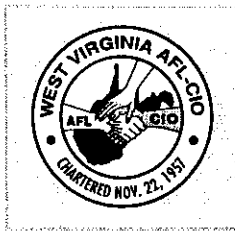


# West Virginia AFL-CIO



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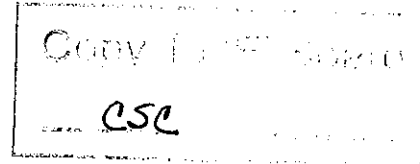
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TO: Affiliated Local Union Officers  
FROM: WV-AFL-CIO  
RE: Labor 2010 Special and General Election  
COPE Endorsed Candidates



The Committee On Political Education, made up of union members representing West Virginia workers have endorsed, (by more than the required two-thirds majority) , Joe Manchin III for U.S. Senate in the August 28<sup>th</sup> 2010 Special Election.

Please review the enclosed information and share it with your rank and file membership. Encourage every member and their family to be a registered voter and most importantly **VOTE** on August 28<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010.

COPE endorsed candidates have completed written questionnaires, personal interviews by Central Labor Council delegates and received a two-thirds majority vote by the State COPE Committee.

The mission of the West Virginia AFL-CIO Committee On Political Education is to identify candidates who will support our working families' agenda and create public policy that encourages social and economic justice.

Labor 2010 needs activists! Encourage activism within your local, join with other union activists at your Central Labor Council. Our CLC activists will be visiting member's homes, work site leafleting, participating in honk and waves and doing direct mailings in support of COPE endorsed candidates.

Be part of the solution to working family problems by joining in solidarity for Labor 2010.

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## Central Labor Councils / Area & State COPE Committees

### **Brooke-Hancock, AFL-CIO**

#### **Phil Diserio, President**

Counties: Brooke and Hancock

Monthly Meeting: 6:30 PM -- 3rd Tuesday

Where: USW LU #2911 Union Hall, Weirton

Contact: philibew@yahoo.com

### **Eastern Panhandle, AFL-CIO**

#### **Kris Lundberg, President**

Counties: Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral and Morgan

Monthly Meeting: 6:30 PM -- 3rd Tuesday

Where: North Central WV Bldg & Construction Trades Council/Martinsburg Satellite Office 312

Wilson Street, Martinsburg

Contact: mgoblu99@msn.com

### **Kanawha Valley, AFL-CIO**

#### **Mike Matthews, President**

Counties: Boone, Braxton, Clay, part of Fayette, Kanawha, and Putnam

Monthly Meeting: 6:30 PM -- 2nd Monday

Where: WV State Building Trades, 600 Leon Sullivan Way, Charleston

Contact: mikemathews@cbtwv.org

### **Marion County, AFL-CIO**

#### **Vern Swisher, President**

County: Marion

Monthly Meeting: 7 PM -- 2nd Thursday

Where: UMW Office, 310 Gaston Ave., Fairmont

Contact: vswisher@ma.rr.com

### **Marshall-Wetzel-Tyler, AFL-CIO**

#### **Shelva Smith, President**

Counties: Marshall, Tyler and Wetzel

Monthly Meeting: 7 PM -- 1st Wednesday

Where: Marshall County Courthouse, County Commissioner's Chambers, 7<sup>th</sup> St., Moundsville

Contact: gongolfin@netzero.com

### **Mason-Jackson-Roane, AFL-CIO**

#### **Chuck Parker, President**

Counties: Jackson, Mason, Roane

Monthly Meeting: 7:30 PM -- 2nd Tuesday

Where: USW LU #5668 Union Hall, #1 NuChance Drive, Rt. 2 South, Ravenswood

Contact: cparker132@hughes.net

### **Monongalia-Preston, AFL-CIO**

#### **Rita McCrobie, President**

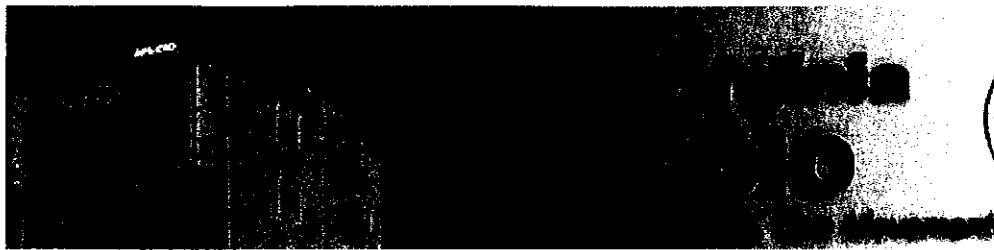
Counties: Monongalia, Preston and Tucker

Monthly Meeting: 5:30 PM -- 3rd Monday

Laborers' #814 Union Office, 3366 Collins Ferry Road, Morgantown

Contact: grkinc@netscape.net

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# November 2, 2010 Special and General Election COPE Endorsements

## U.S. Senate Special Election

Joe Manchin III

## U.S House of Representatives

2nd District ... Virginia Graf

3rd District .... Nick Rahall

## Supreme Court of Appeals

Thomas E. McHugh

## State Senate

1st ... Orphy Klempa

2nd ... Larry Edgell

6th ... H. Truman Chafin

9th ... Mike Green

10th ... Ron Miller

10th ... Mark Wills

12th ... Joe Minard

14th ... Steven Shaffer

16th ... John Unger

17th ... Brooks McCabe

## House of Delegates

1st ... Randy Swartzmiller

2nd ... Tim Ennis

Roy Givens

3rd..... Shawn Fluharty,

Erikka Storch

4th..... Michael Ferro,

Scott Varner

5th... Dave Pethtel

9th... Jim Marion

10th... Dan Poling,

## House of Delegates

12th.....Jo Boggess Phillips

13th.....Dale Martin,

Brady Paxton

14th....Cathy Larck

15<sup>th</sup> ... Jim Morgan,

Matthew Woelfel

16th ... Dale Stephens,

Doug Reynolds

17th ... Don Perdue,

Richard Thompson

18th ... Larry Barker

19th ... Greg Butcher,

Josh Stowers,

Ralph Rodighiero

21st.....Harry Keith White

22nd....Daniel J. Hall

Linda Goode Phillips

23rd.....Clif Moore

25th.....John Frazier,

Bill Moorefield

27th.....Virginia Mahan,

Mel Kessler,

Ricky Moye,

Sally Susman,

Bill Wooton

28th....Thomas Campbell,

Ray Canterbury

29th.....David Perry,

Margaret Staggers

30th.....Bonnie Brown,

Doug Skaff Jr,

Nancy Guthrie,

Bobbie Hatfield,

Mark Hunt,

Sharon Spencer,

Danny Wells

## House of Delegates

31st.....Meshea Poore

32nd... Scott Lavigne

33rd.....David Walker

34th.....Brent Boggs

35th.....Sam Argento

36th.....Joe Talbott

37th.....Denise Campbell

38<sup>th</sup> ... Peggy Donaldson Smith

39th.....Bill Hamilton

40th.....Mary Poling

41st.....Ron Fragale,

Richard Iaquina,

Tim Miley

42<sup>nd</sup> .....Michael Manypenny

43rd.....Mike Caputo,

Linda Longstreth,

Timothy Manchin

44th.....Barbara Fleischauer,

Charlene Marshall,

Steve Cook,

Anthony Barill

45<sup>th</sup> .....Larry Williams

46th.....Stan Shaver

49<sup>th</sup> .....Charles Messick

50th.....Ruth Rowan

52nd... Mike Roberts

53rd ... Robert V. Mills

55th ... Donn E. Marshall

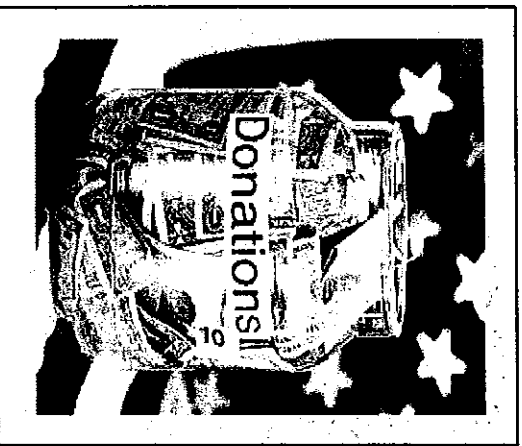
56th ... Terry L. Walker

58th... Tiffany Lawrence

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West Virginia  
Working Families!



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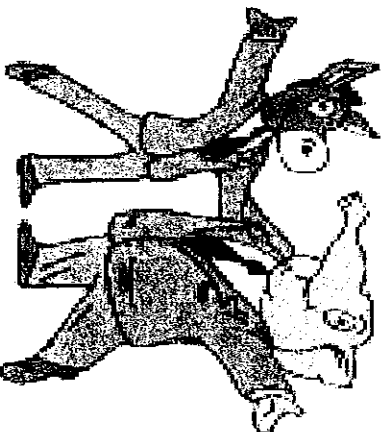


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**GOPE**

Committee On Political Education



**Families Are Our Focus**

Candidates Endorsed by the  
**Committee On Political Education**  
Support Working Family Issues!

**WV AFL-CIO**

## What is COPE?

COPE, stands for the AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education. The COPE Committee of the Central Labor Councils and State Federation determine candidate endorsements and provide financial support for endorsed candidates.



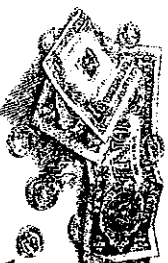
## What does COPE do?

Your COPE works to secure good laws that will benefit working people. This is done chiefly in two ways:

1. By electing candidates to political office who understand and care about workers and their problems; and

2. Lobbying during legislative sessions to get good laws introduced and passed while working to defeat bad laws that will harm workers and their families.

## Why does the WV AFL-CIO COPE want individual contributions?



Because it costs a lot of money to run an organized political campaign. The WV AFL-CIO COPE requests that you make an annual contribution to support the election of COPE endorsed working family candidates, those who will work with the WV AFL-CIO, protecting workers' rights, safety & health and raising the living standards for all workers.

## How does our COPE decide who is a good candidate and who isn't?

Members of COPE on all levels - national, state and local - study questionnaires the candidates have completed and participate in interviewing candidates on a face-to-face basis.

If the candidates have previous voting records, the records are checked to see how they voted on worker issues in the past, because more than likely that is how they will probably vote in the future. The COPE endorsement is made strictly on the candidates' merits and not because he or she is a "nice" person or because he or she goes to Church every Sunday. The candidate who gets the endorsement will be the one most likely to support workers' issues.

## I am a Republican, and I would like to know why more Republicans aren't endorsed by COPE?



Actually, COPE is strictly nonpartisan and does not give endorsements based upon which party they may belong to. However, since Republicans traditionally have favored Big Business over working people, few tend to support labor issues. Anyone checking voting records of Republicans against those of Democrats on labor issues will soon understand why more Republicans are not endorsed. Historically, only 25% of Republican candidates respond to a COPE questionnaire, which is required for consideration for endorsement.

## I don't want to support all the candidates COPE supports, so why should I give to COPE?

Because the candidates your COPE supports are the candidates who will support the issues that will touch your life...issues such as workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, your rights on a picket line, your right to negotiate a contract with your employer with the strength of the government to guarantee the provisions of that contract, and many, many more issues that can affect you and your family in any number of ways.

## How does COPE directly affect me?



A very good question. We all live in a society governed by laws and Laws affect us from the time we are born until after we die. Laws are designed to protect the rights

of people like you. However, there are some who happen to have a lot of money and influence who believe they are more equal than everybody else. They want to get laws passed that favor their interests. COPE fights to keep that from happening. A worker's right to a safe workplace where he is treated with respect and paid fairly can be a reality when workers can freely join together, form unions and bargain collectively. We can make becoming a union member and rebuilding the middle class possible by electing candidates who will support worker friendly legislation like the Employee Free Choice Act.

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**Support COPE!**  
**Vote COPE!**

