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Vote in National Election of Officers

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"Ballots for the 2016 Election of APWU National Officers will be mailed to members homes Saturday, 9-10-16 to Thursday, 9-15-16. All members in "good standing" as of 6-24-16 will receive a ballot. Union members are encouraged to follow the balloting instructions carefully. Members in good standing who have not received their ballots by Monday, 9-19-16, should notify their local or contact the American Arbitration Association between the hours of 9am and 5pm (Eastern Time) at **800-529-5218** to request a duplicate. Ballots may also be requested by visiting www.aaaelections.org/apwu. All requests for duplicate ballots must include the member's name, address, employee ID number (or retiree ID number) the last four digits of the Social Security number, division (craft), and local. The APWU National Election Committee will take custody of the ballots from the designated post office box at 2pm on

Wednesday, 10-5-16. Votes will be tallied at the Kellogg Conference Center at Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Avenue NE, Washington DC. Unofficial election results will be posted on the union's website, www.apwu.org, as soon as they are available, and will be update frequently. Official results will be posted as soon as they are available.

Incentives Offered to Locals, Retiree Chapters, to Get Out Vote...

The APWU is urging union members to vote in this year's election of national officers. To encourage participation, the union is sponsoring a competition that will reward locals and retiree chapters whose members vote in the highest percentages. Ballot are being mailed to all eligible APWU members 9-10 to 9-15-16 and must be returned to the designated post office box by 2pm on 10-5-16. The incentive for participation in the election process will be payments to the locals and retiree chapters to used on behalf of the membership. The top three locals in each size category will receive

cash awards based on the number of members. To be eligible, locals and retiree chapters must reach a voter participation level of at least 50 %. If more than three in any category generate 100%, all 100% locals and chapters will receive awards. These are the categories for the locals (number of members)

- 1,000 and above: \$4,000
- 500-999: \$2,000
- 100-499: \$1,000
- 1-99: \$200

Vote!

It is important to vote because you have the right to vote as a member. It is important to make the best choices for each position because these officers will be running your union at the national level for the next three years. They negotiate your contract and are responsible for it's enforcement at the national level. They communicate with and educate congress on issues that affect you as a postal worker. As a large local, #2 in IL, after the Chicago Local, we are in the spotlight. The national officers know which locals vote. NWIAL members vote and we urge you to aim for 100% in this election.

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Vice President
Alan Czerwinski
News Director

Special points of interest:

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Membership Endorsements

Vance Zimmerman was endorsed by the members at the May meeting. We planned to vote on endorsements in the rest of the contested races at the meeting on 9-11 but we did not have a quorum. Names are printed in ballot order and (I) stands for incumbent.

General Officers & Directors**President**

Mark Dimondstein (I)
Jerry Stidman

Vice President

Debby Szeredy (I)
Jeff Kehlert
Greg Bell

Industrial Relations Director

Tony D. McKinnon Sr. (I)
Vance Zimmerman

Legislative/Political Director

Judy Beard
Thomas R. Benson

Health Plan Director

John L. Marcotte (I)
Robert Furbush
Sarah J. Rodriguez
Lisa A. Norwood

Research & Education Director

Joyce B. Robinson (I)
Charles P. Smith

Clerk Division Director

Clint Burlison (I)
Ross Baker

Assistant Clerk Director B

Lynn Pallas-Barber (I)
Renee Breeden

Maintenance Division Director

Steven G. "Steve" Raymer (I)
Robert (Bob) Hock

Assistant Maintenance Director

Terry B. Martinez (I)
Michael (Mike) Burriss

Retirees Department Director

Nancy E. Olumekor (I)
Karen Swift
Desi Neurohr
Joe Gordon

Motor Vehicle Business Agent Central Region (ours)

Alvin O. Branch
William Wright

Uncontested National Offices*Secretary-Treasurer**

Elizabeth (Liz) Powell (I)

Organization Director

Anna Smith (I)

Human Relations Director

Susan M. "Sue" Carney

Central Region Coordinator

Sharyn M. Stone

Clerk Division Director A

Lamont Brooks (I)

National Business Agents**Clerk Central Region (ours)****Chicago Region A**

Linda Turney (I)

Chicago Region B

Mike O'Hearn (I)

Chicago Region C

James Stevenson III (I)

Maintenance Director A

Idowu A. Balogun (I)

Maintenance NBA A

Craig Fisher

Motor Vehicle Director

Mike Foster (I)

Assistant MVS Director

Javier Pineres (I)

Retiree Convention Delegate Central Region (ours)

Paul J. Browning (I)

Executive Board Endorsements

The Executive Board discussed the contested races at the 9-11-16 EB meeting in order to take our recommendations to the members present at the 9-11-16 meeting. Unfortunately, we missed a quorum by two members and were unable to hold a meeting. Only the endorsements of the membership can be printed in the Local Line, so we can only print the name of one endorsed candidate, which is Vance Zimmerman for the job of Industrial Relations Director. In the rest of the contested races we cannot print EB endorsements not voted on by the membership. If a member wants to know who we recommend in the other contested races they are free to contact us. We urge all our members to vote in the APWU national elections.

Quorum

In August we had 38 members at the membership meeting, and in September we had 18. In lowering the quorum to 20 we expect to normally have a quorum but not always. The next meeting will be on the first Sunday (10-2-16) as the second Sunday is part of the Columbus Day holiday schedule.

Local Negotiations...

Many Associate Offices do not want to open their LMOU as they are happy with what they have. A few of the small offices do not have complete language and we will be trying to complete those. We have submitted our proposals for each of the three plants and will continue to meet on those.

Retirement Seminar on 9-24-16

Civil Service will be in the am from 9 to 12 and FERS in the pm from 1 to 4. Lunch around noon. Members and spouses welcome, but sign up if you plan to come so Mimi, Vivian, and Committee have enough food for everyone.

Don Sevre is our guest speaker. Parking ok at Elmhurst Academy but not at the Top Dog Retreat.