In 1996, the Women’s Committee of the Washington State Labor Council instituted the Elsie Schrader Award for Outstanding Achievement in Labor, and presented the first award at our Constitutional Convention. The committee plans on presenting the award again this year during our annual convention.

The Elsie Schrader Award is given for the advancement of women in leadership roles and/or for activism on behalf of women within the labor movement. Nominees for this award must meet at least three (3) of the following criteria:

- Served a minimum of two (2) years in a leadership/activism with their local union;
- Performed an outstanding service, which commands recognition, within the labor community;
- Served in a leadership role on the passage of legislation benefiting organized labor and/or the community;
- Took a leadership role in advanced critical issues such as worker safety, minimum wage, comparable worth, human services/needs, environmental health, prevailing wage
- Participated in educational projects either through their local union or through some other labor organization
- Served as a leader in organizing either through their local union or through some other labor organization.