accounts, stay abreast of news and material modifications to the ITPEU Plans, and find savings and benefits for members only! We also have an app available for android and iOS which makes navigating the website and accessing your benefits that much easier.







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