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ATU NYS Legislative Conference re-elects Local 1056 leader as chair

**At ATU International Convention
Local 1056 President/Business Agent
Mark A. Henry gains 2d term**



Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1056 President/Business Agent Mark Henry was unanimously re-elected chair of the ATU New York State Legislative Conference. The unanimous vote took place September 25, 2019 during the ATU International Convention. Mr. Henry first took over this position in February 2015 after then ATU 1179 President John Lyons took a position at the ATU International. Mr. Henry was serving his first term at ATU 1056 President at that time.

Mark continues his advocacy promoting the ATU New York State Legislative agenda. He has blended his labor union experience and community service background to move the State conference board forward on many items of joint concern to ATU locals across New York State.

Mr. Henry currently serves his second full three-year term as President of ATU 1056 which represents 1900 active Maintenance and Transportation members in MTA New York City Transit's Queens bus division and several hundred retired members.

Mark serves as the lead negotiator on a team that achieved a fair and just contracts for ATU Local 1056 members in January 2018, October 2014 and May 2012. The May 2012 groundbreaking decision has been studied and referenced in many arbitration college courses (set a precedent that benefits many public employee unions across the United States).

Mark's responsibilities as ATU 1056 president/business agent include oversight of the local's overall operations, contract/policy and finances as well serving as Health Benefits Trustee.

Under Mark's leadership, the local union membership has begun its transition of reeducating the next generation of new members.

The Local 1056 new headquarters on Union Turnpike in Bayside offers labor not only a new outpost in northeast Queens but enable the local to better serve members who work in or from depots in Flushing, Jamaica and Queens Village.

Throughout his career in organized labor, Henry worked in coalition with other labor leaders to effect change, protect and enhance members' benefits, maintain traditional work assignments and empower members.

He was a key member of a leadership team that forged collaborations with other transit unions, management, transit advocates and politicians to effect improvements in public transit.

Mark has received many certificates and commendations for his achievements in organized labor, workers' rights and community affairs. In 2017, City and State Magazine recognized Mark as one of New York's top 100 Labor leaders.

Mark studied Psychology at City College-CUNY and Labor Studies at ATU International – Tommy Douglass Center (formerly known as the National Labor College) in Silver Springs, Maryland.

He enjoys traveling, sports and recreational activities with his family and friends.