

Gary Peterson

Gary was elected as an International Vice President of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU) in 2017 and is currently the Executive Director to the International President. Gary previously held TWU International positions of TWU Air Division Director, Air Division Systems Coordinator, and Staff Representative. Gary's history with TWU also includes being President of Local's 565, 567 & 591; Local 563 Executive Board Member; and Local 512 Maintenance Chairman.

Gary began his career as an Aircraft Mechanic at American Airlines in 1992, working as a Line Maintenance Technician in Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth, Miami, and as an Overhaul Maintenance Technician at American Airlines now-shuttered Alliance Fort Worth Base. Prior to being hired at American, Gary was a C-9 Crew Chief in the Air Force, Gary also served as a KC-135 Crew Chief in the Illinois Air National Guard and was Honorably Discharged from both.

Gary holds a Master of Arts degree in Dispute Resolution with a specialization in Arbitration, Mediation, and Negotiation Techniques. Gary also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Finance. Gary has passed both FINRA Series 7 & 66 certification exams and is a Six Sigma Black Belt. Gary has certificates in Level 1 & 2 Arbitration Training from the George Meany Institute and attended the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School.

Gary is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Texas in Arlington, where he has taught both Negotiations and Dispute Resolution.