

Frank Snyder Bio

Frank Snyder began his adult working life in a steel mill in Western Pennsylvania. Almost immediately recognizing Frank's leadership skills, his sisters and brothers in USWA Local 8148 urged him to take on the elected role of Financial Secretary and soon elevated him to Union President and kept him there for 15 years.

The Amalgamated Local represented workers from virtually every employment sector including manufacturing, healthcare, and government employees.

Drawing from his experience serving on community service, labor management and Central Labor Council boards, Frank stepped-up his union involvement with the USWA District 20 and District 10 Education programs, serving as an instructor on key labor topics while pursuing post-secondary labor studies through Penn State's Labor Education Program.

In 1996, after serving eighteen years as a local union leader, he became a union organizer for Steelworkers District 10. As an organizer Frank built an impressive organizing record throughout Pennsylvania, that drew the attention of leaders affiliated with the National AFL-CIO who recruited him in 1999 to serve as a special assistant to the Northeast Region Director.

After working in coordination with the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO on numerous political elections and legislative issues, the National AFL-CIO chose Frank to be the Pennsylvania State Director in 2007. He worked closely with President Bill George and Secretary Treasurer Rick Bloomingdale and the unions of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO, to help move an array of successful political elections in 2008, as well as driving the Employee Free Choice Act campaign in the Keystone State and the national field operation for healthcare reform.

In 2010, Frank was called on by newly elected AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka to direct the national field program for the AFL-CIO's Political Department.

On April 14, 2010, Frank was unanimously elected to the number two position as Secretary Treasurer of the 900,000 member Pennsylvania AFL-CIO, along with Rick Bloomingdale who was elected President. The Bloomingdale / Snyder team brings nearly 70 combined years of service and experience to the labor movement.

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