To: Local Presidents

From: Mary Alice Conkey, NEOEA Executive Director

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Subject: ULA Unsung Hero Award

Each year, the United Labor Agency holds a dinner to honor a limited number of “Unsung Heroes of the Labor Movement.” Unsung Heroes honored in recent years have included nine union activists from six NEOEA locals.

The NEOEA officers will select and submit the nominee to be honored at the ULA Annual Dinner on Thursday, November 16. The Unsung Hero and nominator attend compliments of NEOEA.

If your local has an Unsung Hero who you feel should be honored by ULA, please write a letter of support and send it to NEOEA Executive Assistant Linda Grunden. You can send the letter by postal mail, fax, or an email to grunden@neoea.org. Letters should be received by Friday, October 27.

As its name suggests, the United Labor Agency is a community service agency drawn from local community and labor organizations. It provides job skills training for workers who have lost employment due to plant closings, economic downturns, and changes in the labor market. ULA is active primarily in the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Lake.

Unsung Heroes should be members whose contributions have made a difference for their fellow union members. ULA desires that they be “unsung,” which typically means that they have not served in high-profile positions such as local president or higher leadership positions. Nominations are made by submitting a letter which identifies the reasons why the member is being submitted. The bulk of that letter is printed in the program for ULA’s Annual Dinner.