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NATIONAL ORGANIZING DRIVE PASSES 4,000 NEW MEMBERS!



LET'S KEEP BUILDING ON THIS MOMENTUM!

With just one month remaining in the APWU “Building Union Power” national organizing drive, we are already nearing our goal of 5,000 new union members, with more than 4,000 signups at over 365 locals and states across the country! The organizing campaign will conclude when contract negotiations with the Postal Service begin on June 25.

But we have more work to do! If 5,000 new members would make us stronger, imagine the power we would have and the message we would send management if we surpassed our goal and signed up 6,000 new members (or more!) by the start of negotiations. Let’s keep the momentum going! This is an important time to build our union power. Will you join us?

SIGN UP THE NONMEMBERS!

We encourage every union member to have a conversation with your coworkers to make sure they are union members. You can take a photo of the QR code on this page and save it for when you talk to a nonmember about joining the union. Simply pull up the QR code photo and have them scan it to fill out the membership form.

**NONMEMBERS:
SCAN THE QR
CODE TO JOIN
THE APWU!**



Union postal workers across the country have been speaking with nonmember coworkers about our union, holding informational events, doing house visits, phone banking, and texting nonmembers.



Tampa Area Local President Don Barron and the Local Organizing Committee are “Building Union Power” in the lead up to contract negotiations, which begin June 25, 2024.

“The work we’re all doing is making a difference and the great thing is that everyone can get involved in making our union stronger,” said Organization Director Anna Smith. “It can be as simple as finding out who isn’t in the union in your work area and letting them know that you’d love them to stand with us. Wear your union gear and show that you’re union proud.”

“I commend the work that APWU members are undertaking up and down the country to build our union. Our best chance to secure another good union contract and to strengthen our public Postal Service is with a strong, united union,” said APWU President Mark Dimondstein.

IN A NEEDED STEP TO IMPROVE SERVICE, POSTAL MANAGEMENT TO SLOW DOWN CONSOLIDATIONS



Western Colorado Area Local

In response to union, community, and political pressure, Postmaster General (PMG) DeJoy, in a letter to Senator Gary Peters (D-MI), has agreed to pause, at least until January 2025, a number of the planned mail consolidations that are part of the “network modernization” changes currently underway. PMG DeJoy’s response was in answer to a letter of concern by a bipartisan group of 26 Senators.

“From the very beginning of these plans, the APWU leadership has advocated that management needs to slow down to ensure that the rights of the workers are upheld and respected, and that planned changes must improve service,” said APWU President Mark Dimondstein.

“While we acknowledge the need for change in light of changing technology, changes in the mailing habits of the people, and to the mail mix, the network changes have thus far been implemented in a chaotic

and detrimental way. Slowing down the process and commitments to improve service are welcome and needed steps.”

The letter also commits to not moving forward with any consolidation plans without advising Congress, as well as to moderate the pace of any planned changes.

The APWU has initiated a detailed information request to obtain the full and accurate list of consolidations that will be put on hold as well as any potential impact on excessing of employees from one facility to another.

“I commend all throughout our union ranks, our community allies, and many friends in Congress who have made and will continue to make their voices heard loud and clear – there must be no short cuts when it comes to service,” shared Dimondstein.

To read the letters, visit: apwu.org/pmg-network-modernization-consolidations-slowdown

The APWU will share more information as it is received from the USPS.

JOIN THE APWU VIRTUAL CONTRACT RALLY ON JUNE 24

Join the **virtual rally** at 7 p.m. EST on June 24 to kick off negotiations and to show the strength of our solidarity as we begin to negotiate a good, new collective bargaining agreement. Visit apwu.org for more information. Local and state organizations are also encouraged to hold additional events in support of a new contract.

Negotiations are never easy, and our success depends on building power and leverage. The foundation of our union starts with each and every member as we work to win improved wages, benefits, and rights in the workplace for more than 200,000 APWU-represented postal workers.

In March, and in preparation for negotiations, we sent members a union contract survey to understand your priorities and needs.

We received more than 12,000 responses to the survey. While the APWU national negotiating team is guided by formal resolutions, which are passed by various local and state organizations and are debated and voted on at our national conventions, your responses to the contract survey have provided a valuable resource to our negotiations team, and has helped us understand the issues, priorities, and needs that are important to you and your families as we continue to prepare for the fights ahead.

Don't forget to send your organizing and rally photos to communications@apwu.org so that we can feature your important work in future APWU publications.

For more information about contract negotiations, visit: apwu.org/contract.

Scholarship Deadline Extended to June 30, 2024

The 2024 Scholarship deadline for the E.C. Hallbeck Memorial Scholarship, Vocational Scholarship, and Best Essay Award has been extended until June 30, 2024. The APWU Scholarship Program is one of the great benefits of being a member of the union.

The E.C. Hallbeck Memorial Scholarship awards 10 recipients \$2,000 annually for four years to use towards an undergraduate program. Five Vocational Scholarship winners receive up to \$3,000 to be used for three years of study in a specific trade, technical, industrial, or vocational school. One “Best Essay” winner is selected from the applicant pool to receive a one-time \$2,000 award for his or her four-year college tuition.

The 2024 APWU Scholarship applications are available at apwu.org/scholarship-programs on the Secretary-Treasurer’s page of the website.