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Governor Names Local Labor Leader to LCC Board

John Philbrook, International Longshore and Warehouse Union foreman and former president of ILWU Local 21, has been appointed to the Lower Columbia College Board of Trustees by Gov. Christine Gregoire. Philbrook replaces trustee Mike Heuer, president of the Woodworkers Local in Longview and training and safety lead for Weyerhaeuser, whose term expired this fall.

Philbrook, a resident of Longview, is a graduate of Rainier High School and Oregon State University. He is a longtime labor leader in the local maritime industry and a member of the ILWU since 1988. From 2004-2009, he was president of ILWU Local 21 and served as a volunteer with the Lower Columbia Longshore Credit Union from 1993-2011. He started the ILWU Charity Golf Tournament which has raised over $20,000 for the Progress Center and local Reading Is Fundamental program.

He has also been president of the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Labor Council, a member of the Cowlitz Economic Development Council, and has served on the board of the Health Care Foundation in Longview since 2007.

“Lower Columbia College is going in a positive direction,” Philbrook said. As an LCC trustee he looks forward to working with the college to maintain and improve its offerings to support the local economy.

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