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<p>Jane Russell Leyden Council Retired Science Teacher</p>	<p>Union secretary, grievance chair, negotiating team and chief spokesperson, president</p>	<p>Secretary (1982-85), Vice-president (1985-91, 1993-95), President (1995-present) Instructor for AFT Reading Comprehension Instruction, CCSS/Math AFT, IFT, IL AFL-CIO, local convention delegate</p>	<p>Vice-president (1998-2016) Secretary-Treasurer (2016-2019) Member of Executive, Strategic Planning and Legal Defense committees, chair of Audit and P-20 Educational Policy Committees Member of the Union Building Fund AFT Teacher Program and Policy Council member AFT Progressive Caucus At-large officer State P-20 Council and co-chair of Implementation Review Committee</p>	<p>Nominated for 571 President ESSA, PERA, SB7, SB100, Common Core, PARCC/SAT testing—there is much included in education today. All directly affect our students, schools and us as education workers. We have a voice on state and local committees, with local and U.S. legislators, in our schools and in our communities. We as professionals know what is best for our students. With much uncertainty in both state and national politics at this time, working together is an absolute necessity. I would like to continue to work with you as the Local 571 president to move forward our ideas and voice our concerns working with others be they like-minded or not, to have a positive effect on students, the communities where we work and us as union members.</p>
<p>Katy Padberg Elmhurst Teachers Council 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher at Sandburg Middle School</p>	<p>2011 to present - President of Elmhurst Teachers Council 2010 – 2011 - Vice President (Middle School) of Elmhurst Teachers Council 2009 – 2010 - Building Representative of Sandburg Middle School 2010 – 11 and 2015 - Negotiation Team Member</p>	<p>2015 to present – Local 571 Vice President 2015 to present – Union Building Fund Committee Member 2015 to present – Legislative Breakfast Committee Member 2011 to present - Executive Board Member 2012 to present - Legal Defense Committee Member 2016 – Local 571 Constitutional Convention Delegate 2013 and 2014 - PAC Endorsement Committee Member 2013 - 75th Anniversary Committee Member 2010 – 2011 - House of Representatives Delegate</p>	<p>2017 – Attended Women’s March on Washington, D. C. 2016 -2013 – Attended IFT State Convention in Rosemont, IL 2016 – Attended AFT National Convention in Los Angeles, CA 2015 – Attended AFT Regional Conference in Oak Brook, IL 2015 - Attended IFT Presidents’ Convention in Springfield, IL 2014 - Attended AFT National Convention in Los Angeles, CA 2013 - Attended IFT State Convention in Rosemont, IL 2012 - Attended AFT National Convention in Detroit 2011, 2013, 2015 - Attended AFT TEACH in Washington, D.C. 2010 - Attended IFT State Convention in St. Louis, MO 2012 - Attended <i>We Are One</i> rally at the Capitol in Springfield, IL 2011 - Attended <i>We Are One</i> rally at Daley Plaza in Chicago, IL 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 - Attended ULI Summer Courses</p>	<p>Nominated for 571 Vice President I believe that currently serving in this role, I have started in my mission to bring many together as one, in UNION. It is time to take action in these turbulent times and set the course we should take as a Union, working together. I am volunteering to put my ideas to work for you and serve with President Jane Russell, in the position of Vice President. I believe that we do need to be more united, despite our local’s large geographical spread and wide variety of backgrounds. One easy way to do this is through visual unity, such as creating and wearing WSTU Local 571 apparel. I introduced this idea and a sample design prior to the AFT National convention, and we were able to represent all members in our blue Local 571 gear in solidarity. I believe that through improved communication, we can more effectively connect with each other, streamlining even our day-to-day Union activities. One easy way to do this is educating all members about the use of Google Hangouts, which though in its infancy at the Local, proves to be an effective way to hold meetings in virtually any location with internet access. Another basic but useful communication tool is the use of surveys to quickly and efficiently collect member feedback and information. These are only a few ideas I have implemented at Local 571; and I believe there is still much to work to be done in unifying all of us – I have only started in this mission. Please vote for me, Katy Padberg, for Vice President of the West Suburban Teachers Union, so we can continue this journey together?</p>
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<p>Rachel Esposito Cicero Council 7th/8th Grade Language Arts Teacher at Unity Junior High School</p>	<p>2013-Present – President of Cicero Council 2010-Present – Grievance Chairperson 2008-2011 – Building Representative and Professional Issues Representative 2017 – Chief Negotiator for 3 Collective Bargaining Agreements 2010 and 2013 – Teacher Negotiation Team Member</p>	<p>2013-Present – Executive Board Member 2010-Present – House of Representative Delegate 2017 – Scholarship Committee Member</p>	<p>2016 – Attended IFT Convention in St. Louis, MO 2016 – Attended AFT Convention in Minneapolis, MN 2016-Present – Participant in the IFT Ambassador's Program 2015 – Attended IFT Presidents' Convention in Springfield, IL 2014 – Attended AFT Convention in Los Angeles, CA</p>	<p>Nominated for Local 571 Vice President Serving as President of Cicero Council has prepared me for the position of Vice President for Local 571 in many ways. I understand that we are only as strong as our members. I believe member engagement is vital to our success as a Local. My focus has always been member engagement in my own Council. I am dedicated to empowering and educating our membership through communication and offering opportunities for our members to become involved. Through my perseverance, I hope to continue to be an advocate for not only our members, but also for the students we serve.</p>
<p>Sandy Erickson Morton Council Retired Math Teacher</p>	<p>President for 12 years (1993-2005) Also held Vice President position and Secretary position before President</p>	<p>Treasurer of Local 571 – 1993 to present Served on various committees and Chair of Budget Committee</p>	<p>Delegate to Local 571, IFT, and AFT conventions numerous times Attended IFT and AFT conferences</p>	<p>Nominated for Local 571 Treasurer The financial situation of the Local has improved since I have been Treasurer. I feel I still have more to contribute to the overall running of Local 571 operations.</p>
<p>Jon Pazol Leyden Council Science Teacher</p>	<p>Local 571 Representative Faculty and Support Staff President Faculty Vice President Grievance/Discipline Chair</p>	<p>Financial Secretary Committee Chair – Audit, Local 571 Convention, Constitution Committee Member – Various 571 Committees</p>	<p>IFT ULI participant – 4-5 courses IFT Convention Delegate AFT Convention Delegate</p>	<p>Nominated for Local 571 Financial Secretary I wish to continue in my current position as Financial Secretary, ensuring that members' dues are spent in a fiscally responsible manner.</p>
<p>Brett Blair District 88 Teachers Council English Teacher and Department Head</p>	<p>Currently, Council President and President-elect in D88. I have also been President, I believe nine times now, Vice-President a few times, Grievance and Working Conditions Chairperson, and House Member. I have been an active member of our Council since my ire in 1999.</p>	<p>I have been the Local Defense Secretary/Chairperson for the last two years. I have worked closely with Jane, Arnavaz and Tom to ensure quality representation for our membership when applicable, and I have worked hard to catch up on all reimbursements from the IFT. I have also been an Executive Board member and House member in the past. I have also participated in ULI's in the past.</p>	<p>I have been a delegate a few times in the past for both IFT and AFT conventions.</p>	<p>Nominated for Local 571 Legal Defense Secretary After completing my first term as the Legal Defense Secretary/Chairperson, I believe I have finally immersed myself into the needs of the Local to help defend/represent our membership. My nearly fifteen years as a Council leader and about ten as an elected member, in some fashion, with Local 571 shows that I do want to continue to learn important facets of Legal Defense and support our 5,500+ members.</p>
<p>Cathleen Pope Rosemont Council Kindergarten Teacher</p>	<p>President</p>	<p>Held positions of Local Secretary, Professional Development coordinator and member of several committees Helps organize events including the annual 571 Legislative Breakfasts, 571 Anniversary parties and workshops Mostly enjoys the monthly meetings when the members get together</p>	<p>Attended many AFT and IFT conventions and conferences Helped organize the "Backpacks for Katrina" event</p>	<p>Nominated for Local 571 Secretary RABINDRANATH TAGORE once said, "I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." I am hoping that I can continue to have joy in my life!</p>