The Region continues to have a 4,568* grievance appeal backlog. Here is the recent report *				
District	Clerks	Maintenance	MVS	Totals
WESTERN-PACIFIC	1731	750	486	2967
ALASKA	5	4		9
AZ-NM	416	151	87	654
CALIFORNIA 1	179	15	37	231
CALIFORNIA 2	223	92	35	350
CALIFORNIA 3	28	20	4	52
CALIFORNIA 4 CALIFORNIA 5	24	8	3	35 132
CALIFORNIA 5 CALIFORNIA 6	94	212	4	293
CO-WY	107	19	4	293
HAWAII	107	19	15	141
ID-MT-OR	281	86	243	610
NV-UT	121	41	4	166
WASHINGTON	176	67	50	293
WESTERN-PACIFIC ALASKA	208	16	4	228
AZ-NM CALIFORNIA 1 CALIFORNIA 2 CALIFORNIA 3	49	1		50
CALIFORNIA 1	5	1		6
CALIFORNIA 2	27	1		28
CALIFORNIA 3	5			5
CALIFORNIA 4	8			8
			4	54
CALIFORNIA 5	52	1	1	
CALIFORNIA 5 CALIFORNIA 6	52 5	1	1	
CALIFORNIA 5 CALIFORNIA 6 CO-WY		1	1	5
CALIFORNIA 6	5		1	54
HAWAII	5	1	2	5 3 1
CO-WT	5	1		5 3 1 20
HAWAII ID-MT-OR	5 2 18	1		5 3 1 20 24
HAWAII ID-MT-OR NV-UT WASHINGTON	5 2 18 21 14	1 1 3 7	2	5 3 1 20 24 22
HAWAII ID-MT-OR NV-UT WASHINGTON District	5 2 18 21 14	1 1 3		5 3 1 20 24
District	5 2 18 21 14 Clerks	1 1 3 7 Maintenance	2	5 3 1 20 24 22
CO-WY HAWAII ID-MT-OR NV-UT WASHINGTON District WESTERN-PACIFIC ALASKA	5 2 18 21 14 Clerks 5	1 1 3 7 Maintenance	2 1 MVS 62	5 3 1 20 24 22 Totals
CALIFORNIA 6 CO-WY HAWAII ID-MT-OR NV-UT WASHINGTON District	5 2 18 21 14 Clerks	1 1 3 7 Maintenance	2 1 MVS	5 3 1 20 24 22 Totals

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6 * Source: USPS/APWU Arb MOU Meeting 19

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In an effort to deal with the grievance backlog the National President and USPS Deputy PMG have resurrected a 22+ year old Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The updated MOU, entitled *Grievance Process and Arbitration Case Review Procedures,* has a ten (10) point process intended to ensure t<u>imely</u> reviews of pending cases but, only five (5) 'facilities' per Districts generating the majority of grievance appeals will be dealt with.

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The MOU, provides that representatives will schedule meetings to insure that the STEP 3 grievances and Direct Reviews appealed directly from Step 2 to arbitration are reviewed within the contract time limits. However, although extension are to be exceptions, so called jointly 'accepted working practices' are being allowed?? Nationwide the numbers are down and those properly handling the backlog are to be commended.

> CLERKS CONCERNED WITH THEIR PENDING GRIEVANCES SHOULD CONTACT THE NATIONAL CLERK DIRECTOR (202) 842-4200