Over the past year, Local 469’s Political Action Committee has invested a lot of time, money and energy into identifying labor-friendly candidates and helping them win elected offices.

Thanks in part to the hard work, dedication and commitment of Local 469 members, our efforts have met much success. Now that we have friends in elected seats throughout Arizona’s cities and in the Legislature, our work has turned toward maintaining those relationships and educating politicians about the issues that are important to us.

Looking ahead, 2013’s political efforts will center on monitoring bills as they move through the Legislature, watching the ongoing political debate to identify trends that may impact our members and helping labor-friendly candidates win in the fall elections.

Riding high on momentum

Our efforts during last year’s election put the political community on notice that Local 469 is a major player with the ability and desire to sway the outcome of elections. That momentum alone has created new opportunities for us that we aim to capitalize on over the coming years. As we continue our political involvement, this influence will grow more powerful.

Already this year, we’ve continued building relationships and promoting Local 469’s key issues by meeting with state and federal lawmakers. Meetings have taken place with Arizona’s Democratic leadership caucus, House Minority Leader Chad Campbell, Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild and Congresswoman Kyrsten Sinema.

Local 469 also has been represented at Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick’s bi-monthly labor councils, hosted at various union halls to discuss issues facing organized labor.

Ready for battle, when needed

These relationships will pay dividends when the time comes to fight for important issues. For example, Arizona politicians are now debating whether to expand the state’s Medicaid system. If expanded, the state would receive an influx of roughly $1.6 billion in 2014, partly for building new hospitals and health centers. Those projects could result in hundreds of new jobs for Local 469 members.

Political action is an ongoing effort that begins with helping labor-friendly candidates win elections and continues through lobbying for bills that help us earn good wages.

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Did you vote in the municipal primary in your town? If not, it’s not too late to make your voice heard.

The following cities are holding spring municipal elections. If you live in any of the following cities or towns, please make sure to vote!

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You may register to vote in the following ways:

- **By mail**
  - Forms are available at government offices and public locations throughout the state.
- **Online**
- **In person**
  - Visit your county recorder’s office.
  - Call 1-877-THE VOTE (843-8683) for more information.

“I would like to encourage every 469 member to register to vote!”

469 PAC Chairman, Henry Olea

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After a rigorous endorsement process, the Arizona Pipe Trades 469 endorsed the following candidates for Goodyear, Apache Junction and Sahuarita city councils. This was no easy ordeal for the candidates, as the 469 PAC has a strict endorsement evaluation that all candidates must undergo.

Candidates must complete an endorsement questionnaire to describe their positions on issues that we care deeply about, such as local hiring and the use of highly trained and top-quality personnel on public-works projects. The candidates below were selected for their support of working families and their commitment and willingness to advance policies that will help the members of Local 469 and their families.

Congratulations to Councilwoman Wally Campbell of Goodyear who won her election outright after the Primary elections in March. The rest of the 469-endorsed candidates were standing strong and have moved on to the general elections.

Mail-in ballots count, so make sure to make yours count by returning it on time. Elections can be won by only a few votes. Early voting has already begun, so don’t forget to return your ballot.

If you live in these cities, please make sure to vote for 469-endorsed candidates by May 21!

### Apache Junction

**Clark Smithson running for Apache Junction City Council**

Referring to how he would promote the use of contractors who utilize local labor, pay living wages and provide access to healthcare: “Assure that city ordinances and policies support those goals to the extent allowed by state and federal law.”

**Christa Rizzi running for Apache Junction City Council**

“Safety should always be the first priority. When you have trained, qualified workers, you create a safe work environment, reduce the chance for mishaps and residents being hurt, and have a quality, safe end product that does not need to be redone and lasts longer. You get what you pay for. Safety should always take precedence over cost.”

### Goodyear

**Councilmember Wally Campbell running for Goodyear City Council**

“Only properly trained crafts people should be used on any city development project. We want our city development projects to be of quality construction.”

**Sharolyn Hohman running for Goodyear City Council**

“Using my extensive experience and contacts in the business community as a 25-year CEO and president of a four-city chamber of commerce opens doors of opportunity to attract qualified providers for essential infrastructure projects. I will use all avenues available under municipal guidelines to fund such projects. I will encourage the use of public/private partnerships to get the job done.”

**Harlan Gilbert Lusk running for Sahuarita City Council**

“To promote the hiring of contractors on government-funded projects who pay living wages, hire local workers and provide access to healthcare requires working with those who are preparing contracts to ensure that the proper language and stipulations have been included.”
Events build exposure and relationships

Besides meetings and phone calls, Local 469’s signature events are another good way to meet politicians and educate them about Local 469. Our award-winning annual Lunch on the Lawn was held on March 27 and was a great success. This popular event brings lawmakers and Capitol staffers together with Local 469 members and apprentices to eat delicious barbecue and discuss the important contributions skilled labor makes to Arizona’s economy.

Not a time to rest on our laurels

Fall 2013 brings new elections and fresh opportunities to win new friends in office. Elections also carry the risk of losing friends, which is why we must keep working hard to gain ground.

Our wins have been solid, but we must exercise continued vigilance to ensure that our hard-won influence doesn’t erode.

Focusing on endorsements

With that in mind, our endorsement process for four Phoenix City Council seats and three seats in Tucson is in full swing. Phoenix seats will be hotly contested, although Tucson seats may go unchallenged.

In Phoenix’s District 2, Tom Waring will run to keep his seat. In District 4, Councilman Tom Simplot will not run, while in District 8, Councilman Michael Johnson is term limited out. This leaves two opportunities for Local 469 to help elect working-family friendly candidates. In District 6, Councilman Sal DiCiccio will run again, but others will contest.

Local 469’s endorsement process began in April, by sending out endorsement questionnaires. Formal, in-person interviews will follow for promising candidates, with final endorsements released by the end of May.

Keep an eye out for more information regarding important election news, and be sure to vote in the Aug. 27 primary. All election years are important. Often, local elections impact our ability to win jobs more than the high-profile national races.

Outward, our political momentum is starting to bear fruit with political players open to listening to our concerns and acting on our behalf. Inside Local 469, let’s allow this momentum to spur us to work harder, volunteer more and keep up the fight for more and better jobs. It takes a whole union to keep our union strong.

Local 469 members keep presence strong at the Arizona Legislature

The Local 469 has a proud tradition of maintaining a robust presence at the Arizona Capitol, and this year’s legislative field trip strengthened that tradition.

469 has unique access to the Arizona legislative process due to the influence of its members and the work 469 does to ensure elected leaders stand strong for working families. This year, the tour was led by Sen. Anna Tovar and Rep. Ruben Gallego.

Sen. Anna Tovar is the Minority Whip in the Arizona Senate and is a member of Appropriations and Judiciary Committees. She is a former teacher and union member.

Rep. Ruben Gallego is the assistant Minority Leader at the Arizona House of Representatives. Using his experience in the Marine Corps, he is currently a member of Public Safety, Military and Regulatory Affairs committee and Ways and Means Committee.

Tovar kicked off this year’s trip with formal introductions of 469 members on the Arizona State Senate floor. Members then had an exciting opportunity to hear firsthand as bills were debated and voted.

Members were taken on an exclusive tour of the Arizona House of Representatives and Senate by Gallego and Tovar. This included a tour of the House and Senate Chambers, Committee Rooms and member’s personal offices.

The annual legislative field trip increases the impact of Local 469 at the Capitol. Our continued presence at the Arizona Capitol reminds 469-endorsed politicians - as well as the rest of the elected officials - that our members are informed, engaged and important to be heard.

Local 469 members were visited by numerous legislators during their tour, which included Sen. Steve Farley, Sen. Steve Gallardo, Sen. Katie Hobbs, Sen. Ed Alesker, Rep. Martin Quezada, Rep. Lela Alston and Rep. Bruce Wheeler. Legislators discussed their stance on numerous issues and explained the bills currently being heard, bills that lawmakers worked to pass and the effort it takes to pass laws in Arizona. Don’t miss this opportunity next year to have one-on-one meetings with Arizona lawmakers and represent Local 469 during the legislative decision making process.
In the previous edition of the PAC newsletter, we reported that the Republican supermajority had ended in both the Arizona State Senate and Arizona House of Representatives. It is important to realize that even though the supermajorities have been defeated, there is still strong anti-union sentiment among many Republican legislators.

They’re at it again

Under the guise of reining in spending and letting workers “choose” whether they would like to belong to unions, anti-union legislators and their supporters have introduced many bills that are detrimental to public-sector unions in Arizona.

The sponsors and supporters of these bills seem to forget that Arizona is a right-to-work state and that every union member within the state of Arizona chose to belong to that union. They can choose not to belong to the union at any time, too.

Private unions spared...so far

Luckily, Arizona Pipe Trades Local 469 is a private union that does not use public funds.

As in any other right-to-work state, our members are proud to choose to belong to a union and receive the best training available, which helps them master their craft. The contractors we work with choose to be signatory contractors and to work with our union. Our pensions and healthcare are privately funded by our members, who choose to pay their union dues because they see the benefit of belonging to the union. Furthermore, the living wages our members make go directly back into the Arizona economy.

Because our union is a private union, these anti-union bills do not directly affect our members. However, we must be vigilant and remain visible in the community. The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 PAC will continue to represent our members and support lawmakers who will stand behind Arizona’s working families.

A light at the end of the tunnel

We are happy to report that your PAC’s strategy to defeat the anti-union supermajority is starting to show results. During this legislative session, a handful of Republican legislators have stood strong with Arizona’s working families and helped to defeat anti-union bills. These victories may not have been possible with the previous anti-working family legislative supermajority.

Editorial by State Sen. Steve Gallardo

The 2012 Presidential election restored a balance to oppose anti-union legislation.

Unions, such as the Arizona Pipe Trades 469, were some of the strongest voices in last year’s campaign races.

The amount of money and manpower unions poured into candidate elections and other public policy debates was a game changer. A half-century of intentional union-busting measures from corporations and anti-union zealots was rightfully challenged.

Organized labor provided the key financial backing in one of the most expensive presidential campaigns in U.S. history. Labor unions helped Obama secure a 100-vote advantage in the Electoral College, especially in key battleground states.

The two-year GOP supermajority reign in Arizona ran into a seawall of PACs funded by labor unions, including the Arizona Pipe Trades 469 PAC. It restored the checks and balances in the state’s Legislature. The 469 PAC was a key player in Arizona’s most notable battle to eliminate the supermajority in the Senate.

Unions provided labor-friendly candidates the financial power to fight back against the GOP malfeasance that is assaulting the rights of working people.

This year, anti-union zealots are trying to break the financial backbone of unions and their influential power by going after unions.

The laws will eliminate working families’ ability to protect their own interests, shut out the middle class and leave corporate spending in politics unchallenged.

The laws place burdensome restrictions on union-operated PACs, greatly affecting a PAC’s ability to intercede in labor disputes on behalf of its members.

GOP extremists are trying to weaken labor’s ability to advance issues and legislation critical to working families, such as job creation and infrastructure development.

Their one-sided measures do nothing to increase fiscal transparency on the flow of money from corporations in politics. The GOP’s proposed laws provide a greater opportunity for the wealthy to influence elections, leaving workers unrepresented in politics.

2013 is a crucial year for protecting workers’ rights. Your participation in your PAC ensures the right candidates win office so they can represent your interests. Get involved and do not let corporations and the wealthy muzzle your voice.

Senator Steve Gallardo is an avid labor advocate and is currently a member of Commerce, Energy and Military committee, as well as Elections and Judiciary committees.
Thank you to all the Local 469 members for volunteering for Arizona Pipe Trades 469 PAC! With your help, we’ve been able to help numerous candidates inform voters about their candidacy via literature distribution and campaign sign pounding.

Once again, to thank our dedicated volunteers, the Arizona Pipe Trades 469 PAC held a Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony at the March union meeting. We recognized the top dedicated volunteers of 2012 and celebrated the political involvement of our members!

Every year the top volunteer and top apprentice volunteer are honored for their participation with the 469 PAC. It was thanks to our dedicated volunteers that these events were a success. We are a sea of orange, and people are noticing!

2012 proved to be a very important election cycle. Even though it was a presidential election, the rule of local government can affect our members in a profound way, and that was the focus of our PAC activities. The 469 PAC organized several Saturday volunteer events to support candidates who were committed to help working families throughout Arizona. Our members were integral in numerous campaigns and helped elect several endorsed candidates.

Congratulations to Rick Lindmar and Drew Schroder for their committed volunteerism! Both of them have participated in numerous events and activities for Local 469 PAC and have shown tremendous support and commitment to the members of Local 469 by becoming involved with the PAC.

There will be lots of volunteer opportunities in 2013. If you would like to volunteer for the 469 PAC, please contact Feruza Amanova at Torres Consulting and Law Group at 602.626.8805, or email feruza@thetorresfirm.com.

Nikolas Zubia, David Schroder, Hector Fernandez, Michael Ramirez and Jeff Markind were recognized among the top 25 volunteers of 2012.

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Total Volunteer Hours . . . . . . . . . 1,324
Total Calls Made . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5,737
Literature Dropped . . . . . . . . . . . 30,770
Signs Pounded or Updated . . . . . . 159
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Rick Lindmar II
2012 Outstanding Apprentice Volunteer of the Year

Coming from a legacy of union members, Rick, a second year apprentice, has had a sense of community and service instilled in him from a young age. Currently, he is a regular volunteer with the 469 PAC, an opportunity he believes will help maintain jobs, keep union members protected and help all working-class people. In order to make changes, Rick feels one must venture beyond the polls and engage in direct action.

Drew Schroder
2012 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year

Hoping to set a good example for his youngest son, who just became a Local 469 member, Drew began volunteering for 469 PAC. As a member of the trade since 1973, Drew rose through the ranks and is currently an operations manager for Bel-Aire Mechanical. He finds that active involvement with the union is important when it comes to being a union member. “We’re all one big family…after years and years of working alongside people, it truly is a family.”
This year marked the fifth Annual Lunch on the Lawn hosted by the Arizona Pipe Trades 469 PAC. The event was held on the state Capitol lawn and Local 469 members, apprentices, retirees and contractors were invited to come enjoy a good, old-fashioned barbeque alongside their state legislators.

This was a great opportunity to show solidarity and speak with elected officials about the issues that matter to our members. Republican and Democratic lawmakers seized the opportunity to grab a great lunch, learn about the quality work of 469, and get their hands on one of our trademark orange shirts.

With hundreds of attendees, this was a very well-attended event. Lawmakers and staff were all impressed by the sea of orange and enjoyed learning about our industry and issues that skilled labor trades face today. Thank you to everyone who participated in the event. Your time and commitment is what makes these events possible and successful!
In Memory
Brothers Jim Kennedy and Larry Dierks

Jim Kennedy is pictured with PAC Chairman Henry Olea receiving his outstanding volunteer of the year award.

Larry Dierks is shown with Chris Coats and former Congressman Harry Mitchell getting ready for another PAC volunteer event.

We are saddened to lose our brothers and avid supporters of Local 469 PAC. May you rest in peace.