

2021 CONTRACT BARGAINING UNDER WAY NOW

MCO and the state of Michigan opened bargaining last week.

Representatives from the Office of the State Employer (OSE) and MDOC met with the MCO Executive Board, which serves as the bargaining team. MCO President Byron Osborn is leading negotiations for MCO.

The bargaining team reviewed the results from this spring's survey. About 25% of dues-paying members completed the survey.

Over the coming months, we



The MCO bargaining team sits across from representatives for the state. President Byron Osborn is at center, with MCO Legal Director Jeff Foldie at left and Vice President/Chief of Staff Ray Sholtz at right.

may send bargaining updates to dues-paying members only via text and personal (not work) email.

Go to our website to [update your home email address](#) and make sure we have your cell phone number. You can also join our members-only [Facebook group](#).

Thank you, members, for your support.



There's strength in numbers. Reauthorizing your union dues now shows our strength and solidarity at the bargaining table. Reauthorizing is easy and takes one minute. [Learn how.](#)

REMINDER: RUN FOR CHAPTER OFFICE NOW

The deadline to accept your nomination for chapter office is Friday, Aug. 6. To accept your nomination and get your name on your chapter's ballot, email nominations@mco-seiu.org by the deadline.

More details were in the [last KYI](#).

If you have recently moved, [update your home address](#) to make sure you get a ballot in August. Go to our website or call the MCO Central Office at (517)485-3310.



IN MEMORIAM: CO ALCORN AND CO KISSEL

Parnall Officer Mark Alcorn died July 27.

Alcorn was an officer for 25 years. He leaves behind a wife and two sons.

Services will be Aug. 3. [Details are here.](#)

Baraga Officer Ted Kissel passed away July 16.

Kissel had been with the MDOC since 2015. He was a US Army veteran.

Services were last week.

Please join us in wishing peace for the family, friends, and coworkers of these two officers. Rest in peace, Officer Alcorn and Officer Kissel.



ADAM EARLEY JOINS STAFF

Please join us in welcoming MCO's new Member Support Specialist, Adam Earley.

Adam is a former corrections

officer who will assist members with employment benefits, MCO discounts, joining MCO, reauthorizing dues, union engagement and more. He'll also help with MCO's presentations and engagement with new recruits.

"I want members to know they can call me for anything," Adam said. "I want them to know I'm here for them, and I'm an advocate for them."

Contact Adam Earley at adam@mco-seiu.org or 517-485-3310 ext. 152.