

RE-ELECT MICHAEL CORDIELLO FOR PRESIDENT/BUSINESS AGENT Convention Delegate #1



Dear Sisters and Brothers:

My name is Michael Cordiello and I have been a member of this union for over 36 years. Since being elected President/ Business Agent of this great union five years ago, I have governed through the most trying years this local union has ever endured.

Last year we engaged in an industry wide strike which brought our fight for the EPP in NYC to the forefront and enabled us to secure a pledge from now Mayor Bill deBlasio to reinstate the EPP, which ended our five week strike.

After the strike, the Companies in NYC I was negotiating with on your behalf declared an impasse and imposed a contract on you that reduced wages among other things. I immediately took the position that the impasse was illegal and filed a NLRB(National Labor Relations Board) charge against the companies and as the star witness, testified for days at the Labor Board fighting for the members rights and we won! Most of our members have received their backpay and the rest will soon receive backpay checks. And I made sure those new contracts had no reduction in wages and they protected our Medical Benefits and Pensions.

While all this was going on I began a campaign to win the support of local politicians and parents in the city of New York including City Council Members, our Public Advocate, Comptroller, Parents Activist Groups and the new Mayor so that we can restore the EPP and secure decent jobs for our Drivers, Matrons and Mechanics. And my administration has on a higher level gained the cooperation of State Senators and Assemblyman, so that they may once again try to pass into law an EPP Bill.

When Atlantic Express went out of business I was there at the Master Picks with my Executive Board and the members to assure that the the process was done properly.

Though some of my opponents during these dark days kept saying the union is weak, I never gave up hope that we could win the EPP back and I will continue to fight for the EPP. I have testified several times at City Council hearings and held Press Conferences advocating the return of the EPP.

I will never stop fighting for you, the members!

In Long Island, ParaTransit, MTA Bus and Westchester I have continued to negotiate contracts and represent our members there better than companies covered by other labor contracts in those areas.

My accomplishments speak for themselves. To protect your Wages, To protect your pensions and 401K plans, and To protect your Jobs the answer is simple...

Vote for Michael Cordiello
Vote The Cordiello Slate!

**Re-Elect Jean Claude Calixte
Financial Secretary/Treasurer
Convention Delegate #2**



Dear Members,

I am Jean Claude Calixte, a proud member of local 1181 for almost 24 years. I believe it is imperative to let you know that our local is at a crossroads where any foolish decision will have some devastating consequences on our future and consequently our families. I was fortunate to have been able to continue my studies in the United States, and therefore have an excellent knowledge of accounting and economics.

As Financial Secretary- Treasurer of Local 1181 ATU since April 2009, I am responsible for keeping a true and proper account of finances, collect all monies due, and submit a financial report at the monthly meetings. I am experienced with budgeting. I supervised several audits made by the CPA firm, Buchbinder Tunick & Company LLP, to verify the accuracy of the reports submitted by the companies to the Welfare and Pension funds. I have put my knowledge to good use for the benefit of the entire membership.

Remember, I am an accountant who has graduated from two universities with degrees in Economics and Accounting. Before I became Financial Secretary Treasurer, I had already accumulated some experiences in the business sector.

During my tenure as Financial Secretary-Treasurer, I have served the membership tirelessly. Anyone who knows me knows I get things done! I am one of the trustees for the Welfare and Pension funds, and during my tenure as a pension trustee this local has seen more increases to pensions and retirees. I am a member of the Legislative Conference Board and a delegate to all conventions. These are just a few of the many tasks that I must fulfill.

Remember, knowledge is power! I will continue to use my experience and judgment for the betterment of our great union.

**VOTE FOR JEAN CLAUDE CALIXTE
VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE**

**Elect Jimmy Hedge
Vice President
Convention Delegate #3**



EXPERIENCE

1972-2007- School Bus Driver, New York, NY

2001-2007-LOCAL 1181 ATU Shop Steward
Focus Transportation, Dak Transportation, Hoyt Transportation

2007-2009 Field Rep 1181 ATU
Dept. of Ed. Hearings, Union rep. for Hoyt Dak
Mountainside and Empire Bus Company's

2009- Present, Delegate 1181 ATU
In the last 5years, maintained 95% winning ratio Dept of Ed. Hearings
Won over \$4 Million in back pay for our members

2010

Elected 1st Vice Chairman of the New York Legislative Conference
Local 1181 ATU Delegate to Canadian-American Conference Board
Local 1181 ATU Delegate to International Convention
Local 1181 ATU Delegate NYC Central Labor Council
Alternate Trustee for Local 1181 pension and welfare funds

2013

Reelected 1st vice Chair Legislative Conference Board
Selected Secretary of the Election Committee for International officers
Named Political Director for Local 1181 ATU

Seven years a grammar school teacher
Our Lady of Pompeii School, Manhattan, NY

EDUCATION

1968-1972 Chadron State College, Ne.
B.A. Physical Education

1976-1978 Academy of Advanced Traffic New York, NY
Post Graduate Work in Advanced Traffic Studies

2008 National Labor College, Silver Springs, MD
Certificate in Labor Arbitration

As someone with over 40 years of experience working and fighting for members Rights in our industry, I understand the challenges we face and the great tasks we Still have to accomplish. If elected Vice President I promise to continue fighting for ALL our members. With our very existence under attack we cannot rest; I will Continue to spend every day with your best interests in my heart and mind to move Our union forward.

**VOTE FOR JIMMY HEDGE
VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE**

**Re- Elect Thomas Jemmott
Candidate for Recording Secretary
Convention Delegate #4 of ATU 1181**



Dear Union Brothers & Sisters

My name is Tommy Jemmott Recording Secretary, I would briefly like to make you aware of my qualifications and experience in the industry. I have been a proud member of Local 1181 for 31 years. I've been a driver, assistant shop steward, shop steward, and Executive Board member/delegate. I am currently Recording Secretary, a member of the N.Y.S. Legislative Conference Board and Trustee for the Welfare and Pension Funds. I have come up "through the ranks" in every sense of the term. I have been involved in many contract negotiations for the Department of Education, M.T.A., Long Island and Westchester school districts. With many serious issues facing our local and in these hard economic times, we must have experience, knowledge and ability to serve the needs of our membership.

I am truly committed to this membership, and will tirelessly protect the Mollen agreement (E.P.P.) and the rights of all, to ensure fair treatment of every member of this great local. I successfully handled numerous arbitrations and hearings for our members. I have also helped organizing drives to increase our membership.

I am always accessible to the membership and very diligent in my position. I always return calls whether there contract related or other union issues. I will look forward in continuing to represent all of my fellow union brothers and sisters.

Your support is most important not only to this executive board and myself, but to you, the members of Local 1181. Don't leave your contracts, pensions, welfare, and job security weighing in the balance. When you vote remember one word "Experience". Experience cannot be taught! Experience cannot be forgotten! There is no substitute for it and the Cordiello Slate has Experience.

**VOTE FOR THOMAS JEMMOTT
VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE!**

Fraternally yours
Tommy Jemmott

There is no substitute for Experience

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**Re-Elect Vincent Catalano
Executive Board Member #1
Convention Delegate #5**



To all Local 1181 members,

My name is Vincent Catalano and I am running for re-election for Executive Board Member #1 and Convention Delegate #5.

I started in the industry in November 1979 at STE-VIN Transportation. When that company lost its work in 1993, because of the EPP, I went to work for Country Bus and through several master picks I began working at United Trans in 1997. I was elected Shop Steward 2001. Among many of my responsibilities, as shop steward one was to conduct hearings and arbitrations where I was very successful defending my members.

I was appointed Field Representative in 2007 by Trustee Mullins. My principal duty was to handle hearings at the Department of Education (DOE). I am proud to say that I fought very hard to protect the rights of 1181 members at the disciplinary hearings.

I was elected Delegate of Local 1181 in 2009. During my tenure as a Delegate I continued to serve the membership with a 96% rate in the win column at the Department of Education. I am a member of the NYS Legislative Conference Board and a Delegate at the NYC Central Labor Council. I always put the best interests of my members first. At the United School Bus bankruptcy I did everything that I could to make sure that everyone got their money without missing a dime.

In June 2011 when I was reelected I was successful in getting the United Bus company drivers and matrons back to work when Reliant bought the company. In 2013 when we had a 5 week industry strike I stood on the strike line with the members of Local 1181 to fight to get back our EPP. Myself and the rest of the great Executive Board of Local 1181 have attended many rallies and hearings to continue to fight for our membership.

The Cordiello Slate is the most experienced and dedicated people you will find running in this upcoming election. I hope you will help support to our campaign to keep this Union strong for our members.

**VOTE FOR VINCENT CATALANO
VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE**



**Re-Elect RENEE JEAN LOUIS
Executive Board Member # 2
Convention Delegate # 6**

I, Renee Jean-Louis, started in the industry in 1971 as an escort working for Manhattan School Transportation. In 1973, I finally became a proud member of Local 1181-1061. Since that time, I encouraged others to join us and keep this Union alive.

In 1975, I became a certified driver working for Columbia Transportation. The following year the company changed ownership and became Columbia Bus and once again in 1992 the company became Harbor Transportation.

In 1996, I was appointed as a Shop Representative within that company. Beside my daily responsibilities, I tirelessly spent a major part of my life protecting, educating, and standing up for the rights of our Local brothers and sisters.

Then in 1998 I was elected overwhelmingly as a Shop Steward for over 300 members at different terminals in the Bronx. I cared deeply for my co-workers and diligently defended them at countless hearings.

In April of 2007, I was appointed a Field Representative by Trustee Mullins. Part of my duties was to go to the Board of Education to handle disciplinary hearings reported against our drivers and escorts. My main objective at the Board was to safeguard our members' jobs, which I seriously took at heart.

As I acquired more experience and knowledge I was assigned to different company garages. I strive to help my members any way I can. I am also very influential in organizing, by teaching and guiding my organizers to seek out different school bus Para-Transit companies in the Bronx, Staten Island, Brooklyn, and Yonkers. As a Delegate I successfully helped organize some Pre-K and Para-Transit companies which actually are part of our great Local.

I have attended several New York State Legislative Conference meetings in Albany, New Jersey, and also the Can-Am conference board in Toronto & Ottawa, to push Legislation favorable to our industry.

I would certainly continue to strengthen, enlarge and help our Local Union to grow in numbers to move forward in another term as a Union Delegate.

**VOTE FOR RENEE JEAN LOUIS
VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE**

**Re-Elect TOMAS FRET
Candidate for Executive Board Member # 3
Convention Delegate # 7**



To All Members of Local 1181 of the Amalgamated Transit Union

My name is Tomas Fret and I have been a bus driver and a proud member of Local 1181 since 1996.

In 18 years I was also an Assistant Shop Steward, Shop Steward, Field Representative, and now a Delegate. As a proud member of Local 1181 I've been very influential in organizing and facilitating company picks, monitoring master picks and maintaining seniority lists.

Being fluent in both English and Spanish, I've been able to assist all our members throughout our industry. I have been attending several negotiations, conducting hearings for all of our members from school bus, Para Transit and private companies.

To all our Local 1181 members please don't be misled. The Cordiello Slate, will continue to fight for all our members. People will say lies about the Cordiello Slate, but I could almost guarantee that, this small fraction of people, have no experience at all.

The Cordiello Slate has the experience to protect our jobs, our pensions and our health benefits.

I encourage you to participate in the upcoming Election for the Executive Board and Vote the Cordiello Slate.

VOTE FOR TOMAS FRET

VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE



**Re-Elect Vincent “Vinny” Buttaro
Executive Board Member #4
Convention Delegate #8**

My name is Vinny Buttaro and I am running for re-election for Executive Board #4. I am a veteran bus driver and member of Local 1181 for 22 years.

I was a shop steward for Atlantic Express and ran unopposed for many years.

My integrity and accomplishments speak for itself with the drivers, escorts, and mechanics of this Union. As shop steward and Delegate I have saved many members jobs and helped many members receive thousands of dollars in back pay.

I have participated in negotiations, contracts, arbitrations, hearings, City Council meetings with the School Bus Industry and Access-A-Ride.

As a delegate my first and foremost priority will be, and always has been, the members of this Union (Local 1181).

I am honored and proud to be a part of the Cordiello Slate. I truly believe and know that Michael Cordiello has continued fighting for this Union members and their families behalf!

The Cordiello Slate/Executive Board has been fighting and pursuing tirelessly to reverse the damage that Mayor Bloomberg has created. By involving and making political friends and allies (Mayor deBlasio, Latisha James and many City Council Members and more).

I have to thank you all in advance for your support and your loyalty to this Union Local 1181 and its future and the Cordiello Slate.

Remember **Experience is Everything**, your pension, benefits, salaries, and the future of this Union Local 1181 depend on it.

**VOTE FOR VINNY BUTTARO
VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE**



**Re-Elect Fred Andreani
Executive Board Member # 5
Convention Delegate # 9**

My name is Fred Andreani and I am running for Executive Board Member #5, Convention Delegate #9 of Local 1181. I have been working in this industry for over 33 years, starting as a shape driver back in 1981, when I began working for a bus company called Gordon Transportation. In August 1988, the company lost work and I was one of the drivers left without a job. By September I started working with All American Bus Company, this was made possible because of the EPP, also know as the Mollen Agreement. The EPP provides NYC Dept of Education workers with job security and provided me the opportunity to continue working for another company.

In 2003, I was appointed Shop Steward representing four bus companies; All American, Rainbow Transit, Citywide Transit, and Rainbow Carry Kid. I ran for shop steward three times and won those three elections. I managed to win one unopposed and the other two by a very large margin. As a Shop Steward I was able to help and support many of our union members with their work related problems and disputes. I was able to respond to various questions and concerns, and keep our members up to date on all union related news and important developments.

In 2012, along with my duties as a Shop Steward, I was approached by Local 1181 to represent our drivers and matrons at the Department of Education when they are sent there for a hearing and i accepted the position because I wanted to help and support our union members. As an Executive Board Member I am currently, still representing drivers and matrons at Dept of Education hearings.

In January 2013, I was appointed an Executive Board Member of Local 1181 for which I am grateful and very proud. As a Union Delegate, I have been involved in negotiations, many hearings at different companies, and other situations that our drivers and matrons encounter every day. In my position as Executive Board Member/ Delegate I will continue to dedicate myself to make this union stronger and supporting the rights of workers.

After 33 plus years in this industry I look forward to representing you all and to continue OUR FIGHT FOR THE EPP. I will continue to fight for the rights that all of our union members rightfully deserve. I would like to thank you for your continued support and I urge all of you to support The Cordiello Slate by voting for experience and dedication. Together we will make a difference.

**VOTE FOR FRED ANDREANI
VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE**

Elect Robin Benedetto
Candidate for Executive Board Member # 6
Candidate for Convention Delegate # 10



To my fellow members of Local 1181-1061 of The Amalgamated Transit Union:

I would like to introduce myself to you. I am **Robin Benedetto candidate for Executive Board Member #6 Convention Delegate #10 on the Cordiello Slate**. Here are some of my accomplishments to help you gain some insight into my background. I began my career as a school bus driver in 1992. In 1994 I was given the opportunity to become an employee of Atlantic Express and was able to become a member of the Local 1181 Union. I continued to pursue my career and accomplished certification as a 19A examiner in 1995. I went on to become an SBDI (School Bus Driving Instructor), which then enabled me to teach 30 hour courses, refresher courses, and physical performance testing. I obtained certification as Red Cross instructor which allows me to teach CPR and first aid to attendants. Based on my vast experience with driver and attendant compliance, I will be able to advise you when you have compliance problems with the Board of Education or the Companies you work for.

As a Shop Steward of Atlantic Express Surf Avenue terminal, I have been able to respond to various questions, educate members to our by-laws and new developments within the local. Supporting members during disputes with the company, this support has not been isolated to members in my terminal, but also for members of different companies throughout the industry. I have shown unending dedication to the members of Local 1181 by standing in unity during strikes and along picket lines. Conducted hearings, assisted in company picks, master picks, arbitrations, maintaining seniority lists, I was instrumental in supporting and organizing the Boston rally.

My dedication and loyalty to the union over the years displays that I am ready to take on the responsibility of Executive Board Member #6, to be the voice of the people and protect the future of our members.

I look forward to meeting you at your terminal before the election so I may answer any questions about my qualifications and dedication for the position I am running for. Your Vote is of the utmost importance, let the Cordiello Slate continue going forward to secure our pension, job security and our welfare.

VOTE FOR ROBIN BENEDETTO
VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE!!

Elect Ed Cusano
Executive Board Member # 7
Convention Delegate # 11



Hi my name is Ed Cusano and I am proud to be running for an Executive Board position on the Cordiello slate. I started my career with this great union as a school bus driver for Colonial Bus in September of 1986. I worked there for 3 years and then was asked by the former President at the time if I wanted to go over to the then incorporated Command Bus which was an express bus company. I said to yes to the great opportunity and to this day I am still working there.

I served as assistant shop steward from 1992-2002. In 2002 I ran for shop steward and was elected by an overwhelming vote. As many of you know the MTA took over Command Bus in 2005. Among my many skills are that I have been on the negotiating team for Local 1181 and have successfully negotiated 3 contracts with the MTA and I am in the process of now trying to resolve my forth contract. I also was given the privilege of working with 3 different Para-transit companies where I resolve grievances, conduct picks, and do hearings with a multitude of success. Here is a brief list of my duties:

1. I conducted all disciplinary hearings for MTA Spring Creek Depot.
2. I am on the negotiating team for all current and future MTA contract negotiations.
3. Conducted all disciplinary hearings for various Para-Transit garages.
4. Successfully won hundreds of arbitration cases for our members.
5. Have completed the grievance and arbitration seminars level 1 and 2.
6. Conducted all picks for both MTA and various Para-Transit garages successfully.
7. Have successfully completed the course on accident preventability.
8. 2007 Convention Delegate.
9. I am currently on the MTA arbitration panel.

Lastly it is my commitment to all that if get elected I will give my all as I have always done in the past to work with the leaders of this great Union to secure all members a fair and adequate work environment along with a respectable contract.

Thank you for your Support.

VOTE FOR ED CUSANO
VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE

Joe Micciulli
Candidate for Executive Board Member/Delegate #8
Convention Delegate #12



I have been an 1181 member for over 20 years as a driver. I was appointed Shop Steward in 2007. My passion for the job and my ability to defend our brothers and sisters of 1181 enabled me to run unopposed for the next two elections, 2008 and 2011.

In 2009, I was appointed Sergeant at Arms, a position I continue to hold with pride. I also continue to help organize non-union companies.

During our five week strike, I tirelessly devoted all my time traveling to many locations to show my support and lift the spirits of our brothers and sisters. In the summer of 2013, on behalf of our brothers and sisters, I testified during the NLRB trial to help reinstate our hourly wages and all back monies due.

As an elected Executive Board Member/Delegate, I will continue to dedicate my time and abilities to help defend and protect the rights of all 1181 members. My fresh ideas and strong character will be a huge asset during contract negotiations.

The members of 1181 deserve to have an Executive Board Member/Delegate with a proven record to work endlessly for their job security, prosperity and happiness.

VOTE FOR JOE MICCIULLI
VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE



Elect John Deloatch
Candidate for Executive Board Member/Delegate #9
Convention Delegate #13

My name is John Deloatch and I am running for a position on the Executive Board on the Cordiello slate. I have been a driver at Maggie's Para-Transit since May of 2002. I was elected as a shop steward in 2004 and still have that title to date. As a shop steward I have handled many grievances between the employer and employees, attended arbitration and Labor Board hearings.

In 2005 the Para workers went on strike. I worked tirelessly sometimes staying on the strike line with my fellow workers 24 hours sleeping in my van. I negotiated with the Union and Company sometimes until midnight to get a contract that was eventually ratified by the membership.

In 2006 I was appointed a Union organizer and have been successfully in Organizing GVC, Trans Care, MVP Harlem, and MVP Staten Island just to name a few. As an organizer I have had the opportunity to go to the Labor Board to file cards for the people who wanted to join our great Union.

In September 2007 because of my hard work ethics I was asked to go to the ATU International Convention by International Vice President/Trustee Tommy Mullins and in 2010 I voted in by the membership to attend the ATU International Convention again. As a convention delegate I was asked to be on the Organizing Committee.

If elected as an Executive Board member I will keep up my hard working practices not only for the Para industry but for the entire membership. I have always been and always will keep fighting for the rights and respect for our great Union members who also work hard every day.

VOTE FOR JOHN DELOATCH
VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE