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## President's Message

# Reflection, Pride, Gratitude and Thanks for Your Trust and Support

### Brothers and Sisters:

There is no way neither I, nor anyone else on the Executive Board could ever thank each and every one of you for your hard work; dedication to your trade; and most importantly for your support and trust by electing your board to another three year term.

It was especially gratifying to see so many of you in the audience as we swore our oath before IUOE General President James Callahan. Make no mistake, the presence of President Callahan as well as New York State AFL-CIO President Mario Cilento and other representatives from the IUOE and organized labor was a testament to your outstanding reputation throughout the labor movement.

I could not be more proud, or more privileged than to represent the men and women of IUOE Local 94 as your business manager and president.

Under our constitution and by-laws, we were required to schedule our swearing-in ceremonies for the September General Membership meeting on the second Wednesday of the month. As fate would have it, that date fell on September 11th. And in his remarks president Callahan made a point to note the losses all Americans and especially our Local suffered in the 2001 terrorist attacks.

"It is a bittersweet day," said Callahan. "No one paid a higher price than Local 94 for what happened on September 11, 2001. You held up your local. You all stood strong and should be proud of it."

Like all New Yorkers we are proud. And, we have also kept our promise to our fallen brothers, Vito De Leo, John Griffin, Charles Magee and David Williams, and their families: We will never forget!

And in a tradition that began in 2002, our unsung heroes are remembered, along with all our Local 94 brothers and sisters who passed away in the previous year – during a Memorial Mass at St. Malachy's.

So perhaps it was appropriate that we renewed our oaths of services on that day of reflection. I know as I stood there taking my oath I was not only reminded of my obligations, I also had a feeling of great gratitude for your trust. For that I thank you.

I want to sincerely thank every member of this great local from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for your commitment to this Union and our industry. Thank you for providing me with the honor to represent and serve you for another three years!

I would also like to thank the members of the Local 94 Executive Board.

Let me tell you, no one can have a better partner than our Vice President and Assistant Business Manager Tom Costello. Tom is not only a dear and trusted friend, he is a tireless advocate for the membership and an invaluable advisor.

In fact, I can say the same for every member of this board.

So thank you, Tom Hart; thank you, Bobby Zimmer; thank you John Kramer; thank you, Eddie Burke; thank you Jack Redden; thank you John

Cancel; thank you Kelly Drummond; thank you Gerard Streicher; thank you Anthony Fasulo; thank you Mike Gadaleta; and thank you, Ray Macco.

Your dedication to your office and the members of Local 94 has earned you the trust of the membership. You have also helped Local 94 set a standard for quality and integrity which has earned the respect of our sister unions -- and the entire industry!

I would also like to offer my thanks to the office and support staff. The men and women who day-in-and-day-out answer the phones, and address and resolve your problems. Thank you.

From the minute I took office nine years ago I have urged everyone to get their Refer Ticket; and then any and all FDNY and other certifications and licenses. Those certifications and licenses are your future.

With the support of your board we have invested and will continue to invest in our Training Center. Beyond the financial investment in new equipment, we are fortunate to have two dedicated co-directors – Howard Styles and Bobby Fantine.

Working with a cadre of expert instructors led by Zach Stern, Local 94 has and will continue to produce the best-trained, most highly skilled stationary engineers in the industry. Thank you.

I think you all know, I could never do this were it not for the support and encouragement of my wife and my family. I thank them for their love, understanding and support.

Finally, thank you -- the men and

women of IUOE Local 94.

You've had faith in me the whole way during my 28 years as a business representative and now as business manager. I have enjoyed the undying support of the membership throughout my career. You have always been there for me.

Time and again you came and gave me a job. On behalf of my wife and my family I say thank you.

Now, you have given me and this board a third term. We made a commitment to you nine years ago. We told you we would work hard and make this the best damn executive board anywhere.

When we took over, the welfare fund was \$8.5 million in the hole. Today that fund is \$125 million in the black. And we did it two years earlier than the auditors said we could!

Last year we were hit with a terrible hurricane. And the members of this union came through with flying colors. It was you, who lifted the white towers of this city from the muddy waters from that storm. Without your efforts this city could not have survived.

Your hard work and dedication has gained the respect of contractors and real estate companies. They know you. They know your work. Property owners recommend Local 94.

Thank you so much. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart!

Kuba J. Brown





# Inauguration Ceremony





# Thank You



**Tom Costello**  
*Assistant Business Manager;  
Vice President; Business  
Representative (Uptown  
Manhattan, Queens  
and the Bronx)*

I would like to thank the Local 94 membership for electing me as Assistant Business Manager/Vice President for another three years. I

would also like to thank the following people for nominating me, my son Thomas Costello, Eddie "A", Chris Colleran, Charles O'Boyle, Kenny Goodwin, Tony Dempsey, Kevin Nally, and Pat Connell.

It was very rewarding to see the large turnout of members and for their overwhelming show of support for the entire Executive Board. It has been a pleasure and an honor to be a member of this fine Union for 41 years.

I will continue to work hard to increase our membership, defend workers' rights and secure financial growth. There is no more gratifying feeling than to be appreciated by your peers. You can be sure that I will continue to work hard to make this local the biggest and best in New York City.

**Jack Redden**  
*Guard; Business Representative  
of New York City Public  
Schools (Manhattan, Bronx,  
and Staten Island)*

In all my years as a member of Local 94, I have never been more proud than seeing what the members of this union accomplished in the aftermath of Sandy.

In times of crisis and need the members of Local 94 step up and do the right thing. I am honored and humbled to have won your confidence and support. I assure you it is an honor to represent and serve each and every one of you.



In the movie the *Bells of St. Mary* Bing Crosby advised that whenever someone was in trouble they should "Dial O for O'Malley." Well I'm telling you now. Whenever you're in need:

Dial T for Tiny and I'll be there!  
Thank you. And God Bless you.

**Tom Hart**  
*Recording Secretary;  
Business Representative  
(Midtown Manhattan)*

To my brothers and sisters at Local 94-94A-94B thank you for allowing me to be re-elected and continue to serve you as an Officer



of our great Local.

There is no greater privilege in our democracy than to be elected to serve your peers who have elected you. Please know that I do consider it not only a privilege but an honor to continue to serve you.

I vow to continue to work hard for all working men and women. I will fight every day to advance our position not only as Engineers, but leaders in our city as well as our industry.

The growth of our Union depends upon our membership. Your continued dedication to training and new innovations make you the very best. I look forward to standing shoulder-to-shoulder in solidarity with each and every one of you.

On behalf of my family and myself, thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve you.

**Ray Macco**  
*Auditor*

I would like to thank the membership for your continued support in overwhelmingly re-electing the entire slate here at Local 94. I can assure you that we work hard each day to promote the interest of this great organization and the industry in which we work.

In my years in the Union office and my 25 years as a member, I have never felt more respected by the response I personally received at this year's nominations. I am incredibly proud to be your representative and I am humbled

by the exuberance from your support. It's not every day that your peers stand up and tell you that you are doing a great job.

It was awesome!!!!

Thank you for your support, and for attending meetings, events, political action activities, demonstration lines and especially for the camaraderie and brotherhood.

They are the cornerstones which keep the Union strong!!

The support demonstrated by the turnout for the May and September meetings is appreciated and will never be forgotten. I assure you I and every



**John Kramer**  
*Treasurer; Business  
Representative (Downtown  
Manhattan and Brooklyn)*

To all the members of IUOE Local 94:

I want to thank all of you for supporting the IUOE Local 94 Officers and Executive Board and in particular myself on re-electing us for another term.

I, along with the entire Executive Board will continue to work for our members and strive to make our great Union even better.  
Thank you.

**Bob Zimmer**  
*Financial Secretary*

I would like to take a moment to say thank you for your trust and confidence in re-electing me for another term as your Financial Secretary.

As a member of Local 94 for 39 years, I have had the greatest op-



portunities anyone could imagine. Working with the greatest people, has been a pleasure and a great learning experience that few will understand.

Serving on this Executive Board has been an honor I am very proud of.

I am happy to say "I'm a member of Local 94!"

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude.





# Thank You



## **Michael Gadaleta, Auditor; Business Representative of Hotels, Clubs, and Commercial Residential properties of New York City**

I am extremely honored to have been elected to serve another three-year term as an Auditor for Local 94. I accept the responsibilities and am gratified by your trust. Just as I am thankful for the trust and support of the membership and leadership of the most exceptional local in the International Union of Operating

Engineers, Local 94!

Let me assure you that I will be guided by, and protective of the Local 94 and the IUOE Constitution and Bylaws.

I would also like to express my gratitude to my family for their constant love and support; and everyone at Local 94 who work with us every day to make our operation successful.

Finally, I would like to remind you of something Robert Kennedy once said: "Each time a man stands for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

Imagine what our local and our members could do by standing together!

Again, thanks for your trust in me. I will do my best to make you proud.

## **Kelly Drummond Trustee; Business Representative of Hotels, Clubs, and Commercial Residential properties of New York City**



I realized early on in my career that the engineering field was predominately male and it might not be an easy task for a female to co-exist in it. I was determined that I would never allow that fact to stand in the way of fulfilling my dreams.

This would never have been possible were it not for Kuba Brown and Tom Costello who believed in me and provided

me with the opportunity to pursue those dreams.

Under the tutelage of my partner, Michael Gadaleta, I have learned many aspects of this business that will certainly benefit me as I continue my job as a business agent and for that I will always be very grateful. He has always been willing to lend me a helping hand when I needed it and for that I say "thanks Brother".

I would also like to thank everyone on the Local 94 staff and especially you -- the members of Local 94. You will never know how much your trust, confidence and support means to me.

With your continued backing and support, I will always serve in the best interests of you and Local 94. Thank you.

## **Anthony Fasulo Auditor**

It is not only an honor to be asked to represent and serve the members of this great local. It is a privilege to work alongside the most hardworking and dedicated union leaders anywhere in the world.



I want to thank the local 94 membership for re-electing me on the executive board for the next three years as Auditor.

Thank you for all your support and friendship. Thanks.

## **Gerard Streicher Trustee**



I want to first thank my family and all my Department of Education co-workers at Petrides.

It is an honor to work with and for the most highly skilled stationary engineers in the industry the members of Local 94!

You are the trained experts in the great trade union tradition. I am proud to be a member of this great union.

To be great any organization needs that special person; that special leader and we have that here with Kuba J. Brown. I thank him for his leadership. And thank each of you for your support!

Thank you.



## **John Cancel Trustee**

Thank you to all Local 94 members for this great honor and responsibility to serve you as an elected

Trustee. It is with great pride and appreciation that I serve on the Executive Board.

I recognize it is a privilege to be an elected officer of this Union. And, just as Local 94 members must prove themselves every day on the job the Executive Board knows we have an obligation and duty to represent this Union to the best of our abilities.

By maintaining a balance of trust and credibility and working together we will keep our union strong, allowing us to meet all future challenges.

## **Eddie Burke Conductor**



I would like to say thank you to everyone that came out to support us and electing us for another term; and tell each of you how sincerely grateful I am. I consider it to be a great honor and privilege to be a part of this talented group and I promise to continue to try my best for this local.

It was also an honor to have IUOE General President James Callahan at our meeting to administer the oath and pay tribute to our business agents, especially Kuba Brown.

I also enjoyed seeing the large group of representatives from other locals who also came to the ceremony in a show of support for Kuba Brown and our local.

Their attendance was something that should make us very proud.

I urge all of our brothers and sisters to continue to support Local 94's efforts and events throughout the year.

Once again, thank you for this honor and privilege.



## **Howard Styles, Bobby Fantine Co-Directors Local 94 Training Center**

We would first like to express our thanks and gratitude to Kuba Brown and the entire Local 94 leadership for their constant support and investment in the Training Center. We believe we have the finest program and the best qualified instructors in the industry each of whom welcome the opportunity to share their expertise with our members.

We are also extremely proud of the Local 94 membership; particularly those who continue to elevate their skills. The enhancement of our knowledge and skills has established Local 94 as the gold standard in the industry.

With the continued support of our leadership and an enthusiastic and motivated membership we will be here to ensure Local 94 will continue to hold that standard well into the future.

# Every Vote Counts. Don't Let Yours Go To Waste

The race for City Hall is now underway. We have heard a great deal about this election being a “tale of two cities.” While that may sound over-dramatic all existing evidence shows fewer people are moving up the economic ladder, the middle class is falling behind and the rich are getting richer.

Yes, that tale of two cities has become our sad reality.

Not only will New Yorkers be electing a new Mayor, a new Public Advocate and a dramatically different City Council. This election will provide a rare opportunity for all New Yorkers to stand up for our families and the middle class and return our city to the working men and women who have built it and make it run.

The Local 94 Executive Board has looked at all the races and we urge you to vote for the candidates we believe best represent our union and your families.

Even before the November 5th General Election New York Democrats will have to nominate a candidate for Public Advocate. A run-off election to select that candidate will be held on Tuesday, October 1. We urge all our members who are eligible to vote in that race to support our friend:

**Letitia James.**

In the November 5, General Election we urge you to elect **Bill de Blasio** as our next Mayor; and **Scott Stringer** for Comptroller.

Equally important are the races for City Council. Click here for a list of all current City Council Members by District: <http://council.nyc.gov/html/members/members.shtml>

Most importantly, whether you agree with our choices or not be a good citizen: VOTE!

Below are the names of the New York City Council candidates endorsed by IUOE Local 94 (boldface indicates incumbent):

**Dist. 1 Margaret Chin**

**Dist. 2 Rosie Mendez**

Dist. 3 Corey Johnson

**Dist. 4 Daniel Garodnick**

Dist. 5 Ben Kallos

Dist. 6 Helen Rosenthal

Dist. 7 Mark Levine

**Dist. 8 Melissa Mark-Viverito**

**Dist. 9 Inez Dickens**

**Dist. 10 Ydanis Rodriguez**

Dist. 11 Andrew Cohen

Dist. 12 Andy King

**Dist. 13 James Vacca**

**Dist. 14 Fernando Cabrera**

Dist. 15 Ritchie Torres

Dist. 16 Vanessa Gibson

**Dist. 17 Maria del Carmen Arroyo**

Dist. 19 Paul Valone

**Dist. 20 Peter Koo**

**Dist. 21 Julissa Ferreras**

Dist. 22 Costa Constantinides

**Dist. 23 Mark Weprin**

Dist. 24 Rory Lancman

**Dist. 25 Daniel Dromm**

**Dist. 26 Jimmy Van Bramer**

Dist. 27 Daneek Miller

**Dist. 29 Karen Koslowitz**

**Dist. 30 Elizabeth Crowley**

Dist. 31 Donovan Richards

**Dist. 32 Eric Ulrich**

**Dist. 33 Stephen Levin**

Dist. 34 Antonio Reynoso

Dist. 37 Rafael Espinal

**Dist. 39 Brad Lander**

**Dist. 40 Mathieu Eugene**

**Dist. 41 Darlene Mealy**

Dist. 42 Inez Barron

**Dist. 43 Vincent Gentile**

Dist. 44 David Greenfield

**Dist. 45 Jumaane Williams**

Dist. 46 Alan Maisel

Dist. 47 Mark Treyger

Dist. 48 Chaim Deutsch

**Dist. 49 Debi Rose**

**Dist. 51 Vincent Ignizio**

## FOR BOROUGH PRESIDENT

**Manhattan**

Gale Brewer

**Bronx**

Ruben Diaz

**Brooklyn**

Eric Adams

**Queens**

Melinda Katz

**Staten Island**

James Oddo



*Letitia James*



## *IUE Local 94-94A-94B Executive Board*

