

Chapter elections show New Caucus gains

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Members increased their support for New Caucus (NC) candidates in the PSC's Spring 2010 chapter elections. The chapter at Medgar Evers College saw a political changing of the guard, with NC candidates winning for the first time in the chapter's history. A New Caucus slate was again elected to lead the Higher Education Officer Chapter, and again defeated at Kingsborough Community College, but in both cases NC candidates significantly increased their share of the vote.

Clinton Crawford, a professor of mass communication, won 56% of 138 votes in this year's vote at Medgar Evers College, defeating long-time chapter chair Ed Catapane's re-election bid.

"It's a real breakthrough," said Crawford. "People rallied around a relatively new group of candidates because they knew it was time for a change. They showed confidence in the slate we put forward."

OFFICE SPACE

One key issue facing the chapter, said Crawford, is the college's physical plant. "For example, in the School of Liberal Arts and Education we have more than a hundred adjuncts – and only one small room, about 9' x 12', for their office space." Other issues, he added, include fairness in faculty pay and inequitable treatment of faculty members who

Three local races contested



PSC staffer Ana Torres counts votes in an uncontested chapter election. Ballots in contested elections were tabulated by the American Arbitration Association.

had spoken critically of college administration.

"We have a mandate given to us, and we will work to represent all of the faculty," Crawford told *Clarion*.

At Kingsborough, incumbent chapter chair Rina Yarmish won re-election by a margin of 55% to 45% for NC challenger Susan Farrell, out of a total of 412 votes. The result represented a drop in sup-

port for Yarmish, who had received 72% of 341 votes in KCC's last election for chapter chair in 2007. A major increase in turnout heavily favored the NC slate, and Yarmish's absolute number of votes fell from 244 in 2007 to 228 this year. But the NC candidates still came up short, leaving Yarmish's Faculty First slate with a solid win.

In response to a request for com-

ments on the election and key issues facing the chapter, Yarmish provided the following statement.

"The Kingsborough faculty has again demonstrated its wisdom in re-electing the competent, experienced team that has represented its interests with expertise and integrity over the past 12 years. It is unfortunate that the New Caucus would, in the name of partisan politics, attempt to foist upon KCC an inexperienced group, potentially endangering the welfare of the faculty. Common sense and wisdom prevailed."

ON THE ISSUES

Iris DeLutro won election as the chair of the HEO Chapter, at the head of a New Caucus slate that won all chapter posts. DeLutro received 72% of 814 votes against Fred Brodzinski, running on the HEOs United slate. It was an increase for the New Caucus of nearly 10% over the previous HEO Chapter elections in 2007, when Brodzinski also ran for chapter chair.

DeLutro said the chapter will continue organizing on HEOs' top concern: making HEO titles into a promotional series. "Requiring reclassification into a new title is a system that doesn't really work for us in terms of upward mobility," DeLutro said.

Increasing workload is another major issue for HEOs, she added –

and "that makes the union's strong victory on comp time and overtime pay especially important."

"Our organizing challenge is getting the membership more involved in addressing these problems," DeLutro said. "So I am particularly happy that we have a lot of wonderful new people, young and energetic, in this chapter leadership. It's a good sign." She also paid tribute to Jean Weisman, who served as HEO chapter chair for the past nine years. "We are very grateful for Jean's leadership," DeLutro said. "She has been very instrumental in raising awareness about HEO issues, in CUNY and in the PSC."

Half of union chapters held votes this year.

The rest of this year's chapter elections were uncontested. Among the larger chapters, New Caucus slates were elected unopposed at College of Staten Island, BMCC, City

Tech and Queensborough Community College. The new chair of the Retirees Chapter, Jim Perlstein, was elected on a slate from the Retiree Caucus. At Lehman, longtime chapter chair Helene Silverman was re-elected on the Fusion Academics slate.

In the Manhattan EOC and Hunter Campus Schools Chapters, local slates were elected without opposition. Uncontested votes in the Bronx EOC, Research Foundation and Registrars Chapters went to candidates who ran without a slate.

Spring 2010 PSC chapter election results

PSC elections are staggered on a three-year cycle. Approximately half the chapters hold elections one year, the other half votes the year after, and union-wide elections are held the year after that.

In the list below, those new to their position are listed in italics.

Bronx Educational Opportunity Center: Chairperson, *Francisco Muñoz*; Vice Chairperson, *David Smith*

College of Staten Island: Chairperson, Vasilios Petratos; Vice Chairperson, Roslyn Bologh; Secretary, *Gloria Gianoulis*; Officers at Large, *Emile Chi*, *Satyapraka Das*, *Stephen Stearns*, *Howard Weiner*; Delegates to the DA, *Jessica Burke*, *Richard Flanagan*, *David Krit*, *Sonia Ragir*; Alternates to the DA, *Myra Hauben*, *Irving Robbins*, *Susan Rocco*, *William Smith*; Welfare Fund Council, *Gloria M. Cortopassi*, *Cheryl Wu*

Higher Education Officers: Chairperson, *Iris DeLutro*; Vice Chairperson, *Paul Washington*; Secretary, *Janet Winter*; Officers at Large, *Sherrian Grant-Fordham*, *Wayne Harewood*, *Janet Leslie-Pierre*, *Marc Ward*; Delegates to the DA, *Melanie Abreu*, *Anthony Andrews*,

Gregory Baptiste, *Stephen Barreira*, *Thomas Brennan*, *Arthur Chitty*, *John Gallagher*, *Nicholas Irons*, *Douglas Medina*, *George Muchita*, *Robert Nelson*, *Mary Nevins Costas*, *Gina Nurse*, *Geniece Pacifici-Elejalde*, *Maureen Pierce-Anyan*, *Anselma Rodriguez*, *Karen Thomas*, *Jewel Escobar*, *Paul Washington*, *Janet Winter*, *Cheryl Wu*; Alternates to the DA, *Mario Caruso*, *Jeff Clapp*, *Linda Crownover*, *Marci Goodman*, *Zoraida Hernandez*, *Marva Lilly*, *Lisanka Soto*, *Vera Weekes*

Hunter Campus Schools: Chairperson, *David Towber*; Vice Chairperson, *Lee Weinberg*; Secretary, *Sylvia Schaindlin*; Officers at Large, *Jose Diaz*, *Barbara Ghnassia*, *Sonya Glasser*, *Cristina Moore*

Kingsborough Community College: Chairperson, *Rina Yarmish*; Vice Chairperson, *Michael Sokolow*; Secretary, *Stephen Majewicz*; Officers at Large, *Donald Hume*, *Denis Sivack*, *Silvea Thomas*, *William Winter*; Delegates to the DA, *Michael Barnhart*, *Gordon Bassen*, *Ronald Forman*, *Cliff Hesse*, *Theodore Markus*, *William Rooney*; Alternates to the DA, *John Acosta*, *Susan Aranoff*, *Donald Donin*,

Alfonso Garcia-Osuna, *Florence Schneider*; Welfare Fund Council, *Gregory Aizin*, *Richard Staum*

Lehman College: Chairperson, *Helene Silverman*; Vice Chairperson, *Rosalind Carey*; Secretary, *Duane Tananbaum*; Officers at Large, *Norma Auerbach*, *Amod Choudhary*, *Joseph Rachlin*, *Kevin Sailor*; Delegates to the DA, *Jonathan Halabi*, *Wayne Halliday*, *John Mineka*, *Manfred Philipp*; Alternates to the DA, *Arto Artinian*, *Mary Carroll*; Welfare Fund Council, *Dana Fenton*, *Christy Folsom*

Borough of Manhattan Community College: Chairperson, *Rebecca Hill* [now at another university; *Joyce Moorman* is acting chair]; Vice Chairperson, *Joyce Moorman*; Secretary, *Geoffrey Kurtz*; Officers at Large, *Rafael Corbalan*, *Gail Mansouri*, *Margo Nash*, *Linda Wadas*; Delegates to the DA, *Francesco Crocco*, *Kathleen Saavik Ford*, *Anthony Gronowicz*, *Geoffrey Kurtz*, *Howard Meltzer*, *Joyce Moorman*, *Kathleen Offenholley*, *Charles Post*; Alternates to the DA, *Carol Bilsky-Bieniek*, *Will Hutchison*, *Hyacinth Martin*, *Yolanda Medina*, *Shirley Rausher*; Welfare Fund Council, *Kenneth Levinson*, *Marcia Newfield*

Manhattan Educational Opportunity Center: Chairperson, *Karen Berry*; Vice Chairperson, *Samuel Paul*; Secretary, *Gwynette Kears*; Officers at Large, *Evelyn McCatty*, *Mabel Ramharack*, *Carolyn Watford*, *Lawrence Williams*; Alternate to the DA, *Michael Hatchette*

Medgar Evers College: Chairperson, *Clinton Crawford*; Vice Chairperson, *Jean Gumbs*; Secretary, *Ivor Baker*; Officers at Large, *Verna Green*, *David Hatchett*, *JoAnn Joyner*, *Anthony Udeogalanya*; Delegates to the DA, *Obasegun Awolabi*, *William Daly*; Alternates to the DA, *David Hatchett*, *JoAnn Joyner*, *Anthony Udeogalanya*; Welfare Fund Council, *Darius Movasseghi*, *Earlean Smiley*

NYC College of Technology: Chairperson, *Robert Cermele*; Vice Chairperson, *Stephen James*; Secretary, *Tess Tobin*; Officers at Large, *Mary Browne*, *Kyle Cuordileone*, *Ana Marciano*, *Sharon Swacker*; Delegates to the DA, *Kyle Cuordileone*, *Andrew Douglas*, *Lise Hunter*, *Stephen James*, *Joel Mason*, *Patricia Rudden*, *Benjamin Shepard*; Alternates to the DA, *Malcolm Ebanks*, *Carole Harris*, *Konstantin Panayotakis*, *Abubakar Tidal Jr.*, *Gerald*

Van Loon; Welfare Fund Council, *Jackie Elliot*, *Helen Frank*

Queensborough Community College: Chairperson, *Judith Barbanel*; Vice Chairperson, *Joel Kuszi*; Secretary, *Michael Cesarano*; Officers at Large, *Wilma Fletcher-Anthony*, *Anthony Kolios*, *Alexandra Tarasko*, *Lana Zinger*; Delegates to the DA, *Manette Berlinger*, *Aranzazu Borrachero*, *Michael Cesarano*, *Joel Kuszi*, *William Marsh*, *Alicia Sinclair*; Alternates to the DA, *Wilma Fletcher-Anthony*, *Elaine Klau*, *Andrew Levy*, *Sharon Reeves*, *Roland Scal*; Welfare Fund Council, *Roland Scal*, *Lana Zinger*

Registrars: Chairperson, *Jayne Zweig*

Research Foundation Central Office: Chairperson, *Anthony Dixon*; Vice Chairperson, *Dawn Sievers*; Alternates to the DA, *Victor Caceres*

Retirees: Chairperson, *James Perlstein*; Vice Chairperson, *Joel Berger*; Secretary, *Mary Bryce-Jennings*; Officers at Large, *Francine Brewer*, *Judith Bronfman*, *Martin Kaplan*, *Eileen Moran*; Delegates to the DA, *John Hyland*, *David Kotelchuck*, *Stephen Leberstein*, *Cecelia McCall*, *Ezra Seltzer*; Alternates to the DA, *Miriam Balmuth*, *Joel Berger*, *Peter Jonas*, *Robert Wurman*; Welfare Fund Council, *Irwin Yellowitz*