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CWA seeks relief from Merger

Fighting to Preserve Our Proud Printing Trades Traditions

President's

Column

By Steven

D. Berman



On April 16, 2011, the joint Conferences of Printing, Publishing and Media Workers, Mailers and Printers, held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, attended by Secretary-Treasurer Michelle Tovo and your President, passed a resolution calling on the CWA President Larry Cohen to appoint Dan Wasser to former President William J. Boarman's positions as CWA Vice President and Printing Sector President.

Sector Representative Daniel Wasser received No. 16's endorsement for Sector President, at the local's January General Membership meeting.

The delegates to the conferences representing some of the larger locals within the Printing Sector, heard CWA Secretary-Treasurer Jeff Rechenbach who addressed the joint conference, expressing the CWA Executive Board's position that it could no longer work with the 26 year old merger agreement between the CWA and the ITU. Prior to the meeting, the CWA had presented the Sector's Law and Finance Committee with proposals for changing the Sector's governing structure. The committee expressed their displeasure with the proposals to the delegates.

Since President Boarman's departure in January to become the United States Public Printer, the CWA Executive Board has refused to replace Boarman's position as required under the CWA Constitution and Sector Merger Agreement. President Berman had raised a Complaint with the CWA for the Executive Board's violations. The Complaint is printed on page 3 of this Reporter.

The joint resolution is as follows:

Whereas, The International Typographical Union and the Communications Workers of America entered into a fraternal merger agreement in 1987, and

Whereas, that agreement called for an autonomous Sector lead by the Sector President who also serves as a CWA Vice President on the Executive Board of the CWA, and

Whereas, the former Sector President, William J. Boarman, was appointed by President Obama to serve as The Public Printer of the United States, leaving a vacancy in the Presidency of the PP&MWS, and

Whereas, CWA Secretary Treasurer Jeff Rechenbach addressed the joint meeting and expressed CWA's commitment to resolve the issue amicably, while recognizing the existence of the Merger Agreement, and

Whereas, the CWA Constitution demands that a vacancy in the office of Sector President be filled by the CWA Executive Board, and

Whereas, this office has remained vacant, leaving a void in leadership, direction and function of the Sector, including the eminent problem of who will run our up-coming Sector Conference, and

Whereas, the suggestion of the Laws and Finance Committee appointing a "Director" for day to day operation, and appointing one of their own to serve as the Sector Executive Board member, being totally rejected by the delegates of the CWA Mailers' Conference and The Atlantic Conference of Typos and Mailers, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the CWA Mailers' Conference and Atlantic Conference of Typos and Mailers recommend that President Larry Cohen and the Executive Board of CWA appoint Sector Representative Daniel Wasser to fill the un-expired term of President Boarman.

Passed unanimously this 16th day of April, 2011.

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Notice of Nominations for Local Union Officer Election

Written nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, three Executive Committee Members, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Member of the Board of Trustees, two Delegates and two Alternate Delegates to the CWA Convention and the PP&MW Sector Conference, all for a term of three years commencing on January 1, 2012 will be accepted in the Union Office beginning on August 15, 2011.

Pursuant to the CWA Constitution, local laws and the 1986 Agreement for Merger/Affiliation, any member eligible to become a candidate shall file his or her Declaration of Candidacy in writing with the Secretary-Treasurer. The Declaration may not be filed earlier than August 15, 2011, or later than 11:00 a.m. on September 9, 2011. **All Declarations of Candidacy must be received, whether by mail or personal delivery, by the office of the Secretary-Treasurer no later than 11:00 a.m. September 9, 2011.** Such Declaration must specify the name of the candidate and the office being sought. No member may be a candidate for more than one office except candidates for Delegate or Alternate Delegate may also be candidates for another office. All candidates for President and Secretary-Treasurer are automatically candidates for Delegate.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall examine and certify eligibility of all candidates. To be eligible, a candidate must be a member in good standing having paid all dues and arrearages through July of 2011, on or before 11:00 a.m. on September 9, 2011. Candidates other than incumbent officers must be actively employed or seeking employment at the business or be a full member of the CWA, on the CWA/ITU Negotiated Pension Plan, or Retirement Trust.

Immediately after the close of nominations, 11:00 a.m. on September 9, 2011, a drawing will be held at the Union Office for ballot position. Candidates will be required to provide written instruction as to how his/her name should appear on the ballot.

The election will be by mail ballot. Ballots will be counted on October 19, 2011. Additional information concerning the election will appear in the September/December Reporter.

Proposed Law Change

Article VII-Salaries

Section 1. (a) President shall receive [\$1,412.53] **\$1,354.85** weekly, **daily, \$270.97, \$38.71 per hour, for hours worked during each week employed by the Union.** [Including a paid vacation.]

(b) Secretary-Treasurer shall receive \$1,354.85 weekly, [\$270.97, daily, \$38.71 per hour, for hours worked during each week employed by the Union.] **including a paid vacation.**

(c) Vice President shall receive \$987.35 weekly, \$197.47 daily, \$28.21 an hour, for hours worked during each week employed by the Union.

(d) An Executive Committee member shall receive for each meeting attended \$102.20 and the Secretary of the Executive Committee shall receive \$116.66 for each meeting attended.

The above law changes shall become effective January 1, 2012.

Submitted by Law Committee

DONATIONS

On behalf of the Union, the undersigned acknowledges with sincere appreciation donations made by members and received during the months of January and March, 2011.

Michelle Tovo, Secretary-Treasurer

January, 2011

UPH Donation

Patrick Walsh \$ 10.00
\$ 10.00

CTU No. 16 Donation

Lawrence Dopita \$ 20.00
Michelle Malek (In Honor of
Ronald Heiser) \$ 25.00
Benjamin Kobit \$ 5.60
\$ 50.60

Trotman Fund Donation

George Zaucha (In memory
of Thomas Kopeck) \$ 25.00
\$ 25.00

Reserve Fund Donation

George Zaucha (In memory
of Jerry Musil) \$ 25.00
\$ 25.00

February, 2011

CTU No. 16 Donation

John Grano \$ 55.60
\$ 55.60

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Column
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Members please note, if you have moved or made any changes in information the Union has on file, please call us and update that information.

Our website has a directory link. If you would like to have your email, fax or any details about what your shop interests are, please notify headquarters.

Due to the continued rising cost of postage, monthly Proprietor dues reminder will no longer be mailed out. Instead, the monthly dues rates notices will appear in each REPORTER and should be maintained for future reference. Call 847-247-8855 if you have any questions.

Chapel Chairmen elections will be held in accordance with the Local Bylaws, adopted by the membership in atten-

dance at the regular Union meeting held Sunday, June 29, 1980, which read as follows:

"Sec.44. (a) Election of a chairman, to serve for a term of six months, shall be held in each Chapel within two weeks of January 1 and July 1 of each year.

Chapels may adopt regulations permitting the election of a chairman to an annual term, such election to be held within two weeks of January 1 of each year. Voting shall be by ballot. A majority shall be necessary to elect. Date for nominations and voting procedures shall be set by chapel action."

All Chairmen should employ stringent security measures to protect Union funds. Chairmen will be reimbursed for stolen Union funds only if they adhere to all conditions contained in our insurance policy.

Whenever Union funds are not under direct control of the Chapel Chairmen, they must be kept in a locked safe. Our insurance policy will not accept liability for losses when funds are kept in a locked desk, cash box, locker or similar depository. Theft must be reported immediately to the police.

Fraternally, *Michelle Tovo*

Executive Committee Report

Monday, February 4, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Steven D. Berman. All members were present or teleconferenced (All recommendations are unanimous unless otherwise indicated).

Recommendations:

1. Approval of the payment of all bills for the period ending January 31, 2011.
2. Approval of January 30, 2011 Regular Union Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee Report

Monday, March 14, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Steven Berman. All members were present or teleconferenced. (All recommendations are unanimous unless otherwise indicated).

Recommendations:

1. Approval of the payment of all bills for the period ending February 28, 2011.
2. Authorize the local to join in President Berman's Complaint of February 4, 2011, against the CWA, including expending funds necessary to pursue this issue through a third party forum. (Complaint is printed in this Reporter)
3. Approval of \$250 assessment payable to the Chicago Allied Printing Trades Council.

4. Approval to send two (2) delegates to the Atlantic Conference (April 15-17, 2011) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

5. Approval of \$50 donation to the Hispanic American Labor Council.

Executive Committee Report

Monday, April 11, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Steven D. Berman. All members were present or teleconferenced. (All recommendations are unanimous unless otherwise indicated).

Recommendations:

1. Approval of the payment of all bills for the period ending March 31, 2011.
2. Approval of Cook County Memorandum of Understanding for the County of Cook and Sheriff of Cook County.
3. Approval of \$50 donation to the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists.

Executive Committee Report

Monday, May 2, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Steven D. Berman. All members were present or teleconferenced. (All recommendations are unanimous unless otherwise indicated).

Recommendations:

1. Approval of the payment of all bills for the period ending April 30, 2011.
2. Approval of \$116.10 for CWA District 4 Registration Fund (Convention)

NOTICE

Union Headquarters will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2011, in observance of Memorial Day Holiday; and on Monday, July 4, 2011, in observance of Independence Day Holiday; and on Monday, September 5, 2011, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

CWA Executive Board Violates ITU Merger Agreement

February 04, 2011

Certified Mail

Mr. Larry Cohen, President
Communications Workers of America
501 Third Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 21146

Dear President Cohen:

Re: Complaint

This letter is being written in conformity with the Internal Appeals Procedures of the CWA Constitution.

On January 3, 2011, Printing Sector President and CWA Vice President William J. Boarman announced that he was retiring from the Communications Workers of America, effective at the close of business January 3, 2011. On or about January 29, 2011, the CWA appointed a member of the Sector Laws and Finance Committee to "sit in on the CWA National Executive Board Conference calls and meetings, but did not give this person, CWA Vice President or Sector President authority.

Since that time and continuing, the CWA Executive Board has refused and failed to fill the vacancy of President/Vice President Boarman. On February 3, 2011, the CWA Newsletter announced in part "local Printing Sector leaders met with CWA President Larry Cohen, Secretary-Treasurer Jeff Rechenbach and District 1 Vice President Chris Shelton to discuss options for reorganizing without filling Boarman's job."

The Executive Board, by its actions, are in violation of the following laws and Agreement. CWA Constitution, Article IX-Executive Board, Section 1(d) and Section 2 (a), Article XII-Officers and Their Duties, Section 8 and Article XV-Elections, Section 2 (b) Vice Presidents.

Additionally, the Printing, Publishing and Media Workers, Bylaws Article VI-Vacancy in Office, Section 1. provides "Vacancies in the office of Sector President shall be filled in accordance with the CWA Constitution."

Finally, the Agreement for Merger/Affiliation, Officer Structure provides that the Printing Sector President will become Vice President of CWA and represent the Sector on the Executive Board. The Executive Boards failure to act, leaves all Printing Sector members without representation and violates the essence of the Merger/Affiliation Agreement.

The appointment of Art Deianni, a Sector Laws and Finances Committee member, to "sit in" on Executive Board conference and/or meetings without any CWA Vice President and/or Sector President authority, can not be justified in the CWA Constitution or Printing Sector laws and agreements. In fact, such actions are violations of the CWA Constitution, Printing Sector Bylaws and the Merger/Affiliation Agreement. Article V of the Sector Bylaws provides for the Sector President to maintain a residence in Metropolitan Washington D.C. area and devote full time to the duties of the office.

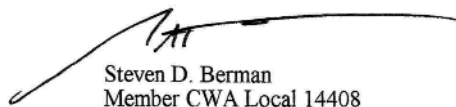
The Merger/Affiliation agreement guarantees that the Printing Sector shall be autonomous within the CWA. That the Sector shall function pursuant to its own Bylaws and shall preserve long-standing ITU traditions as an autonomous Sector of the CWA. Since 1869, the International Typographical Union has not been without a President of its organization, until now.

Current attempts by members of the Executive Board to change the Sector "model" is a direct violation of the autonomy provisions of the Merger/Affiliation Agreement.

The relief being sought is the immediate compliance by the Executive Board of the CWA in filling the vacancy of CWA Vice President William J. Boarman. That any actions or decisions by any committee or individuals of the CWA or Printing Sector, effecting conditions prior to the proper installation of the new Printing Sector President/CWA Vice President, shall be reversed. The CWA shall pay Mr. Boarman's predecessor all compensation and benefits that should have been paid retroactively, to the first Executive Board Meeting, proceeding Mr. Boarman's resignation.

This Complaint is being filed in good faith.

Fraternally,



Steven D. Berman
Member CWA Local 14408

Notice of Nominations and Election - Election Board

Written nominations for three Members of the Election Board for a three year term will be accepted by the Secretary-Treasurer commencing immediately. **All nominations for the Election Board must be received by the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer no later than 11:00 a.m. on September 2, 2011.** To be eligible as a candidate for the Election Board you must be a member in good standing having paid all dues and arrearages through July, 2011, no later than 11:00 a.m. on September 2, 2011. Election Board Members may not be candidates for any other office. A drawing for ballot position will be held immediately after the close of nominations at 11:00 a.m. on September 2, 2011.

A secret ballot election for Election Board Members shall be held at the Union meeting on September 25, 2011, commencing at 10:00 a.m. at the Chicago's Essex Inn located at Michigan Avenue at 8th Street, Park East Walk, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL. To be eligible to vote you must be a member in good standing having paid all dues and arrearages through July of 2011 by no later than 4:30 p.m. September 23, 2011. Election Board Members who are elected at the Union meeting will take office immediately.

President's Column Continued

Cook County and Cook County Sheriff's Department negotiations continued on March 31st, with your President and Chapel Chairman Jim Justic representing No. 16. Contract negotiations with the County began on October 16, 2008.

Shortly after the new County President Preckwinkle took office, the County approved a budget that called for department wide layoffs. The County was forced to find ways to deal with a \$487 million budget shortfall for 2011. Twenty percent of bargaining unit employees in the Offset Print Shop were notified that their last day of work would be February 18th. Following the announcement, negotiations began to find any alternatives to the layoffs. On March 1st the parties agreed along with our bargaining unit employee, that they would take ten furlough days to avoid the layoffs. The county agreed in return that no layoffs would be required before November 30, 2011, if at all.

All county offices, expect for essential services will be closed April 22nd, May 27th, July 1st, September 2nd and November 25, 2011. Employee will have to select 5 additional days during this time frame. No. 16 has requested additional negotiation dates from the County, in order to complete negotiations that began in October, 2008.

Your Officers wish to express a happy and safe Memorial Day, July 4th Holiday and Labor Day, to all our members and their families.

Fraternally, *Steven D. Berman*

During last year's congressional races for United States Senator and United State Congressman, your President discovered that campaign material was being printed out-of-state, with a Union label other than the Allied Printing Trades Label. Once a week this material was being mailed to union members homes, during the whole campaign cycle.

Your President sent the material to the Printing Sector offices and requested that International unions have the practice stopped. Our union shops were losing the business. Additionally, the local contacted Sector and CWA representative in order to setup a meeting with the State AFL-CIO to discuss our concerns.

A meeting with the State AFL-CIO was held with AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Timothy E. Drea, CWA Illinois District 4 representative Ron Honse and your President.

The parties were in full agreement at the meeting that the out of state printing for Illinois political candidates was not acceptable. Union representative proposed to have the Allied Printing Trades Council submit a Resolution to the Illinois AFL-CIO for their adoption.

DUES		
Months of May, June, August and September, 2011 – 2.61%		
MEMBERS working at the trade		
CWA, .61%	No. 16, 2%	
PROPRIETOR Members at the Trade		
CWA .61%		\$16.60
No. 16 2%		<u>61.40</u>
Total		\$78.00
PROPRIETORS and Members Not at Trade		
CWA		\$10.00
No. 16 2%		<u>56.33</u>
Total		\$66.33

DUES		
Month of July, 2011 – 2.61%		
MEMBERS working at the trade		
CWA, .61%	No. 16, 2%	
PROPRIETOR Members at the Trade		
CWA .61%		\$16.60
No. 16 2%		<u>80.90</u>
Total		\$97.50
PROPRIETORS and Members Not at Trade		
CWA		\$10.00
No. 16 2%		<u>70.34</u>
Total		\$80.34



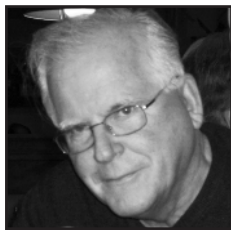
Pictured above is Chicago Typographical Union's Memorial Plaque which honors deceased members who, during the last 35 years, bequeathed to CTU No. 16, a substantial portion of their estates.

Members who have contributed in such a manner, include: Arthur Brendel, Herman Harke, Frieda C. Beddoe, Charles Sinkeucz, Robert S. Getchel, Edward C. Whitford, Allen H. Strayer, Daniel E. Hill, Edward Leider, Walter J. Jansen, Alta E. Stanley, Sydney Duncan, Charles Kulle, Ernest Neuendorf, William F. Schwartz, Melvin J. Burt, John W Holland and William A. Trotman.

The Memorial Plaque is mounted in the Secretary's office next to our Union's Charter which, in January, 1875, established No. 16 as a member of the International Typographical Union. The Memorial Plaque will be mounted in perpetuity by this Union. When deemed appropriate by the Secretary-Treasurer, additional names will be added.

The inscription reads: "In memory of members whose names are listed below who, upon their last request, thoughtfully bequeathed a significant portion of their estates, in lasting tribute to their beloved Chicago Typographical Union No. 16."

Robert M. Branick, 1947-2011



Robert M. Branick, age 63, died suddenly on March 10, 2011.

Over the past decades, I had worked with Bob, at the Chicago Tribune as journeymen printers, and during Bob's many years holding local union positions as the assistant Organizer, Chicago Tribune Chapel Chairman, 1985 Tribune Strike Coordinator and local delegate to the 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986 ITU Conventions. Bob was best known for giving of himself in order to improve the working lives of No. 16 members and their families.

In the late 1980's, Copley Newspapers offered Bob a management position because of his knowledge in the industry and his ability to manage people. During the sale of the Copley papers to the Chicago Sun-Times, Bob was instrumental in No. 16 reaching new collective bargaining agreements before the sale.

Most recently, Bob was using his skills to provide the most efficient production of the Aurora Beacon-News and Courier News, while saving jobs during a time when the parent company was in bankruptcy.

We have experienced the loss of one of the most dedicated and skillful labor leaders in our local union. Our sincere condolence goes out to Lois Branick, Bob's wife and to Lisa and Holly, Bob's daughters.

News and Comments

Congratulations to MAY 60-year member **William Nash**; to 50-year members **Donald Senter** and **Vernell Dial**; JUNE 60-year member **Walter Mihelich** and **Edward Schartz**; to 50 year member **George Smiley**; to 40-year member **Carl Kolasa** and **David Clarke**; to JULY 50-year member **Carl Weldon**; to 40-year member **Jane Raddatz**; to AUGUST 60-year member **Lucille Severson**; to 50-year members **Gerald Valha** and **Lloyd Mulay**; to 40-year member **Bruce Jobb**.

Our sincerest sympathies to **Lester Schlosberg** (Pensioner) on the death of his wife, **Joseph Branick** (Pensioner) on the death of his brother.

No. 16 wishes to express its gratitude to retired Chicago Tribune chapel member **Harold Klein**, for providing the local with a number of artifacts, from the Tribune strike period. One of those items was a 1960 Tribune chapel priority list, showing 749 members.

ALL former employee's of Rider Type.

You are invited to a luncheon on June 5, 2011 to celebrate the Anniversary of Rydertypes closing their doors. It will be at the Old Country Buffet at Noon. Location is the corner of Golf Road and Algonquin Road in Rolling Meadows. If you're in the neighborhood, stop in and say hello. **Robert Miller**

Death Roll

Nelson, Richard, J., Pensioner formerly Chicago Sun-Times, died December 27, 2010, aged 80. Member of Amos J. Cummings Post. Initiated by CTU on September 28, 1958.

Anderson, Stanley, Pensioner formerly American Bank Note, died December 31, 2010, aged 92. Initiated by CTU on July 24, 1957.

Coles, Felix, Jr., Pensioner formerly Commerce Clearing House, died February 2, 2011, aged 83. Initiated by CTU on January 16, 1947.

Poremba, Joseph A., Jr. Pensioner formerly Chicago Sun-Times, died February 8, 2011, aged 66. Initiated by CTU on June 27, 1971.

Brinskelle, Andrew, J., Pensioner formerly Chicago Tribune, died February 11, 2011, aged 88. Initiated by CTU on August 7, 1951.

Locascio, Pete, J. Pensioner formerly Commerce Clearing House, died February 27, 2011, aged 83. Initiated in Janesville, Wisconsin on February 5, 1952.

Lowery, John, Pensioner formerly Chicago Sun-Times, died March 4, 2011, aged 67. Initiated in Louisville, Kentucky on April 17, 1968.

Branick, Robert, M., Aurora Beacon-News, died March 9, 2011, aged 62. Initiated by CTU on March 1, 1966.

Wood, Louise, Olive, Pensioner formerly Eddie Price, died March 4, 2011, aged 96. Initiated by CTU on June 30, 1957.

Pfender, Robert, Pensioner formerly A-1 Composition, died March 16, 2011, aged 93. Initiated by CTU on September 27, 1942.

Keller, George, Pensioner formerly Miller Typesetting, died March 18, 2011, aged 85. Initiated by CTU on November 30, 1952.

Martin, Theodore, Pensioner formerly TTI, died March 18, 2011, aged 92. Initiated by CTU on November 23, 1947.

Gregory, Ralph, Jr., Pensioner formerly Chas. P. Young, died April 2, 2011, aged 88. Initiated by CTU on November 15, 1954.

Wojasinski, Martha, Pensioner formerly Chicago Sun-Times, died April 7, 2011, aged 86. Initiated by CTU on September 8, 1968.

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REGULAR UNION MEETING

Sunday, May 22, 2011
10:00 a.m.

Chicago's Essex Inn

800 South Michigan Avenue
Park East Walk, 2nd Floor

Chicago, Illinois

Calendar of Meetings

(At headquarters unless otherwise noted)

Executive Committee – 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 13, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Monday, July 11, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 15, 2011, Tuesday, September 6, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

General Membership Meetings – September 25, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Reporter deadline – 12 noon, Wednesday, September 7, 2011.

Amos Jay Cummings Post

Amos Jay Cummings Post The Post meetings have moved to the Harold Washington Library, 400 South State Street, 5th floor – Room 5 South, Chicago, Government Publication Section. Meetings begin at 11.00 a.m. and are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

The next meetings of the Post are scheduled for June 1st, July 6th and September 7th 2011.

Amos Jay Cummings Post Poppy Day

On Thursday May 26th and 27th at 7:00 a.m. the Post will again be present on North Michigan Avenue in front of the Wrigley Building and the Tribune Building, to sell poppies, in an effort to enhance the Post's Relief Fund. Any assistance will be appreciated.

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