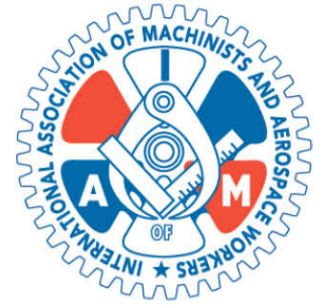


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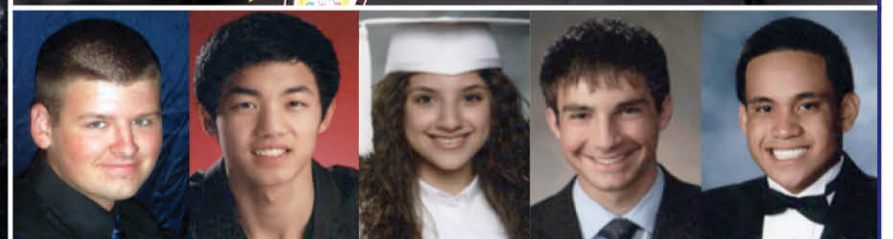
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Dick Lugar saw his six-term career in the United States Senate come to a screeching end last month. Orrin Hatch faces a contested primary later this month, and his challenger is a Tea-Party favorite similar to the candidate who put Lugar out to pasture. Lugar and Hatch were icons of the Republican Party in the 1970s and 1980s. Both had been Senate committee chairmen – Foreign Affairs for Lugar (R-IN) and Judiciary for Hatch (R-UT). Lugar was roundly trounced by a Tea Party-backed candidate, and Hatch could be the next victim.

The Grand Old Party is euthanizing its old war horses. And its Tea Party activists are the ones sticking pentobarbital-filled needles in their backs.

Lugar joins Senators Bob Bennett



Tap above to view a video about extreme right-wing candidates and the battle for the U.S. Senate in the 2012 elections.

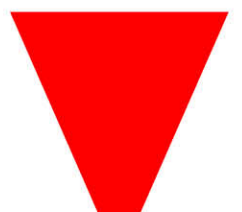


Former Indiana Republican Senator Richard Lugar joined several other GOP “Old War Horses” who were put out to pasture by extreme right-wing Tea Party candidates.

(R-UT) and Mike Castle (R-DE) and Governor Charlie Christ (R-FL), who were put down by Tea Party challengers in 2010.

Remember Christine O’Donnell, the “witch” from Wilmington? While unsuccessful in holding on to Castle’s seat in the general election, she was part of a grassroots movement that still curses all GOP incumbents. And those curses are backed up by big money.

Both the movement – and its money – reach far beyond state lines. In Indiana, seven groups spent a total of \$2.9 million to defeat Lugar. Only one of them was actually based in the Hoosier State. Hatch’s opponent is also getting big bucks in outside contributions.



Euthanizing old war horses intimidates every GOP member of Congress. Before casting a vote or taking a position, a Senator or Representative must first check in with the powers-that-be. Of course, that's not the voters who sent them to Washington, but the Club for Growth and the Heritage Action for America, two anti-government, conservative bully groups.

“What we are watching is absolutely appalling,” explained IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger. “Lugar was a hard-core, anti-union Senator. But I take no pleasure in seeing him put out of his misery. At least he and some of the old GOP war horses recognized the need to work with members of the other party on some issues for the good of the nation.

“What comes next could be even worse. They could be replaced by anti-union extremists, who will seek to revoke our rights to strike and bargain collectively.”

The defeat of Lugar and the primary challenge to Hatch gives more worker-friendly candidates – Democratic Congressman Joe Donnelly in Indiana and former State Senator

Scott Howell in Utah – a chance to flip those seats. And yet, hanging in the balance is Democratic control of the United States Senate.

The battle for Senate control keeps intensifying.

As the respected Cook Political Report notes, 13 states either lean Democratic or are considered too close to call. A net loss of four Democratic seats would give Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and GOP anti-worker extremists total control over the agenda and floor actions in the next Congress.

The only way to stop that from happening is for working families to play an active role in the November elections. Register to vote. Volunteer for labor walks and telethons. Visit campaign headquarters and ask for yard signs. And remember to “like” and “share” what the IAM and UCubed post on their Facebook pages.

The GOP's old war horses may be a dying breed. But if working families don't get riled up and ready to fight, then those anti-union extremists may start needling the American labor movement.

Documentary Exposes Koch Brothers' Election Agenda

When the conservative majority on the Supreme Court issued its 2010 landmark decision in *Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission*, election laws were fundamentally changed to allow almost unlimited independent spending in the nation's elections.

As the result in the Gov. Scott Walker recall election in Wisconsin shows, the enormous amount of independent spending by conservative groups can overwhelm traditional grassroots efforts that are the hallmark of labor's strength in elections.

Two of the biggest players in conservative spending are the billionaire Koch brothers, a bastion of extreme right-wing funding for conservative



A new documentary, "Koch Brothers Exposed," shows how Charles and David Koch have used their vast wealth to finance extreme right-wing and anti-union candidates for office at all levels of government.

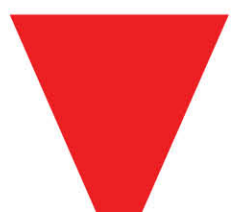
and anti-union candidates. A new documentary film, produced by director Robert Greenwald, uncovers the socioeconomic and environmental influence peddling by Charles and David Koch (pronounced "coke").

Koch Brothers Exposed details the brothers' relentless and stomach-turning efforts to undermine the interests of working-class Americans on issues ranging from Social Security to the environment to civil rights.

"The Kochs are willing to use hundreds of millions to attempt to buy de-



Tap above to view the two-minute "Koch Brothers Exposed" trailer.



mocracy on a grand scale,” said Greenwald in a recent interview. “The use of their enormous resources is driving our country towards greater and greater economic and power inequity.”

Koch Industries, the second largest privately-owned company in the United States, currently bankrolls a vast network of members of Congress, state lawmakers and conservative organizations. Their most recent actions include funding the aggressive, wide-scale effort to roll back U.S. voting laws in an attempt to suppress the minority, elderly and young vote. The Koch brothers have pledged to spend roughly \$1 billion in an effort to unseat President Barack Obama. And they continuously fight any environmental regulation that could potentially subtract from their bottom line.

“It is important we use all the tools at our disposal to investigate and expose. And most important, to take action,” says Greenwald. “Get the film. Host a screening. Tell your friends.”

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Robert Greenwald
“Koch Brothers Exposed”

Alan Simpson Goes Ballistic on California Seniors



Former Senator Alan Simpson (R-WY) called members of the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) a bunch of “greedy geezers” for protesting cuts to Social Security benefits. Far right, retired IAM Aerospace Coordinator Frank Santos and other IAM members strongly support CARA and the entire Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA).

Former U.S. Senator Alan Simpson (R-WY) makes a strong case for anger-management medication with a letter he fired off to the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) over the group’s opposition to Simpson’s proposals to cut Social Security benefits.

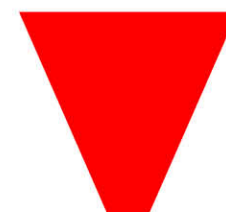
Unleashing a torrent of abuse, Simpson attacked CARA members for a campaign flyer designed to highlight the importance of Social Security for future generations.

“You use the faces of young people, who are the ones who are going to

get gutted while you continue to push out your blather and drivel,” railed Simpson in the letter dated April 7, 2012. “What a wretched bunch of seniors you must be to use the faces of the very people that we are trying to save, while the ‘greedy geezers’ like you use them as a tool and a front for your nefarious bunch of crap.”

The letter, which quickly went viral on the Internet, is in keeping with an earlier Simpson rant, in which he described Social Security as “a milk cow with 310 million tits.”

As co-chairman of the National



Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, Simpson has drawn the ire of seniors nationwide with proposals to lower the deficit by raising the retirement age to 69 and lowering cost-of-living adjustments for retirees.

According to the Social Security Administration, increasing the retirement age from 67 to 69 represents a 13 percent benefit cut on top of the 13 percent cut already made when the retirement age was increased from 65 to 67. Overall, the proposals endorsed by Simpson would cut retirement benefits by as much as 36 percent for young people

entering the workforce today.

Social Security provides the majority of income for two-thirds of the nation's elderly; for one-third, it provides nearly all their income. The average "greedy geezer" that Simpson criticizes gets about \$1,125 per month, or about \$13,500 per year. To a lot of American workers who were not fortunate enough to belong to a union, or who, like Simpson, have spent almost 40 years in public service at taxpayers' expense and have a healthy pension, Social Security is most of what many survive on in retirement.

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to read **Simpson's Letter.**



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to read **the Simpson/Bowles "Moment of Truth" report.**

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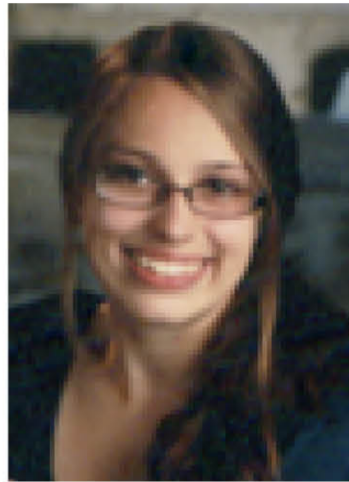
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IAM 2012 Scholarship Winners Announced

The 2012 IAM Scholarship competition has concluded and the winners announced. The IAM has always placed a high value on education, from funding scholarships for IAM members and their families to advocating for a national investment in skills training. The IAM has awarded scholarships to members and children of members throughout the U.S. and Canada since 1960.

In the 2012 competition, an impartial committee of educators selected 16 recipients. Eleven college and three vocational school scholarships were awarded to children of members, and two scholarships went to IAM members.

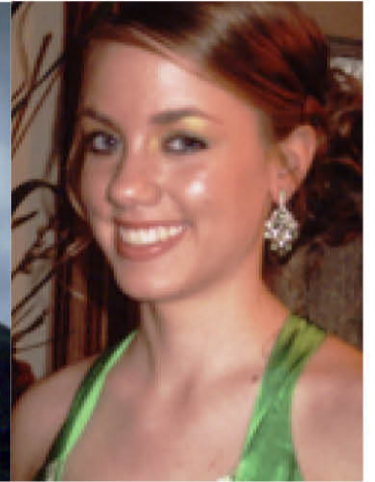
Each year, the IAM also awards a special scholarship named after Roman Mayfield, a 55-year member of IAM District 751 and legendary trade unionist who passed away in 2002. The Mayfield Scholarship goes to the recipient who best represents the spirit of volunteerism and service to his or



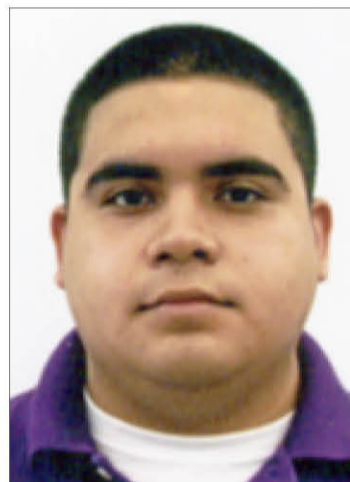
Monica J. Cook
Parent: Thomas F. Cook
LL 751F - Seattle, WA



Daryl S. Domo
Parent: Joselito Domo
LL 447 - New York, NY



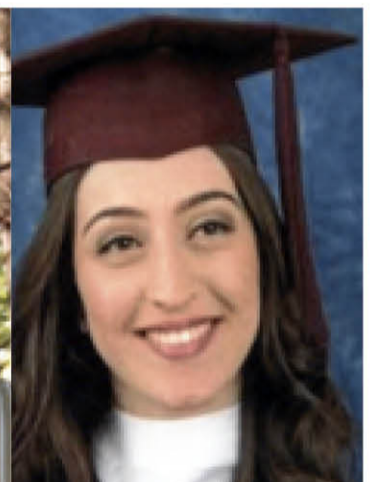
Emily E. Foltz
Parent: Stephen Bonifant
LL 463 - Jacksonville, AR



Andres Dela Fuente, Jr.
Parent: Andres Dela Fuente
LL 2152 - South Bay, FL



Leo A. Gaghan
Parent: Rodney Kates
LL S6 - Bath, ME



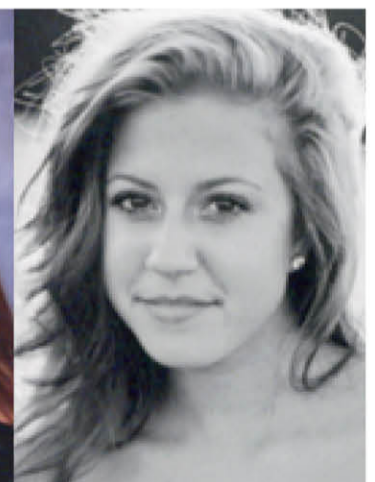
Laurianne R. Garabed
Parent: Camille Garabed
LL 1751 - Dorval, QC



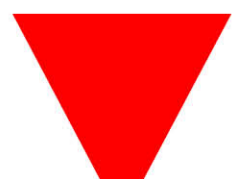
Jacob A. Haseltine
Parent: John Haseltine
LL 701 - Chicago, IL
[Roman Mayfield Winner]



Morgan G. Huffman
Parent: Herbert Huffman
LL FL 1861 - Roanoke, VA



Samantha N. Keller
Parent: Thomas F. Cook
LL 175 - York, PA





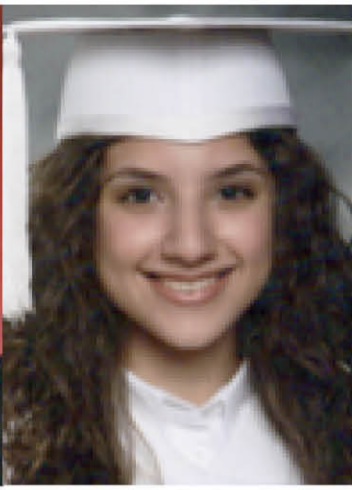
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Parent: Karen Kramer
LL W223 - White Lake, WI



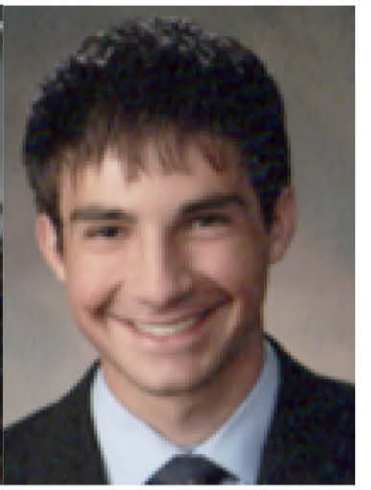
Samuel A. Milner
IAM MEMBER – LL 6023



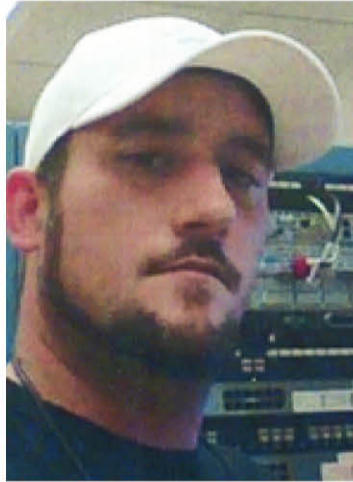
Edwin S. Park
Parent: Christine Park
LL 2202 - Seattle, WA



Sabrina Quilez
Parent: Amelio Quilez
LL 1751 - Doral, QC



Jeremy T. Smith
Parent: John Smith
LL 1776 - Philadelphia, PA



Christopher A. Sullivan
IAM MEMBER – LL 2515



Erin M. Voyk
Parent: Phillip G. Voyk
LL 751A - Seattle, WA

her community, which was a hallmark of Brother Mayfield. Jacob A. Haseltine, son of Chicago Local 701 member John Haseltine, was awarded the 2012 Mayfield Scholarship.

“We congratulate the winners and thank all those who participated in the 2012 competition,” said IAM Safety & Health, Apprenticeship and Scholarship Department Director Mike Flynn, whose department administers the popular program. “The IAM Scholar-

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Sandra M. DelValle
Member
LL 2003 - Daleville, AL

Eric A. Jacques
Parent: Raymond Jacques
LL 559 - Madison, ME

Brittany M. Eckstein
Parent: Rick H. Eckstein
LL 764 - Vancouver, BC

Robert J. Massingill
Parent: Payling C. Massingill
LL 1782 - San Francisco, CA

Casey R. Erwin
Parent: Dale R. Erwin
LL 701 - Chicago, IL

Keaton T. Shewcraft
Parent: Larry D. Shewcraft
LL 1720 - Calvert City, KY

Allejah T. Franco
Parent: Robert V. Miller, Jr.
LL 1414 - Sam Mateo, CA

Jessica E. Simmons
Parent: Mervin W. Simmons
LL 2003 - Daleville, AL

ship program is possible because of the generosity of IAM locals, districts and other donors who contribute to the Scholarship Fund, and we thank them for their support.”

Application packets for the 2013 competition, with information on eligibility requirements, will be mailed to all local and district lodges later this summer and will be available to download at www.goiam.org/scholarships.

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Drastic Transportation Cuts Voted Down in the House

Common sense in Congress actually prevailed, for a change, as transportation funding survived an attack by extreme right-wing opponents. The U.S. House of Representatives voted down a motion by Rep. Paul Broun (R-GA) to cut \$17 billion from mass transit and highway funding.

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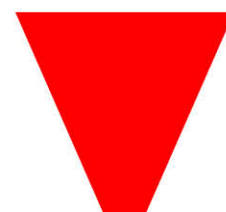
Georgia GOP House member Paul Broun's misguided attempt to cut \$17 billion from transportation funding would have cost hundreds of thousands of jobs in highway construction and mass transit operations like the Long Island Railroad.

motion into H.R. 4348 – the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012. If it had passed, billions in funding of mass transit and highway projects would have been cut, causing devastating job losses in the transit and highway sectors and crippling our nation's transportation system.

The AFL-CIO Transportation Trades Department, of which TCU is a member, sent letters to every member of the House requesting that they vote “no” on the Broun motion. Even most of his fellow Republicans thought the extreme idea was misguided, and the motion was defeated by a vote of just 83 “For” and 323 “Against.”

Broun's motion would have put a limit on Highway Trust Fund spending, including the Mass Transit Account. These cuts would likely prevent any new investments, halt job creation and bring economic growth in the transportation industry to a standstill.

Our surface transportation system



desperately needs an infusion of federal investments but the Broun motion went in the opposite direction – it would have devastated our transportation system, harmed the economy and put hundreds of thousands of men and women out of work.

“We at TCU are pleased to see this motion defeated,” said TCU President Bob Scardelletti. “We will continue to insist that Congress complete a surface transportation bill that will maintain our members’ jobs and create more.”

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TCU/IAM National President



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SkillsUSA, a Partnership for the Next Generation



For more than ten years, Local 701 Training Program Director Louie Longhi has helped run the automotive segment of the SkillsUSA competition that promotes skills training for America's youth.

Louie Longhi knows the importance of skills training and preparing America's youth for the economic future.

As Program Director and Lead Instructor for IAM Local 701's Education and Training Program outside Chicago, Longhi has helped run the automotive segment of the Illinois SkillsUSA Competition for more than ten years. He himself has been involved with SkillsUSA more than 16 years.

"It's about promoting the vocational trades and keeping them alive in our schools," says Longhi. "I've been teaching automotive for 20 years. Yes, manufacturing has been going overseas, but there are certain trades that can't go anywhere.

Cars still need to be fixed. You can't ship them out to fix them. Carpenters still need to build things here like houses. Plumbers, bricklayers, nail technicians, hairstylists, police officers, fire-

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men – these are jobs that can't be shipped away. If we don't start training the next generation, where are they going to come from?"

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, labor and industry professionals working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. It serves more than 300,000 students and instructors annually in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam.

Each year thousands of high school and post-secondary career and technical students in the Illinois SkillsUSA Chapter travel to Springfield for real hands-on experience, an opportunity to showcase their talent and compete in their respective areas. Contests continue through the national and world levels. Judges and contest organizers from labor and management make the event possible.

"It's nice to see all the students cheering for each other. It's like going to a

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Louie Longhi

Program Director and Lead Instructor for IAM Local 701 Education and Training Program

football game,” says Longhi, who is responsible for writing the test for the automotive section, gathering equipment and recruiting judges. “There’s a lot at stake for many of these students. Winners at the higher levels are offered jobs. Many receive three or four different scholarships. They can pretty much choose where they want to go.”

And all participants take home valuable skills, says Longhi. “SkillsUSA doesn’t only promote the field that the students are in, it also teaches them how to do resumes. It helps them with job interviews. And it teaches them important job skills.”

Longhi says his goal is to get more unions involved with the program. Local 701 hopes to expand its participation to the national level by next year.



Tap above to view a video about the SkillsUSA Competition.

Railroad Local Chairmen Meet at Winpisinger Center

Approximately 40 Local Committee Chairmen from railroad locals around the country gathered at the William W. Winpisinger Center for the annual Railroad Local Chairmen's Conference.

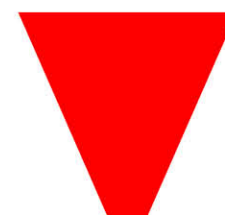
The Local Chairmen, all members of District 19, spent the week immersed in topics that included human rights, federal law, grievance writ-

ing, educational and communication structures and IAM history.

"The IAM's history is woven into the history of rail transport in the United States," said International President Tom Buffenbarger, who addressed the group. "The Chairmen at the Winpisinger Center this week are a vital element in our collective effort to preserve and improve the living



Transportation Education Representative Monica Lee Silbas conducted one of the many training segments offered at the IAM's annual Railroad Local Chairmen's Conference held at the Winpisinger Education Center. The Local Chairmen, all members of District 19, gathered from railroad locals around the country and spent the week immersed in topics that included human rights, federal law, grievance writing, education and communication structures and IAM history.



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Joe Duncan
District 19 President and Directing
General Chairman

standards of IAM members working throughout the rail sector.”

“This seminar has given me the tools and the confidence I needed to go forward in my duties as a Railroad Local Chairman,” said Joe May from Local 620 in Los Angeles, CA.

General Secretary-Treasurer (GST) Robert Roach, Jr., also addressed the conference and vowed the support of his office. “You can rest assured that this organization has your back,” said GST Roach. “We will supply the necessary resources so the IAM remains the preeminent union in the rail sector.”

“This was a very informative week for our Local Chairmen,” said District 19 President and Directing General Chairman Joe Duncan. “The Local Chairmen are the backbone of our organization on the rails, and this type of training strengthens the IAM as a whole.”

NLRB ‘Mole’ Resigns Over Ethics Charge

A pair of investigative reports from the Inspector General (IG) of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) highlight the blatant hypocrisy of the Republican attacks on the integrity of the NLRB. The IG reports detailed the unethical behavior of Republican Board member Terence Flynn, who resigned in July.

While Flynn was serving as chief counsel to another Republican Board member, Flynn was giving confidential Board information to influential Republican critics, including Peter Schaumber, a top advisor to Mitt Romney’s presidential campaign. The IG reports found that Flynn leaked confidential details on the status of pending cases; divulged

how board members planned to vote on specific cases and leaked the board’s internal strategy for handling legal cases brought against it.

Flynn was leaking confidential information at a time when the NLRB was under intense right-wing criticism for enforcing laws protecting the rights of workers, including the high-profile case against the Boeing company for improper retaliation against IAM members who went on strike in 2008.

The first IG report, released in March, concluded that Flynn released “deliberative, predecisional information” on pending Board rulings to former NLRB member Peter Schaumber. At the time, Schaumber was a top labor policy advi-

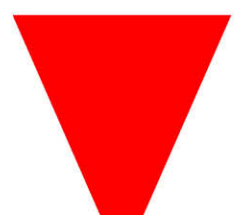


Peter Schaumber



Terence Flynn

Terence Flynn leaked confidential NLRB documents to former Board member Peter Schaumber, a top official of the Mitt Romney presidential campaign.



Schaumber claimed the NLRB is heavily biased in favor of the rights of working people and that labor unions may no longer even be necessary.

sor to Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney. Romney made attacks on the NLRB a key part of his campaign to secure the GOP presidential nomination.

The IG report also concluded that Flynn improperly leaked internal documents to Peter Kirsanow, a former Republican NLRB board member and attorney for the pro-business National Association of Manufacturers (NAM).

The organized attacks against the NLRB included GOP presidential candidates who attacked the NLRB's decision on Boeing. GOP members of Congress tried to gut the board's funding and strip it of enforcement authority. And the right-wing spin machine which accused the board of being biased toward labor.

The second IG report detailed numerous communications between Flynn and Schaumber, including efforts by Flynn to assist Schaumber with editorials that were critical of the board's activities on behalf of workers represented by labor unions.

In a Sept. 6, 2011 editorial published in the "National Review," Schaumber claimed the NLRB is heavily biased in favor of the rights of working people and that labor unions may no longer even be necessary.

Less than a week after the "National Review" editorial was published, Romney named Schaumber as co-chairman of the campaign's labor policy advisory group. Schaumber resigned his position with the Romney campaign shortly after the leaks became public.

In addition to the two reports from the board's Inspector General, the case has been referred to the U.S. Justice Department as a possible breach of the Hatch Act, which prohibits federal employees from engaging in partisan political activity while on duty.