

TWU Local 591 Administrative Executive Board Member Candidate Information

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CLASSIFICATION: AMT Crew Chief
STATION: ORD
PREVIOUS STATION(S): N/A
COMPANY SENIORITY: 06-Feb-1989
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UNION BACKGROUND:

- > TWU Local 591:
 - * Executive Board Member - Administrative (Current);
 - * Executive Board Member - AMT (Previously Title 1);
 - * Local 591 Executive Board Member - At-Large;
- > TWU Local 563:
 - * Executive Board Member;
 - * F.A.A. Compliance Liaison;
 - * Chief Shop Steward & Shop Steward;
- > TWU Local 512:
 - * Chief Shop Steward & Shop Steward.
- > TWU Air Transport Division:
 - * ASAP Event Review Committee (Locals 563 & 591);

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

- > Creighton University - School of Law:
 - * Master of Science in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution.
- > National Labor College:
 - * Bachelor of Arts in Labor Studies;
 - * Arbitration Preparation and Presentation Certificate .
- > Eastern Gateway Community College:
 - * Associate of Applied Business in Paralegal.
- > Gateway Technical Institute: Certificate;
 - * FAA Airman Ratings - Airframe & Powerplant Mechanic.
- > Harvard University - Negotiation & Mediation Certificate (4)
- > Cornell University - Policy Advocacy Certificate
- > Northwestern University - Divorce Mediation Certificate
- > O.S.H.A. - OSHA 30 General Industry Safety Certificate

PREVIOUS BUSINESS / JOB EXPERIENCE:

- > United States Army Reserves Veteran - Aircraft Mechanic
 - * Honorable Discharge, Army Achievement Medal,
 - * Distinguished Achievement Certificate;
- > American Airlines - Aircraft Mechanic (AMT)
 - * Fleet Qualified: 727, 737, 757, 767, 777, A319-A321, DC10, MD11, MD80, F28/100; Run-Up/Taxi Qualified: 727, 757, 767, 777, MD80, F28-100; Crew Chief Pre-Qualified; Nippon Cargo and Alaska Air Qualified.
- > Creighton University School of Law - Associate Instructor
 - * Negotiation: Navigating Professional & Personal Interactions
- > Real Estate Investor & Property Manager (Self-Employed)

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

It has been my privilege to be your elected representative, your voice, your advocate, and represent your needs as an Executive Board Member in Local 591 since 2018.

During that time, I've worked on many different tasks on your behalf, and all were important. That said, for around the last year and a half of this term, I believe that by far the most important job for you was being one of your three Local 591 Contract Negotiation Committee Members, along with President Gary Schaible and MLS Board Member Mike Jezierski.

While on the Negotiation Committee, I was the primary proposal language writer. I built your Local 591 on-line contract surveys, read each survey you submitted, worked to incorporate your best ideas into new language proposals, finding ways to remove currently deficient language, and building tactical options for accomplishing your contract goals. That was a long slog, but an incredibly important job for you.

When the Negotiation Committee needed to shift gears and consider a possible economic extension offer, your three Local 591 Negotiation Committee members were already fully prepared for this possibility, and we quickly completed our already in-work charts providing you with the current industry economics, with as much wage, benefit, and any other available economic data. That effort as one of your three Local 591 Negotiation Committee members, along with traveling to 15 stations, on all possible shifts, in about 5 weeks to provide you information and to answer your questions, without a doubt brought us all back to the top of industry wages we all deserve. I plan to continue using my experience and my targeted education on the Contract Negotiation Committee if re-elected.

I have written updates to you, when able, highlighting issues and challenges I have been working to solve on your behalf, adding in topics about Compliance, Unionism, Contract Enforcement, and Safety.

I commit to you that I will continue working to make your Local more responsive to your needs, and improving communication within the Local, one example being recently adding the Friday Rep Call podcast videos. I will keep working to use newer technology for even better communications.

I want to thank all who have supported my efforts to enforce your contract, and toward building a better and stronger Local 591. I am asking for that continued vote of confidence, and I am again asking for your vote in this election.

Fraternally,

Russ Dittmer