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ELECTION 2015

The 2015 Central Florida Area Local Election Process has started with the installation of our Election Committee at the August Meeting. Nominees for all offices will be accepted during the next two meetings. For more information refer to the Nomination Notice inside.



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Message from the Editor...

Any members who would like to contribute articles for possible inclusion in the next issue of the Chatter are encouraged to do so. To submit your article via email please contact the Editor at bloveapwu@gmail.com. If you prefer to submit it in writing you can mail them to the Local Union Office.

All submissions will be reviewed and may be edited before inclusion in the Chatter. Please ensure that you include your full name with your submission so that we can credit the author. Anonymous submissions will not be printed for legal reasons.

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*****NOMINATION NOTICE*****

APWU/CENTRAL FLORIDA AREA LOCAL 1462

Nominations for a three (3) year term of office 2016 to 2018 for the following positions:

President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Director of Clerk Craft, Director of Maintenance Craft, Director of Motor Vehicle Craft, Assistant Directors of each craft (1 each for East, Central and West as needed by craft), Legislative Representative and Sergeant-at-arms, Director of Safety and Health, Communications Director, Trustees (three)

(Candidates elected President and Director of Clerk, Maintenance and Motor Vehicle Crafts shall be paid delegates to the National Union convention, to be announced at a later date and the craft conferences, to be announced at a later date)

When : September 10, 2015 at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

October 08, 2015 at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Where: CFAL 1462 Union Hall, 10501 S. Orange Ave., Suite 117, Orlando, Florida, 32824

How: 1. Nominations for new officers will be taken from the floor and shall begin with the opening of nominations at the September 10th meeting starting at 9 a.m. until the close of nominations during the 7 p.m. October 08th meeting. Union members not present at the nomination meetings who are nominating themselves for office may do so in writing; the nomination must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Nelson, at the CFAL Union Hall at the same address listed above or the Secretary/Treasurer no later than 7 p.m. on October 08, 2015 in order to be added to the nomination list prior to the close of nomination during the October 08, 2015 meeting. Nominees not present at the October 08, 2015 meeting who have been nominated have only one week from the October 08 meeting till October 15, 2015 to provide their letter of acceptance on the nomination in writing and must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Nelson, at the CFAL Union Hall at the same address listed above by close of business on October 15, 2015 at 3 p.m. Nominees who fail to provide a letter of acceptance under the conditions specified will be ineligible to run for the position nominated for and will be notified by the Election Committee of their ineligibility.

2. A member can be nominated for only one (1) office. To be eligible for nomination, a candidate must be a member in good standing, as well as the nominator. The candidate must be present at the meeting or state a willingness to run in a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer as instructed above in item #1. Retirees who are Full Due Paying members must also be in good standing prior to being the nominator or the nominee.

3. Candidates for nomination to the office of Assistant Craft Director must work within the designated area of responsibility. EAST has 35 offices from level 18-22 in the 327/347 area; WEST has 338 Lakeland and approximately 20 other installations and 342 Arcadia area.

4. Any member who voluntarily holds, accepts or applies for any managerial, supervisory, EAS or supervisory program position with the responsibility of issuing or recommending discipline or applying or interpreting the CBA for a two (2) week period either detailed, acting, probationary or permanently shall be ineligible to hold Union office or be a delegate to any convention for a period on one (1) year after the termination of such assignments.

5. Anyone who has applied for a management position must withdraw the application prior to acceptance of nomination for any office.

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6. Any member who has been convicted or served any part of a prison term for robbery, bribery, extortion, embezzlement, grand larceny burglary, arson, murder, rape, assault with intent to kill, or to inflict grievous bodily injury, and violation of narcotics laws shall be ineligible to hold Union office.

NOTE: Any candidates nominated at each month's nomination meeting will meet with the Election Committee members at the end of each meeting in order to sign the necessary documents and to receive the election and campaign rules pertaining to the following: prohibition of union and employer funds, distribution of campaign literature, inspecting the membership list, observers rules.

The election will be conducted by referendum vote before the November 12, 2015 meeting. Additional information regarding the election and the date will be provided in a separate notice, which will be mailed to all CFAL 1462 members at a later date.

*******Any/all questions or issues dealing with the nominations and the election if applicable will require the members to send all to the Election Committee Email: cfalelectioncommittee2015@gmail.com. When sending communications to the committee please put your full name, phone number to be reached, and the best hours to contact you with the response. The committee will meet as a whole and then answer back as soon as possible. *******

NOTE: 1. If any member has changed their address in the past 3 years please notify the union hall at the following address listed above or this email address cfal1462@gmail.com with your name, current address and zip code by October 08, in order to receive the election ballot, otherwise it will go to the address the union has currently on record.

2. If any member is to be in training in Oklahoma or elsewhere out of state, or on annual and out of state from October 8, 2015 to November 12, 2015 and wish their election ballot to be mailed to another address during that time period, must notify the union hall at the following address listed above or this email address cfal1462@gmail.com with your name, the address and zip code preferred during this time period by October 08, 2015 otherwise the ballot will go to the address the union has currently on record.

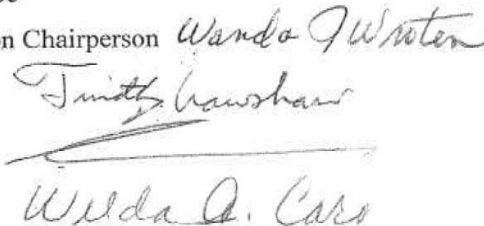
2015 Election Committee

Wanda Wroten – Election Chairperson

Timothy Crawshaw

Stuart Iribarren

Wilda Caro

Handwritten signatures of the 2015 Election Committee members: Wanda Wroten, Timothy Crawshaw, and Wilda Caro.



Bulletin Board



Milestones in Labor History *--August--*

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1981 - Professional Air Traffic Controllers (PATCO) begin nationwide strike against the Federal Aviation Administration.

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1931 - Airline Pilots Association founded.

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1970 - President Nixon signs the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970.

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1935 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs Social Security Act, and signs into law a bill to reduce hours of labor for postal employees from 44 to 40 hours per week.

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1894 - Birthdate of George Meany, the American Federation of Labor president who helped facilitate the partnership with the Congress of Industrial Organizations to form the AFL-CIO. A plumber by trade, he became the first AFL-CIO president.

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1827 - *Mechanics Gazette*, first U.S. labor paper was published in Philadelphia.

1924 - Lloyd-Lafollette Act passed by Congress. It guaranteed postal workers the right to join associations which did not obligate them to engage in strikes, and the right of postal workers, either individually or collectively, to petition Congress.

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1925 - A. Philip Randolph and a group of employees of the Pullman Company establish the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Union in New York City.

1964 - Postal Press Association founded.

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1948 - National Association of Post Office Mechanics & Maintenance Employees merged with National Association of Post Office Custodial Employees at Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

1935 - United Auto Workers founded.

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1906 - First Convention, National Federation of Post Office Clerks, Chicago, Illinois.

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1963 - Martin Luther King, Jr. makes his famous "I have a dream..." speech at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

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1889 - National Association of Letter Carriers formed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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1991 - 4,000 APWU members join 325,000 trade unionists for Solidarity Day '91 in Washington,

Next Union Meeting

Thursday September 10, 2015 at
9:00am & 7:00pm

Announcements

Any members who would like to post their news and announcements either here in the Chatter or on the Local's website please send them to Benjamin Love at:

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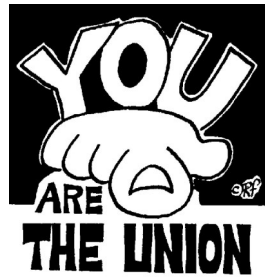
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Union hall is located at 10501 S Orange Ave,
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calendars and attend. It is your Union.

Let your voice be heard!!!