



2024 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

by Fr. Marc

With the exchange of Easter Greetings and the celebration of Passover, the Labor-Management Community returned to the varied gatherings that are part of our calling. **Congressman Stephen Lynch** attended the **Ironworkers Local 7 Pin Dinner** on Easter Saturday, April 6. With thanks to **Board Member Billy Vietze** for the kind invitation! The **New England Jewish Labor Seder** convened 24 hours later, with a great

recognition for our **Cushing-Gavin** host **Lou Antonellis** of **IBEW Local 103**. There is no hiding that bright, shining light under the bushel for those as capable as Lou. We gathered with **Labor School Faculty Member Ashley Adams; Sister Tess Browne, S.C.N.; MNA** representatives **Julie Pinkham** and **Katie Murphy**; and our **Segal Roitman** colleagues **Nikki Decter, Don Siegal, and Paul Kelly**.

MNA and **SEIU 1199** have assiduously followed the financial malfeasances of the **Steward** hospitals crowd. The Guild participated in a series of public rallies and information sessions in **Taunton, Brockton, and Dorchester**.

With the sponsorship of **MassCOSH** and the **AFL-CIO**, we attended to **Mother Jones'** call to "mourn the deceased and fight for the living"

at the annual **Workers Memorial Day** at the State House. **Board Members Darlene Lombos** and **Frank Callahan** participated in the reverential calling



Board Member Frank Callahan speaking at the MassCOSH Workers' Memorial Day Event

of the roll along with the **Merrimack Valley CLC's Tom Raiche**, with yeoman **Al Vega** serving as M.C. **AFL-CIO President Chrissy Lynch** called upon us all to attend to worker rights and safety, while **Tolle**

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WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY 2024

by Bruce Tran, Boyle Fellow

With a sense of nostalgia, I attended this year's MassCOSH and MA AFL-CIO sponsored Workers' Memorial Day event. What contrasts this year's event versus last year's was that this year, the event was not hamstrung by the surprise visit of the President of South Korea Yoon Suk Yeol, where we were forced to

move the event into the nearby park. This year however, the event was returned to the front gate of the Massachusetts State House, a symbolic gesture that implies a call to action from the Massachusetts state government.

Every year, workers risk dangerous injuries or death while on the job. Especially vulnerable are blue collar workers and migrants who work manual labor or low-wage jobs. This is because many of these jobs may not be OSHA compliant

where shortcuts are taken regarding safety to save money. The other reason for the danger is that migrants are afraid to miss work at these jobs due to their legal status or needing to pay bills and other necessities. **Al Vega** of MassCOSH touched upon these issues while highlighting the displayed pictures of people who have lost their lives in the performance of their jobs.

All of the speakers discussed people who lost

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Executive Direct Update Cont.

Graham, Mike Felsen, and Marcy Goldstein-Gelb, now doing the COSH work nationally, joined in at this important event. **Alicia Anaciato**, who lost her partner **Peter Monsini** of **IUOE Local 4** in March 2022, noted the importance of Local 4's many supports for the surviving family under the leadership of **Bill McLaughlin**, as well as her personal testimony to the persisting impact of loss and grief. The next night, **Maureen Callaghan** and **President Lisa Field** were among those representing the Guild at the remarkable **Teamsters Local 25 Autism Fund-Raising Gala**, which showers funds on area Autism agencies each Spring.

With many years of participation in the **Channel 7 Catholic Mass** for Labor Day Weekend, we joined the local network **Catholic TV** for the



MNA SEIU Standout April 2024



Board Members Lisa Field, Hugh Boyd, John Cronin, Therese Dimuzio and Fr. Marc Fallon on set

Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker on May 1st. Board Member **Therese DiMuzio** shared readings and petition prayers, along with **Fr. Marc**. (This visit proved to be the source of an unimaginable number of photos; please see the Guild website.) **John Cronin, Hugh Boyd**, and President **Lisa Field** joined the group visit. Finally, your present author enjoyed his **six-mile stroll** for the **MassCOSH and UFCW Local 1445 May Day Parade** through **East Boston, Chelsea**, and **Everett**. Former **Boyle Fellow**

Jack Fell sends his greetings to all readers, while long-time MassCOSH Organizer **Brenda Quintana** had her walking shoes on as well. Brenda now continues her organizing on behalf of the **Massachusetts Teachers Association**. And the Executive Director only stopped for a few Latino delicacies, only once or twice, along the parade route. Plan now to join us next year, and you may visit **the shining new community center of La Colaborativa** in **Chelsea**!

IN MEMORIAM

We commit ourselves to remember the many contributions to the Labor – Management Community of a number of valued colleagues who have been called from our midst.

Chuck Monahan (Dec. 29, 2023) *Cushing-Gavin Labor Award 2000; Labor Guild President 2001; IBEW Local #103 member for 56 years; Financial Secretary; Creator and Administrator of the Brotherhood Assistance Program; committed advocate for treatment and recovery in the organized labor community. (Please see Guild website.)*

Edward Smith (Jan. 3, 2024) *Chairman and CEO, The Union and Labor Life Insurance Company; LiUNA experience led him to ULLICO, from which position Ed always remembered the Labor Guild. (Please see Guild website.)*

T. Edward Sheehan (Jan. 9, 2024) *Teamsters Local #25 Business Agent; member since 1946.*

Kevin J. Murray (Mar. 12, 2024) *Retired from 40 years with the NLRB.*

Dolores Summa Boyle (Apr. 11, 2024) *Sister-in-law to Fr. Ed, at age 93.*

Ian Taylor (April 26, 2024) *Billerica Police Officer, detailed to assist at a road construction site. (Please see the Guild website for a number of available links for these colleagues.)*



Fr. Patrick Sullivan, C.S.C.

The Guild mourns the passing of our former Executive Secretary and Chaplain, **Fr. Patrick Sullivan, C.S.C.** (Feb. 10, 2024)

Fr. Pat administered the Guild from 2009-2012. His powerful homily "The Dignity of Work," which speaks to the lasting impact and relevance of Catholic Social Teaching as well as the inherent right of workers everywhere, can be found on the Guild website.

Workers' Memorial Day Cont.

their lives in tragic but preventable accidents. Flowers were placed under an empty chair with a hard hat placed on top. A moment of silence followed this gesture, to honor those who lost their lives. Many of those in attendance were personal friends or family members of those who had lost their lives on the job.

Most poignant was a speech from a Latina woman who spoke of her husband that lost his life while working. It tugged at my heart strings to know that the last time they spoke to each other was a farewell and an eagerness to see each other by dinnertime that never happened due to the accident. This was a very

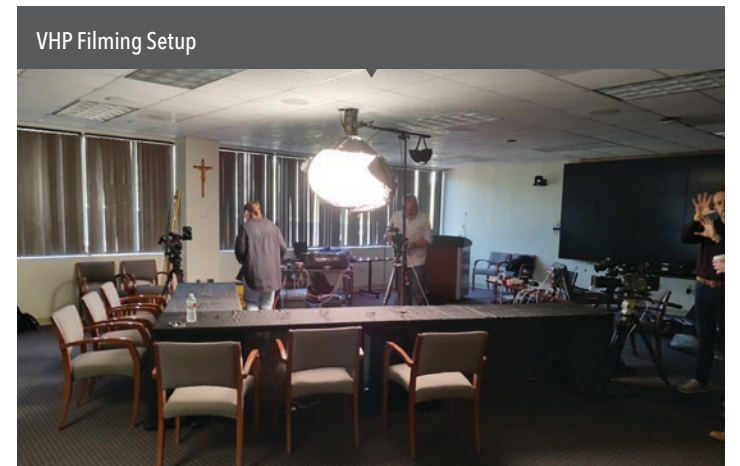
powerful anecdote to end the event with. How many of us speak to our family thinking it is just another day on the work "grind," only to find out they would never see each other again? That was something I did not want to think about, but it was a fact for many of those present. The possibility that it could occur to me one day was

a chilling possibility and a reminder to cherish your loved ones. These people did not come for the sole purpose of compensation but to ask for change so that no other person would suffer as they did. Organized Labor must continue to advocate for workers and their rights to hopefully someday prevent any more deaths on the job.

VIDEO HISTORY PROJECT

On Friday, May 17th, the Guild welcomed Carol M. Rosenbaum Productions to Braintree to produce a portion of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers' Video History Project. The film will be stored in the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers' digital archive, which focuses on American Labor history and employment law. We are honored to be a part of this collection and extend our thanks to the many Guild members, students, board members and staff who made this historic project possible!

Please have a look at the CLEL Video History Project here: <https://thecllel.org/video-history-project/>



VHP Filming Setup

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Two long-serving Executive Board Members, Eileen Norton and Paul McCarthy, have stepped down from this formal service to the

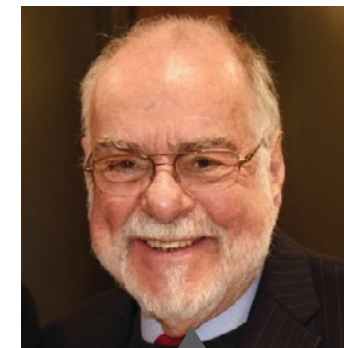
Guild. Eileen, Carney Hospital Organizer Emerita, will continue to assist our phone bank and other "get out the checkbook" communication in the Cushing-Gavin Season. And similar gratitude

to Paul for his Faculty presence and assisting with outreach to Building Pathways and other new relationships. Many thanks for your service, as well as not actually leaving us!

Also, we have elected and appointed a new board member, Tonia King of the Massachusetts Nurses Association. Tonia has been involved with the Guild for many years and is currently an Associate Director of Organizing with the MNA. Her job involves many duties pertaining to organizing and assisting nurses as well as establishing new contacts with nurses looking to



Eileen Norton



Paul McCarthy



Tonia King

organize. We are thankful that she brings all this experience and her skills to the Board. Welcome, Tonia!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SYMPOSIUM

As we were going to press for **Labor Life**, the Guild followed our mandate to promote considered discussion of important topics for the Labor – Management Community. **The Catholic Health Foundation** supported a **Human Trafficking Symposium** on June 11, with leadership from **President Field** along with **Sr. Tess Brown, SCN**, and the **Boston Anti-Trafficking Coalition of Catholic Women Religious**. Keynote Speaker **Stacy Reed** spoke of her personal experience and the perseverance that has led her to a Master’s of Social Work and defending her Doctoral Dissertation. Peabody **Detective Lieut. David Bonfanti**, **State Rep. Thomas Walsh**, and **UNITE! 26** colleagues **Jaimie McNeil** and **William Brown** spoke of perpetrators who operate locally here in the Commonwealth, along with law enforcement strategies.

Sr. Marilyn McGoldrick, CSJ, and **Sheelah Gobar** of the **Children’s Advocacy Center of Suffolk County** described support and recuperative treatment programs for former victims. **Homeland Security Investigator Errol Flynn** spoke of the present realities and challenges in confronting syndicates and organized perpetrators. This was the Guild’s first presentation on this important issue, and there are plenty of opportunities for follow-up and supporting **UNITE! 26** in their campaign for municipal ordinances that compel hotel management responsibility.



The Labor Guild 2024 ANNUAL DUES

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UPCOMING LABOR EVENTS!

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CATHOLICTV MASS ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND Sunday

Join the Labor Guild as our Executive Director Father Marc Fallon, C.S.C. says Mass live on Catholic TV!

To learn how to watch Mass, navigate to www.catholictv.org, then click on “Ways to Watch.”

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FALL LABOR SCHOOL BEGINS Monday

Class listings will be added to our website soon!

FALL
TBD

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SYMPOSIUM

We are looking forward to holding another Symposium regarding Substance Use Disorder and how it affects workers, management, and their loved ones. We are aiming for Fall 2024 as a potential date.

Last September we hosted several organizations, a panel, and guest speakers at the Pipefitters Local 537 Training Hall in Dorchester. The event was free to attend and all information on attendees was kept confidential.

Stay tuned for more information on our website as well as on our social media channels and Mailchimp emails!

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ANNUAL CUSHING-GAVIN AWARDS DINNER Friday - 6:00 PM Cocktails | 7:00 PM Dinner IBEW 103 Hall, Dorchester

Join us for a night of food and fellowship celebrating the contributions of representatives from Labor, Labor Management, and Labor Law.

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