

Dean Van Kirk

Labor Trustee
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Dean is a Financial Secretary-Treasurer (FST) of UA Local 469 and a Health and Welfare Trustee, working diligently to ensure members have access to quality services, including mental healthcare and substance use treatment programs. A UA Local 469 member for 35 years, Dean began his career in the trenches and quickly advanced through the ranks, including roles as foreman, general foreman, superintendent, and most proudly, site steward. Throughout his career, Dean has remained at the forefront of technological advancements such as orbital welding and CAD. His forward-thinking approach led him to serve as the Training Director of Arizona Pipe Trades Apprenticeship, where he championed these technologies for the benefit of the next generation of UA Local 469 members. Dean is widely recognized as an outstanding mentor and leader, earning the respect and admiration of his peers. Over his career, Dean's leadership and dedication have significantly improved UA Local 469 and the lives of its members.