

James Strong Biography

James “Jim” Strong has served as the Assistant to the Director in USW District 8, covering the states of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky, since December 2017. Jim began his career in the union while working at National Wire Products in Maryland where he became active in his local union, USW Local 5861. After serving five consecutive terms as local union president, Jim became a staff representative for the union March 1998 and eventually the Maryland subdistrict director. In those roles, he assisted USW local unions in organizing, contract negotiations, handling grievances and arbitrations, and advocating for policy in the Maryland statehouse. Most recently, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan reappointed him to serve a second term on the Maryland Manufacturing Advisory Board.