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## IAM Members at IKEA Perryville Ratify New Contract, End Strike

**PERRYVILLE, MD, Jan. 18, 2025**— Approximately 320 members of the IAM Union Local I460, District 4, employed at the IKEA Distribution Center in Perryville, Maryland, have ratified a new contract to end a strike that began on Friday, Nov. 15, 2024.

Statement from **IAM Union Eastern Territory General Vice President David Sullivan**:

“The members took to the picket lines demanding fair wages and protections for seniority to ensure a just and respectful workplace. After weeks of negotiations, the new agreement delivers increased wages and preserves critical seniority language for employees with 18 or more years of service.

“Our members stood up strong for respect and dignity, which will make our union stronger.

“This contract ensures fairness and respect for long-serving employees while delivering well-earned wage increases for everyone. We are grateful for the community support during the strike.”

“The right to peacefully assemble and fight for a better life is critical to all working people,” **said IAM International President Brian Bryant**. “IAM Local I460 members fought for not just themselves, their families and their communities, but for every worker who relies on the right to stand up for dignity and justice on the job.”

## Georgia State Council of Machinists Meet



The Georgia State Council of Machinists met February 10-13 in Atlanta, GA. The GSCM covers many Woodworker shops in District 243 and in District 1888. Members in our sector were represented with delegates from Local 1034 in Macon, GA and by Woodworker Department Special Representative Billy Barnwell.

The jam-packed conference was chaired by Local 2699's James Clements. The speakers included U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff (D, GA), U.S. Congressman Sanford Bishop (D, GA Dist. 2), U.S. Congressman Hank Johnson (D, GA Dist. 4), U.S. Congresswoman Lucy McBath (D, GA Dist. 7) and many state legislators from both sides of the aisle. Also speaking were GST Dora Cervantes, and Legislative and Political Director Hassan Solomon.

Day three of the conference was spent at the State Capitol. The Delegates and visitors to the GSCM joined the GA AFL-CIO in a lobby day. Delegates met with their state legislators, attended house and senate committee meetings, and spoke with journalists at the capital about issues impacting labor.

The GSCM has done an outstanding job of building a working conference that brings people that make decisions to the delegates to either receive praise for being our friends or hear tough questions about what they have done to harm us. Brother Clements and the entire E-board of this council are to be commended for their work.

## Workers Who Maintain DC-Area Trees Under Siege by Employer That Refuses to Bargain



Management at a Washington, D.C.-area non-profit are continuing to ignore the law by stonewalling their own employees from bargaining a union contract.

Casey Trees workers, who plant and maintain trees across the DC area, **voted overwhelmingly to join the IAM** in August 2024. Workers have been seeking an increased voice in their work, which is funded in part by local and federal taxpayers to help protect the area's tree canopy.

Since workers organized, Casey Trees management has said on multiple occasions that they have no intention of reaching an agreement with its workers, a clear violation of the National Labor Relations Act. On Feb. 13, the IAM union filed an unfair labor practice (ULP) charge with the National Labor Relations Board in response to management's refusal to bargain.





When disaster strikes, our **IAM Disaster Relief Program** is there to stand with our members and their families, providing critical support

during their most difficult moments. Whether it's shelter, food, or other essential resources, this program brings hope to those facing unimaginable challenges.

Right now, many of our Brothers and Sisters are reeling from the devastating effects of the Southern California wildfires. As part of the IAM Union, help to make a difference during these challenging times.

Every dollar you give goes directly to helping our own. For more details, and resources, or to donate online, please click [here](#).

## BIO-CORNER

We're excited to welcome Bailey Simonds to IAM Woodworkers team! Bailey is stepping into her new role, taking over for Terri Kenealy.

Having traveled extensively with her husband's military career, Bailey has experienced life in different places but is now thrilled to be back home and ready to put down roots. She's a proud mother, and when she's not busy learning the ropes at IAM, she loves spending time outdoors—

whether it's hiking, parks, or simply enjoying nature with her family.

We're excited to have Bailey on board, and we can't wait to see all she brings to the team.



Bailey Simonds, Woodworkers, Administrative Assistant, Local 2

## IAM, NFFE-IAM Say Thank you to Federal Workers



The IAM Union and the National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE-IAM) held an event on Monday, March 3 to celebrate and honor federal employees' hard work and dedication. During peak commute hours, the event took place outside the McPherson Square Metro Station, with supporters gathering to show appreciation for federal workers who provide essential services across the nation. The U.S. Veterans Affairs Department is housed above the station's Vermont Avenue exit.

## WISHING SISTER TERRI KE- NEALY A LONG AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT



Terri Kenealy, Woodworkers  
Office Assistant Local 2

Terri started at Transportation Communications Union (TCU) March 1, 2000. When TCU affiliated with IAM, Terri applied for a job at IAM in the Membership Department and began working January 1, 2006. Terri's career at IAM led to positions in the Transportation Department and Communications Department until she landed her final position with the Woodworkers Department in 2014.

Terri says "I am proud and grateful to have supported Woodworkers for the past 11 years. While I have always felt a part of something bigger than me, nationally/globally— I am bonded to representing Woodworkers everywhere and to the leadership team I have been fortunate to work with. I have learned so much!"

Terri loves the beach, her dog and her family. Those are her hobbies... for now. She expects her world will broaden with each day passing in retirement.

We wish Terri the best in retirement and will miss her dearly.

## WOODWORKERS

ON-THE-JOB



Weyerhaeuser logging in Western Washington

Photo courtesy of Local Lodge W130 President Jason Williams

### CASEY TREES, from page 2



**TAKE ACTION: Tell Casey Trees Management to Negotiate a Fair Contract Now**

Right now, Casey Trees management is accepting taxpayer funding while spending hundreds of dollars an hour on lawyers, instead of their workers and achieving canopy goals. To make things worse, management is giving their staff unfair performance reviews while asking them if they think their work can be replaced by outside contractors.

Casey Trees Workers improve the DC area by planting and maintaining trees on private properties, schools, churches, universities, cemeteries, and local parks, and by educating students. Casey Trees Workers deserve clarity and respect that comes with a union contract.

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