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**ATU Local 1056 members unanimously re-elect  
Mark Henry President/ Business Agent  
ATU Legislative Conference Chair unopposed**

Members of of Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1056 unanimously re-elected Mark Henry as President/ Business Agent last week. Henry, who chairs the NYS ATU Legislative Conference, won election to a second full three-year term of the local which represents 1900 active Maintenance and Transportation members in MTA New York City Transit's Queens bus division and several hundred retired members after succeeding now-City Council Member I. DanEEK Miller in 2014.



Henry previously served three terms as the public transportation local's Vice President. After prevailing in a runoff for Vice President in 2006, members of the local unanimously re-elected this staunch defender of workers' rights in 2009 and 2012. Mark served 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 ground-breaking decision has been studied and referenced in many arbitration college courses (set a precedent that benefits many public employee unions across the United States). Marks' responsibilities includes oversight of the local's overall operations, Contract/Policy, Finances and Health Benefits Trustee. Under Mark's leadership, Local 1056 closed on and redeveloped a new headquarters on Union Turnpike in Bayside, which 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 and transit advocates to effect improvements in public transit.

As union vice president, Henry's responsibilities included oversight of the local's operations, policy, contracts and procedures with the MTA, advocacy and negotiation of worker grievances, workers compensation, safety matters, financial issues and contractual compliance. Henry also served as the liaison between his (ATU) Local 1056 membership and management.

Mark began his career in April 1987 as a Bus operator with the New York City Transit Authority. He increased his labor activism in June 2000 when he became Assistant Shop Chairman ultimately rising to acting Chairman for the Jamaica Depot.

Building on his prior experience and education, Mark worked to resolve many labor and management issues within the Jamaica Depot. In June 2003, Mark's peers in the Jamaica Depot elected him to represent them as their member of the Executive Board of ATU Local 1056. As Executive Board Member, Henry worked on all aspects of the Local Union business issues that came before the board.

Mark's labor activism extends to national, state and city involvement, including the MTA Coalition of Labor Unions. He also serves as a member of the International ATU's Law committee, ATU Black Caucus, and its Canada and American Conference (ATU CAN – AM) boards. Mark is a member of the New York State Public Employees Conference Board and chairs the ATU's NYS Legislative Conference Board. This unsung labor-activist and organizer for Queens communities is also involved in community affairs; he was Treasurer for the successful campaign that propelled or 27th District City Councilman I. Daneek Miller to public office.

In 2017, City and State Magazine recognized Mark as one of Labor's 25 Influential leaders in Queens. 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. Mark has received many certificates and commendations for his achievements in organized labor, workers' rights and community affairs. Mark enjoys traveling, sports and recreational activities with his family and friends.

In addition to President/ Business Agent Mark Henry, the ATU principal officers re-elected to three-year terms are:

Luis Alzate, Vice President;

Felix Avila, Financial Secretary;

Gladys McDaniel, Recording Secretary;

and Frank Myers, Executive Board member, Maintenance.

ATU also welcomes new Transportation Executive Board members: Thomas Erdmann, Casey Stengel; Joseph Branch, Jamaica; and Robert France, Queens Village.

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