

**New Head Of The Pennsylvania Conference Of Teamsters
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Philadelphia Local 107 President Has 44 Years Experience**

Today, the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters announced its selection of William Hamilton as its new president. Hamilton was unanimously selected by the Conference's Policy Committee to replace President Paul Cardullo, whose term ends Dec. 31, 2009. Hamilton assumes this position effective Jan. 1, 2010.

The Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters is the political arm of the Teamsters for its affiliates in the state. It coordinates Teamster political activity and fights for working families on labor, construction and public employee issues in Pennsylvania.

"I would like to thank the Executive Board for giving me the opportunity to serve the conference in this capacity. It is an honor to be entrusted with this position and responsibility. I, along with the entire Executive Board will work diligently to oppose any legislation that would have an adverse impact on our members," Hamilton said. "Our brothers and sisters deserve strong and coordinated representation in the political process at the state and federal levels to protect their rights under law, and to make certain that labor is always on a level playing field."

Hamilton, a Teamster since 1966, has served at many levels of elected office with the Teamsters Union. In 2000, he was elected president of Local 107 in Philadelphia, a position he still holds. In his time at the local, he organized many new Teamsters, and works closely with freight. Hamilton was appointed as an Eastern Region International Vice President in early 2008. He is also the president of Teamsters Joint Council No. 53, located in Philadelphia. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience because of his years as a union representative.

"Now more than ever, we need to stand united to combat all the negative forces working against us in these trying times. Our strength has always been in our numbers," Hamilton said.

The Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters represents more than 92,000 Teamsters from 52 Local Unions in the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and West Virginia. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters represents 1.4 million hardworking men and women throughout the United States and Canada.