

CONVENTION LAUNCHES UNION POWER PROGRAM: UNITE • BUILD • CHANGE



At the heart of this year's 28th Delegate Convention was the theme "UNITE our people. BUILD our power. CHANGE our future", setting the tone for the work our Union has ahead of us.

Cade Watanabe laid out exciting plans to prepare the union to bring our full united strength to the table in the next contract negotiations, which are coming up fast.

Local 5 committee leaders shared how union members don't need to be scared of the boss at work. They reported on how they united their coworkers to take on the boss and win by pushing back together.

Shop stewards reported on the union's successful shop steward training program, an investment to make sure we can enforce the contracts we fought so hard to win.

Convention delegates heard messages of support from Governor Josh Green, Honolulu Council Chair Tommy Waters, and Nia Winston, Secretary-Treasurer of our International Union. Kevin Holu, President of the Hawaii Teamsters Local 996, spoke about the long history of friendship and solidarity between Local 5 and the Teamsters.

Delegates voted unanimously to pass an updated two-year budget to ensure the union gathers the resources needed to win our contract goals against increased management and government pressure.

With more and more attacks on workers coming from our employers and from the government, right now is the time for us to build real power at the workplace, across our core industries, and in our community.



"As we grow our power at work & in our communities; we must be bolder in our aspirations, more strategic & intentional in our actions, and bring about more urgency to the task of uniting *our* people, to build *our* power and ultimately change *our* world."

-Cade Watanabe, Financial Secretary-Treasurer