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# Solidarity!

## Nominations Finalized for MTI Officers & Bargaining Committee

At the March 18 meeting of the MTI Faculty Representative Council, **nominations were finalized for MTI Officers, as well as for the MTI Bargaining Committee** relative to vacancies caused by terms ending in May, 2014. Nominated for President-Elect was current President **Peg Coyne** (Black Hawk). She will again serve as MTI President for the 2015-16 school year. Peg previously served as President during the 2011-12 school year. She is also a member of the Bargaining Committee. In addition, others nominated were **Art Camosy** (incumbent -Memorial) for Vice-President; **Liz Donnelly Wingert** (incumbent -Elvehjem) for Secretary; and **Greg Vallee** (incumbent - Thoreau) for Treasurer. **Mike Lipp** (West), who was elected last spring, **will serve as President for the 2014-15 school year.**

Nominated for the **MTI Bargaining Committee** were: High School Representative - **Art Camosy** (incumbent-Memorial); Middle School Representative - **Nichole Von Haden** (incumbent-Sherman); Elementary School Representative - **Laurie Solchenberger** (incumbent - Lincoln); At-Large Representative - **Steve Pike** (incumbent-West); Educational Services Representative-Middle School - **Gabe Chavez** (incumbent-Jefferson). The Bargaining Committee, from which the Bargaining Team is selected and which is the body responsible for MTI's Teacher Contract negotiations, consists of 15 members, of which five are elected each year. MTI's general election will be held April 28-30.

### \*\*\*Important Reminder\*\*\*

## Teacher Contracts to be Issued in May

Pursuant to changes in MTI's Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement, **teacher contracts for the 2014-15 school year will be issued in MAY instead of March.** Signed contracts of all returning teachers must be received in the MMSD Human Resources Office not later than **June 16**. MTI **strongly recommends** that teachers return their signed contracts **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** in person to assure timely delivery. Take a copy with you, ask that it be stamped "received", and keep it for your personal records. **Failure to return a signed contract by June 16 may result in the District accepting such as one's resignation.**

## Academic Leave of Absence Deadline May 1

Section VI-B (Leaves of Absences) of MTI's **Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement** provides that all *non-medical leaves except academic, adoption and childrearing leaves, must be for a minimum of one full school year* and must commence at the beginning of the first semester. Academic or childrearing leaves must be for a minimum of one semester.

A request for an *academic* leave or for an extension of same must be made to the Department of Human Resources by **May 1, 2014** for the first semester or the entirety of the 2014-15 school year.



## SSA-MTI General Membership Meeting Wednesday, April 2

A general membership meeting of MTI's School Security Assistants (SSA-MTI) bargaining unit has been scheduled for **Wednesday, April 2**, at MTI Headquarters, beginning at **4:30 p.m.** Join your colleagues to find out what your Union is doing to meet current challenges, and to help chart the course ahead. **Nominations for positions on the SSA-MTI Board of Directors will also be received at the April 2 meeting.** SSAs may also make nominations via the nomination form which has been sent out to all SSA-MTI bargaining unit members. ***Get involved in your Union!***

## Sign-Up Now for MTI's Milwaukee Brewers Outing - June 25

Believe it or not, spring is coming and shortly thereafter summer, and the annual MTI outing to Miller Park. This year's **MTI Day at Miller Park** will take place on **Wednesday, June 25**, with the Milwaukee Brewers taking on the Washington Nationals at 1:10 p.m.

Cost is \$50 per person and includes charter bus, pre-game tailgate party and game ticket. Space is limited so call MTI (257-0491) to reserve your spot now.

## Atlanta Superintendent to Speak April 12

Former President and CEO of Alliant Energy **Erroll Davis**, now Superintendent of Schools in Atlanta, Georgia, will be the featured speaker at the Madison Civics Club on April 12. Davis' presentation should be a stimulating one. With the topic being "*Educating our Children Should Not be this Difficult.*" Reservations can be made online at <http://www.madisoncivicsclub.org/content/reservations>. The event will be held at Monona Terrace, at 11:00 a.m., with seating available at 10:30 a.m. **Registration closes April 4.** Cost is \$35.

While Davis was President/CEO of Alliant, he also served on the UW Board of Regents. Following his retirement from Alliant, he was appointed Chancellor of the University System of Georgia. Davis also serves on several corporate boards, including Union Pacific, Electric Power Research, Industrial Energy and General Motors. He has also served on the U.S. Olympic Committee. In addition, he has served as Chair of the Board of Trustees of Carnegie Mellon University, where he received his BS degree, and as a Democrat in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

## Financial Assistance Sought for SEE-MTI Member

SEE-MTI member and MMSD Computer Tech, Moses Her, has been absent from the halls of Sandburg Elementary and the Doyle building due to recent health issues. Moses underwent heart bypass surgery and is now on the long road to recovery. In order to provide financial assistance during this time of need, a benevolent fund has been established for the Her family through their church, New Beginnings Alliance Church. Donations to this fund can be made by visiting [www.nbacmadison.org](http://www.nbacmadison.org). Click "Online Giving," then "Donate." Enter your information and click "Review Donation and Continue." On the next page, look for a statement underlined and in blue that reads "allocation if other than general budget." Click this and enter "**Moses Her Benevolent Fund**" and any other expressions of solidarity you would like to have included.

## Wisconsin Labor History Conference

Topics of interest in this year's Wisconsin Labor History Society Conference include the three-decade struggle of the workers at Kohler for union recognition to represent the workers and the union's fight for contract terms demanded by the workers. Also on the agenda is the President of the Chicago Teachers Union, Karen Lewis, who will speak on "Organizing and Direct Action in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

The conference will be held on May 17 at Emil Mazey Hall in Sheboygan. Registration information is available at [www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org).

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## Calendar & Events

- **Saturday, March 22, 8:30-4:15 p.m.**  
Wisconsin Grassroots Festival  
Mazomanie High School
- **Sunday, March 23, 2:30 p.m., UW Pyle Center**  
George Lakoff - "Reframing & Reclaiming the Three E's - Economics, Education, Environment"
- **Monday, March 24, 7:00 p.m., Memorial Union**  
George Lakoff - "Neural Politics: Cognitive and Material Power"
- **Monday, March 31, 6:00 p.m., Doyle**  
BOE Regular Meeting
- **Tuesday, April 1, ELECTION DAY - VOTE!**
- **Wednesday, April 2, 4:30 p.m., MTI**  
SSA-MTI General Membership
- **Thursday, April 4, 4:15 p.m., MTI**  
MTI Special Education Sub-Committee
- **Monday, April 7, 4:30 p.m., MTI**  
MTI Board of Directors
- **Tuesday, April 8, 4:15 p.m., Labor Temple**  
MTI Faculty Representative Council
- **Tuesday, April 8, 4:45 p.m., Labor Temple**  
MTI Joint Fiscal Group
- **April 14-21 - SPRING BREAK**

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## Our Union Makes Us Strong!

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MTI's email - [MTI@madisonteachers.org](mailto:MTI@madisonteachers.org)



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Sisters & Brothers.  
Wear **MTI RED** on  
**MONDAYS** and  
**MTI lanyards everyday!**