

# THE LOCAL LINE

August 19, 2025

President Dave Baskin Vice President Jackie Engelhart News Director Alan Czerwinski

## **No August meeting**

Once again we had no Membership meeting due to a lack of a quorum. We only had 19 members at our August meeting. We need 20 for a quorum. We have over 1,000 members. It should not be this difficult finding 20 members to show up. Next month's meeting (September), we need to vote on the merger of the Arlington Heights Local with our Local. We will hold the drawing for 5-\$1,000.00 scholarships, and we are planning on reading some Constitution changes. Our budget for 2026 will also need to be voted on. Last year, due to a lack of a quorum in October and November, we could not approve the 2025 budget until our January meeting.

## **Contract Pay increase Date**

On Friday, 8/15/2025, I received an email from the National Union notifying Local Presidents of the date the new pay rates take effect. The pay increases will take effect during Pay Period 19/2025 and will be reflected in your pay checks dated September 12, 2025.

## **This is not the retro-pay.**

**This is just when you will see the increase in your pay checks.** If the above dates hold firm, that will mean the retro-pay will encompass the period from November 16, 2024, through August 22, 2025. The post office still has not provided the date that the retro-pay will be made. The National Union states that as soon as they get that date they will pass it along to the Locals. I am aware that some of our members have been shown a pay scale that shows the increase. Please be aware that that chart, and your pay checks, will not match until you begin receiving the pay increase on your checks.

## **Arlington Heights Local Merger**

As stated above, we will be conducting a vote on whether to accept the Arlington Heights Local into our Local. The Arlington Heights Local consists of the Elk Grove facility (on Landmeier), and the Arlington Heights facility which also processes the mail for Rolling Meadows. In 1996, 60 Clerks and 3 Mail Handlers were

excessed from the Arlington Heights Local to our Palatine plant. There are still a handful of us still at Palatine. I came from the Arlington Heights Local in 1996. I won't mention the names of the others that are left but there are only a few of us left. There are around 35 members at the Arlington Heights Local that would be joining us. Our hope is the membership approves the merger.

## **NWIAL Scholarship**

Don't miss out on the chance to win a \$1,000.00 scholarship for your College student. A copy of the form is on the back of this page.

## **Local Elections**

Our Local election of officers will take place next year.

## **Please make sure the Local has your address.**

If you moved, notifying the post office is not enough. You also need to notify us of your change of address. We are also looking for volunteers for our Election Committee. Please email me at [daveb257@sbcglobal.net](mailto:daveb257@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested. We need 3 members and 1 alternate.



**NORTHWEST ILLINOIS AREA LOCAL**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Member's Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Member \_\_\_\_\_

Facility \_\_\_\_\_ Craft \_\_\_\_\_ Pay location \_\_\_\_\_ Start time \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Member's address \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Member \_\_\_\_\_

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