

History of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO Ralph A. Jirikowic Award

Annually, the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO seeks nominations from its affiliates for its prestigious community services award. The nominees are carefully screened, and only after a very deliberative process, one outstanding union volunteer emerges. In order to receive the highest award the Wisconsin AFL-CIO can offer for service to the community, the nominee must have demonstrated a continuous record of dedicated service in the workplace, the local union, and the community. These outstanding representatives of the labor movement are presented the award at the annual Community Services Conference by the President of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO.

When it was established in 1984, this award was named the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO Community Services Award. In 1987, it was renamed the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO Ralph A. Jirikowic Award, in memory of a dedicated union leader who epitomized the very best the Wisconsin Labor Movement has to offer. Prior to retirement, Brother Jirikowic served as Vice President of the Milwaukee County Labor Council and was a member of UAW Local 9 (Brewery Workers) for 49 years. Brother Jirikowic left the Wisconsin labor movement with a legacy of caring and helping, and it is only fitting that the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO name its highest award for service to the community in honor of him.



Past Recipients of the RALPH A. JIRIKOWIC AWARD

1984:	Norbert Naidl USWA Local 6499	1994:	Elaine Capelle AFSCME Local 1800	2004:	Gretchen Lowe AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 52	2014:	Carrie Riddle Laborers Local 236
1985:	Kevin Gerarden Fire Fighters Local 316	1995:	Mona Adams Winston CWA Local 4630	2005:	Kevin Mieczkowski UAW Local 180	2015:	Tony Anderson United Steelworkers (USW) Local 2-1114
1986:	Vernice Gallimore AFSCME Local 645	1996:	Mariano Aviles USWA Local 1610	2006:	Tim Voelker NALC Branch 619	2016:	Thomas Coyne Painters (IUPAT) Local 781
1987:	Donald Stuttgen CWA Local 4640	1997:	Ron Salmon UAW Brewery Workers Local 9	2007:	Helen Olig IAMAW Local 1259	2017:	Christopher Olig Laborers Local 113
1988:	Gerald Koester IUOE Local 310	1998:	Norman Sanders Bricklayers Local 9	2008:	Wayne Wesenberg IBEW Local 1147	2018:	Chris Yatchak GCC/IBT Local 577-M
1989:	Anthony Frisque UAW Local 1102	1999:	Sheila Sims AFSCME Local 60	2009:	Christopher Jay Perillo Kenosha Education Association	2019:	Pam Fendt Laborers (LiUNA!) Local 113
1990:	James Lyons IAMAW Lodge 1855	2000:	Gerald "Red" Herzberg PACE Local 7-0059	2010:	Luke M. Wachowiak IBEW Local 388	2020:	Jeff Starr IBEW Local 388
1991:	Richard Johnson GCIU Local 382	2001:	John Larson IAMAW Lodge 516	2011:	Douglas Curler Machinists Lodge 66	2021:	Mark Westphal United Steelworkers (USW) Local 2-1279
1992:	Dolores Higgins AIW Local 232	2002:	Joe Wilfling IAMAW Lodge 1855	2012:	Carol Vetter United Steelworkers Local 850	2022:	Kevin Turner SMART Local 18
1993:	Lyle Balistreri IBEW Local 494	2003:	Cleo Walls UAW Brewery Workers Local 9	2013:	Tony Vanderbloemen OPEIU Local 9		



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RALPH A. JIRIKOWIC AWARD
CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

NOTE: You may make more than one nomination. Please make extra copies as necessary including one for your records. Submit to: Ralph A. Jirikowic Award, c/o Ann M. McNeary, 2059 Atwood Avenue, Madison, WI, 53704. The deadline for nominations is **March 09, 2023**.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Be an active or retired member of an affiliate of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO and
2. Have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to providing **VOLUNTEER** community service activities to people in the workplace, the local Union, and/or the greater community

CANDIDATE INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Union Affiliation: _____
(International or Council and Local Union Number)

NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Union Affiliation: _____
(International or Council and Local Union Number)

Address: _____
(Street) (City / State / Zip)

Telephone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

ORGANIZATIONAL APPROVAL:

Organization: _____
(International or Council and Local Union Number)

Officer's Name: _____ Title: _____
(Please Print)

Officer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

CANDIDATE'S VOLUNTEER ACHIEVEMENTS:

On a separate sheet, in narrative form, please include the following information:

- A. Any elected or appointed posts, committee assignments, and any other union-related assignments the candidate has held in the local union and/or central labor council. Indicate dates and lengths of service whenever possible.
- B. Any present or past memberships/affiliations the candidate has with community organizations. List dates and length of service whenever possible and indicate any elected or appointed posts or committee assignments held within those organizations.
- C. A detailed description of the candidate's activities and justification for receiving this award.

Wisconsin State AFL-CIO
PROJECT AWARD
NOMINATION FORM

NOTE: You may make more than one nomination. Please make extra copies as necessary including one for your records. Submit to: Community Services Project Award, c/o Ann M. McNeary, 2059 Atwood Avenue, Madison, WI, 53704. The deadline for nominations is March 09, 2023.

NAME OF PROJECT: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

Please supply the following information regarding the contact person. This person may be contacted to verify the scope and extent of the union's **volunteer** activities and therefore should be familiar with the **volunteer** involvement/accomplishments for which the project is being nominated.

CONTACT PERSON: _____
(Name)

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ (Daytime) (_____) _____ (Evening)

E-Mail: _____

NOMINATOR: _____
(Name)

One of the lead organizations being nominated must be affiliated with the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO. [If applicable, please list other union or community partners who collaborated on the project.] Affiliates may nominate their own projects. This form must be signed by an officer of the nominating organization.

Name and Title of Officer: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ (Daytime) (_____) _____ (Evening)

E-Mail: _____

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY: On a separate sheet, in narrative form, describe what the project was designed to accomplish and how the community benefited as a result.

Describe the degree of participation by union members, what makes the project unique, and how the project will continue to develop in the future. Include any news articles, letters of commendation, and video tapes - if deemed appropriate.