

University of Washington

Joe Bergner – Trades

My Name is Joe Bergner (shop 56e) and I would be honored to be your next member of the negotiations committee. A little about me, I have been an Electrician for over 35 years and a union member for most of that time. I have been at UW for six and a half years and in that time I have seen just how bad it has gotten with our wages and benefits compared to the outside trades. We need to close that gap and bring back those positions that have been lost due to management.

The issues I see needing the most improvement are, 1: fighting for higher wages & COLA increases for all members. 2: Looking out for our retirees with COLA increases to help them fight the rising cost of being retired. 3: We need UW to contribute to our retirement with a matching amount that help with us be able to retire with enough money to live comfortable. We deserve better from management and I will fight for what we should be paid for the work we do.

Thank you for considering me,
Joe Bergner