

Marty Warren District Director

March 2015

To: All District 6 Local Unions and Staff Representatives

Dear Sisters & Brothers:

## RE: Outstanding Service Awards – Unsung Heroes

Every local union has individuals, within its rank and file membership, who make significant contributions to our union and labour movement without fanfare or comment. These brothers and sisters lead by example in many areas: leadership, organizing, volunteerism, political action, service to our membership, and/or community service among others.

These rank and file heroes go largely unnoticed and, too often, do not get thanks or any formal recognition for the important role they play in the growth and health of our union, and the labour movement as a whole. District 6 does acknowledge these "Unsung Heroes" with our Outstanding Service Awards. We are seeking nominations of activists within your local union who have shown that special dedication and commitment and should be honoured by our Union.

A selection committee will be reviewing nominees for Outstanding Service Awards under the following headings:

• **Leadership** – individuals that have demonstrated leadership in their activities within the local union or community.

• **Organizing** – members who have made a significant contribution to an organizing drive or have been active in union-progressive organizing activities within their local union or community.

• **<u>Volunteerism</u>** – we have sisters and brothers who work tirelessly within the community and their local union as volunteers enhancing the community profile of the United Steelworkers as good community citizens.

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• **<u>Political Action</u>** – members active in the workplace and community promoting our social democratic philosophy through their activities in political lobbying, local union campaigns and civic, provincial or federal elections.

• <u>Service to the Membership</u> – those individual members in the local union that have, in some significant way, distinguished themselves by providing a service to the members.

• **<u>Mentoring</u>** – members active in growing our Union as mentors to our women and youth, providing guidance to these aspiring activists within our organization.

Completed nomination forms should be received at the District 6 office no later than June 30, 2015. All nominations will be reviewed by the Nomination Selection Committee and winners will be announced at our Conference.

In Solidarity, auty

Marty Warren, District 6 Director

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## NOMINATION FORM

## **2015 DISTRICT 6 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD**

(please type, or print/write CLEARLY)

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Local Union: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (*including postal code*):

Home Phone Number (including area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number (*if different from home phone*): \_\_\_\_\_

## **1. COMPLETE EITHER A OR B OR BOTH**

- a) Please indicate on the following list which of the areas outlined in the accompanying letter your nominee has excelled in commitment, effort and support to the membership, local, area council and union.
  - Leadership
  - Organizing
  - Volunteerism
  - Service to the Membership
  - Political Action / NDP
  - Mentoring

Please describe in detail the nominee's specific contributions in the above areas you have marked:

(use additional paper if more space required)

b) Describe in detail the extraordinary effort or special contribution your nominee has made:

(use additional paper if more space required)

2. Please provide a short biography of the nominee:

(use additional paper if more space required)		
Nominated by	Date	
Signature		

This nomination form must be received at the District 6 Office – 200 Ronson Drive, Suite 300, Etobicoke, ON M9W 5Z9 by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in order to be eligible for the selection process.