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*ITU traditions unite printers and mailers*

## Printing & Publishing Sector Wins Right To Determine Its Destiny

*President's*

*Column*

*By Steven*

*D. Berman*



In the last edition of the *REPORTER*, I informed the membership how some members on the CWA Executive Board were attempting to dismantle the Printing, Publishing and Media Workers Sector after the retirement of President William Boarman.

Your President had filed a Complaint with the CWA for their failure to fill the Sector President's position as required under the CWA Constitution. In the months leading up to the annual Sector Conference, negotiations took place between a small group of CWA officials and the Sector's Laws and Finance Committee, in an attempt to have the chief executive officer position of the Printing Sector filled, so that the day to day operations of the Printing Sector would not come to a halt.

While these negotiations were going on, on the international level, your local officers were gathering support from other CWA members to fight back the attempted take over of the Printing Sector and its funds. The newly formed CWA Unified Council of Illinois representing CWA locals and CWA Sectors such as the Airline Flight Attendants, Industrial Division/International Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers and National Association of Broadcast Employees & Technicians, passed a resolution presented by Secretary-Treasurer Michelle Tovo, denouncing the CWA actions against the Printing Sector, and pledged their support.

Southern California Typographical and Mailer Union President Howard Dudley was extremely instrumental in fighting the take over of the Printing Sector. President Dudley questioned the authority of CWA executive officers,

including his filing of a Complaint with the United States Department of Labor. His actions improved the negotiation leverage of the Laws and Finance Committee.

Just a day prior to the opening of the Printing Sector Conference, an agreement was reached between CWA President Larry Cohen and the Sector's Laws and Finance Committee, chaired by Chicago Mailers' President Robert Maida, Jr. The agreement allows the Printing Sector delegates to decide its future governing structure. President Cohen appointed Dan Wasser to replace William Boarman and chair the Printing Sector Conference.

One of the proposals that Printing Sector delegates were to vote on was creating a Sector Executive Committee of five elected members. The design was to merge the Laws and Finance Committee of four elected members into an Executive Committee.

The idea of changing the Printing Sector governance was one proposal that No. 16 proposed back in 2006 when suggestions for the CWA Ready For The Future Resolution was being formed. No. 16 officers wrote "The merger agreement has eliminated the checks and balances by providing unlimited decision-making power to the President of the Sector. Unlike the CWA and other sectors, including Printing Sector locals, there are Executive Boards to balance authority and representation. We must go back to our roots and establish a system of checks and balances."

We are so proud that No. 16's Secretary-Treasurer Michelle Tovo has become the first woman to be elected to an International office since the old ITU and now CWA Printing Sector was established. Michelle began her duties as a Printing Sector Executive Committee member on July 9th and will hold that position for the next four years. The delegates report is printed elsewhere in this *REPORTER*.

The old axiom that no good deed goes unpunished, once again proved to have

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### 2011 Local Union Officer Election

The notice of nominations for all offices of Chicago Typographical Union No. 16/ CWA 14408 was published in the May/August, 2011 Reporter providing that pursuant to Art. VIII, Sec. 3(a) CTU Constitution all nominations for a three-year term of office commencing January 1, 2012 must be received by the office of the Secretary-Treasurer no later than 11:00 a.m., September 9, 2011.

The Secretary-Treasurer has advised the Election Board that written nominations for the following offices, from the following members, all of whom are in good standing and eligible to run for and hold office, were received as of 11:00 a.m., September 9, 2011.

**President:** Steven D. Berman

**Vice President:** Dan Sommers

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Michelle Tovo

**Executive Committee:** Norbert Bernauer, Paul Lehrer, Marcel Skonieczny

**Chairman, Board of Trustees:** Edward Shonk

**Member, Board of Trustees:** Robert Pacione

**Delegates to CWA Convention:** Steven D. Berman, Michelle Tovo

**Alternate Delegates:** Dan Sommers, Marcel Skonieczny

The Secretary-Treasurer has also advised the Election Board that the number of candidates who have filed for office do not exceed the number of offices as determined by Article V, CTU Constitution. No. 16 laws do not provide for write-in votes, and researches into Union files have determined that write-in votes in the past have not been counted in Union elections.

A motion will be invited at the September 25, 2011 Union Meeting to have declared the above-named candidates for Local Union Officers as elected, and to dispense with a mail ballot vote of the membership.

### 2011 Election Board Election

In conformity with Art. VIII, Sec. 14.(b), CTU Constitution, nominations for Election Board were closed at 11:00 a.m. on September 9, 2011.

Written nominations were received from three members to serve for a three-year term (three is the maximum number to be elected).

Nominations were received from:

**Shane Anderson, David Rezendes, Eugene Sefansky**

A motion will be invited at the September 25, 2011 Union Meeting to have declared the above-named Election Board as elected, and to dispense with a written ballot vote of members attending the Meeting.

Fraternally, The Election Board

## Adopted Law Change

### Article VII-Salaries

Section 1. (a) President shall receive \$1,412.53 weekly, 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.

(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.

Changes become effective January 1, 2012.

## DONATIONS

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

Michelle Tovo, Secretary-Treasurer

### May, 2011

#### CTU No. 16 Donation

John Sanger (In memory of

Ralph Gregory) ..... \$ 20.00  
\$ 20.00

### ORGANIZERS WANTED NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

The Executive Committee approved a new innovative program that will allow every member of No. 16 to work as an organizer, and be paid up to \$50 for every lead submitted to headquarters on a targeted group of workers, whether in the printing field, or some other profession that will conclude with a new collective bargaining agreement for that group.

Everyone has some type of contact with friends and neighbors, who may have friends or relatives working in a non-union environment, and are looking to improve their working conditions. Please help support our efforts.

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**Board of Trustees**—Edward Shonk (Chairman);  
Robert Pacione.

**Election Board**—Lee Walsh (Chairman); Robert  
Pacione.

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Secretary-  
Treasurer's  
Column  
By Michelle  
Tovo



I would like to thank the members for sending me to the 26th Sector Conference and the 74th CWA Convention. Please read the committee report on page 3 of the Reporter. It was an honor and a pleasure to have represented our local in these exciting times.

**To All Pensioners:** This will be the last Reporter for the year, so please make a note on your calendar to send your dues in by January. I will also be mailing out letters with your dues amount and a return envelope. Please make checks payable to Chicago Typographical Union No. 16/CWA 14408 and remit them in care of the Secretary-Treasurer's Office.

Fraternally, Michelle Tovo

### Executive Committee Report

Monday, June 13, 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 May 31, 2011.
2. Approval of the May 22, 2011, Regular Union Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval of \$200 contribution to assist in hosting the 2011 Printing Sector Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 9, 2011.
4. Approval of \$100 donation to the CWA Disaster Relief Fund in Joplin MO. Two CWA members lost their lives, Sharly Nelsen, 34 and Regia Bloxham, 55 after a tornado hit Joplin on May 22nd. Forty other members lost their homes.

5. Approval of \$100 donation to the CWA Disaster Relief Fund in Joplin MO. Two CWA members lost their lives, Sharly Nelsen, 34 and Regia Bloxham, 55 after a tornado hit Joplin on May 22nd. Forty other members lost their homes.

### Executive Committee Report

Monday, July 11, 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 June 30, 2011.
2. Approval of \$250 for Labor Day Edition Federation News Ad.

If you are in doubt as to your dues status, please refer to the dues table printed on page 5. If you need additional information please call 219-345-2183.

**Members who are planning to retire** in 2012, and thereafter, should contact the CWA/ITU Negotiated Pension Plan, toll free at 877-429-2488 or write to the Plan at 831 South Nevada Avenue, Suite 120, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903, at least two months in advance of your retirement date.

Due to the current complexities, changing benefit formulas, privacy concerns, and the chance of misinformation being transmitted, the local no longer will be assisting members in obtaining and completing pension applications.

**Due to the continued** rising cost of postage, monthly Proprietor dues reminders will no longer be mailed out.

Instead the monthly dues rate notices will appear in each REPORTER and should be maintained for future reference. Call 847-247-8855 if you have any questions.

### Executive Committee Report

Monday, August 15, 2011

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

Recommendations:

1. Approval of the payment of all bills for the period ending July 31, 2011.
2. Approval of dates for 2011 Executive Committee Meetings and 2011 Regular Union Meetings (Printed elsewhere in this Reporter)

### Executive Committee Report

Tuesday, September 6, 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 August 31, 2011.
2. Approval of \$200 donation to the Union Printers Home.

### PROTECT YOUR BENEFITS

No. 16 spends a great deal of resources to negotiate improved wages and benefits. It is essential that every member police his or her contract and report violations as soon as possible.

# REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO 25th ANNUAL SECTOR CONFERENCE AND 73rd CWA CONVENTION JULY 9th-13th

## SECTOR CONFERENCE

July 9, 2011

The twenty-fifth Annual Conference of the Printing, Publishing and Media Workers Sector was held in Las Vegas, Nevada on July 9, 2011. Forty-three delegates were in attendance representing printer and mailer locals throughout the United States.

Members will recall that in last May's Reporter, it was reported that the CWA failed to appoint a replacement for retiring Sector President William J. Boorman, as required by the CWA Constitution. President Berman had filed a Complaint over that action with the CWA Internal Appeals Process. Under the PP&MWS Bylaws, the Sector Conference could only be Chaired by the Sector President.

On July 8, 2011, hours before the scheduled start of the Sector Conference, the Laws and Finance committee chaired by Robert Maida Jr. reached an agreement with CWA President Larry Cohen that allowed the Sector Conference to go forward, by the CWA appointing Dan Wasser, Sector President and the committee agreeing to present a number of law changes to the Sector Conference delegates for their consideration.

**Proposition No. 1**, since proposition No. 1 is very detailed, we will only give the highlights in this report. The proposition provides for the Sector President to become an Executive Officer of the CWA instead of a CWA Vice-President. The Sector will be represented by two fulltime field representatives. The Sector President may or may not reside in Washington D.C. and Sector headquarters may or may not be located in Washington D.C. The Sector will contribute \$100,000 per year to the CWA toward any Printing Sector spending deficit. The Laws and Finance Committee will expand their duties to become a five member Executive Committee of the Printing Sector. Members of the committee will be elected for a four (4) year term. The CWA will provide assistance to develop new organizing strategies. The CWA printing label will be used on all CWA printing. Any disputes over the PPMWS Agreement will be resolved through arbitration.

Proposition No. 1 was adopted by the delegates.

Your President Steven Berman and Secretary-Treasurer Michelle Tovo also submitted a number of law changes.

**Proposition No. 4**, submitted by delegates Michelle Tovo and Steven Berman provided that the Printing, Publishing and Media Worker Sector elect its Sector President/CWA Executive Officer at the Sector Conference. The proposition was adopted by the delegates.

**Proposition No. 6**, submitted by delegates Michelle Tovo and Steven



Newly elected Laws & Finance Committee Member Michelle Tovo and President Steven Berman

Berman provided that the Chairman of the Laws and Finance Committee shall preside at the conference and shall appoint all committees other than the Laws and Finance Committee in the absence of the Sector President. The proposition was adopted by the delegates.

**Proposition No. 9**, submitted by the Laws Committee, provided that no permit or license to use the CWA label will be granted for a term greater than the collective bargaining agreement. Failure of an office to renew their collective bargaining agreement will cause their permit or license to be revoked. The proposition was adopted by the delegates.

**Proposition No. 10**, submitted by the Laws Committee, provided for Bi-Annual Sector Conferences. The proposition was adopted by the delegates.

**Proposition No. 11**, submitted by the Laws Committee, provided to increase the term of office for International Officers from 3 years to 4 years. The proposition was adopted by the delegates.

**Proposition No. 13**, submitted by the Laws Committee, provided for the replacement of members of the Laws and Finance Committee. The proposition was adopted by the delegates.

Elections for a four year term were held for Sector President/CWA Executive Officer and for the newly created Laws and Finance Committee; five (5) positions were to be filled. Dan Wasser was elected by acclamation, becoming only the second President in the Sector's twenty-five years. Eight nominations were accepted for the Laws and Finance committee. An election was held and the following members were elected:

Robert C. Maida Jr., Arthur DeIanni, Donald McConnell, Michelle Tovo and Mark Pullium Sr.

Robert C. Maida Jr., who is also the President of Chicago Mailers' Union, received the greatest number of votes and will become the chairman of the committee.

*History was made in this election when our Secretary-Treasurer and delegate Michelle Tovo became the first woman in the history of the ITU/Printing Sector to be elected to an International office.*

The Laws and Finance committee reported the following on finance:

Since President Boorman departed, the chairman of the Laws and Finance Committee, Robert Maida and committee member Art DeIanni have overseen the Sector Finances, approving expenditures and co-signing checks of the Sector. As of May 31, 2011, the Operating Fund had a balance of \$582,111.64, un-audited. The Segregated Fund had a balance of \$824,958.75, un-audited. Seventeen members or the beneficiaries received benefit payments of \$12,747.82. The strike fund had a balance of \$4,477,716.72, un-audited. There were no expenditures from the strike fund this past year.

The sector budget of \$134,700.00 had expenses of \$99,666.75, leaving a balance of \$35,033.25, un-spent. As of this time, there is no budget available for the committee to oversee.

This year, there was no audit available to the committee. All sectors, IUE, Guild, PPMWS, NABET, ect., did not have individual audit reports broken down out of CWA finances. As the committee only recently was made aware of this change, we will discuss with CWA auditors, the cost involved with having our Sector finances audited on our own.

The CWA/ITU Negotiated Pension Plan committee reported the following:

In 2010, the NPP had a second straight year of strong investment performance with an overall return of 14%, earning \$100 million. The NPP received \$10 million in contributions and paid \$90 million in benefits during the year. Total assets were \$779 million as of December 31, 2010 compared with \$760 million as of December 31, 2009.

The return on investments for the 2011 year to date through May 31, is 6.3%. The Plan's assets are \$795 million as of that date.

The actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2011 is not yet complete, but the actuaries estimate that the NPP is 76% funded as of that date based on the assets market value of \$779 million and 83% funded using the higher actuarial value of assets.

The Board of Trustees replaced Washington Capital with Columbia Partners to manage the small cap growth stock portfolio after study and discussion with the Marco Consulting Group, investment consultant to the NPP. The Board is also aggressively seeking reductions in investment manager fees, which will be reviewed at the meeting, in order to reduce expenses.

William Boorman resigned in January as a Trustee in order to accept the appointment as Government Printer. He served as Chairman of the Board since 1990. Arthur DeIanni was elected as the new Chairman by the Trustees.

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## Delegate Report Continued

### CWA CONVENTION

July 11-13, 2011

CWA President Larry Cohen was elected to a third term in office by delegates to the 73rd CWA Convention this July, and Annie Hill, formerly the union's Executive Vice President, was elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

Under a change to the CWA Constitution approved by the delegates at the 2011 convention as a cost-savings measure, CWA will no longer have an Executive Vice President.

In other national CWA elections, at-large, Executive Board Members, Carolyn-Wade Nestor Soto and Madelyn Elder were re-elected, and Greg Wynn was elected to the seat held by Claude Cummings, who was elected as CWA District 6 Vice President.

Delegates also re-elected Vice President Ed Mooney, Districts 2 & 13, Judy Dennis, District 3, Seth Rosen, District 4, Mary Taylor, District 7 and Jim Weitkamp, District 9.

Additionally, Dan Wasser was elected as Executive Officer/ President of the Printing, Publishing and Media Workers Sector.

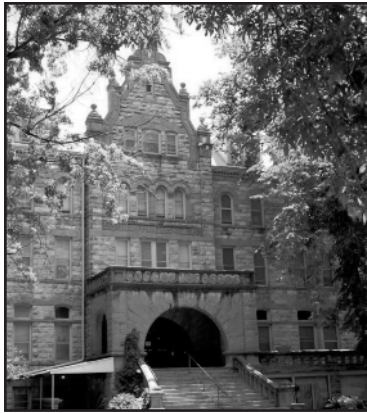
Guest speaker California U.S. Representative George Miller told delegates "There is a war on labor, and that's what you have to understand and what your neighbors have to understand, whether they're union members or not." The ideologues "know that unions are the rock of resistance, and that we can't have a strong middle class without unions."

"The employers know it and the Republicans know it." "The more they can weaken organizing and bargaining rights, the bigger their share of the pie, and the less power unions have to energize and mobilize millions of people to fight back."

"From attempts to destroy the National Labor Relations Board to support for unfair trade pacts that ship American jobs overseas, demands to reverse even minimal Wall Street reform and the new push to privatize Medicare and Social Security, Big Business and its Republican enabler in Congress will stop at nothing to undermine the middle class."

Miller pledged to never give up and said he knows that CWA won't either.

Faternally submitted,  
*Steven Berman, Chairman*  
*Michelle Tovo, Delegate*



**High on Union Hill** in the City of Colorado Springs stands one of the most beautiful buildings in the country, known as the "Castle on the Hill." Erected in 1892, by members of the International Typographical Union, The Union Printers Home has served as a haven for more than 25,000 sick and indigent printers for the past 100 years.

The Home led in the development of extended nursing care services and was a pioneer in the treatment of tuberculosis to develop services for the aged as well as the afflicted. The Home gave the members of the International Typographical Union a new start on life. The Home provided complete medical services, surgery, therapy, speech, dental, and optical needs to its patients.

The average age of printers in the early 19th Century was 28 years. This was caused by filthy working conditions and long working hours, often 11 hours per day, seven days a week.

The National Typographical Union was formed in 1852. In 1869, Canadian printers joined to form the International Typographical Union. In 1886 two Philadelphia philanthropists, George W. Childs and Anthony J. Drexel, each donated \$5,000 as seed money to build the Home on 80 acres of land, donated by the Colorado Springs Board of Trade. Construction was begun in June 1891 and completed on May 12, 1892, at a cost of \$71,144.14.

The Home developed a dairy farm, 200 acres of wheat, raised chickens, pigs, gardens and other services as necessary to provide for the needs of the patients.

In 1908, the Home constructed the Library addition, which has the capacity to contain 8,000 copies, as well as a 300-seat Auditorium.

The leadership in many fields of labor and social changes has been continued by the Union Printers Home.

In 1987, the International Typographical Union merged with the Communications Workers of America, thus enabling the Union Printers Home to continue its leadership and tradition that has existed during the last 100 years. Today, the Home has opened its doors to the General Public to extend its expertise as "care givers" to others who may benefit from the services provided by this great facility.

## Theodore Roosevelt National Progressive Party Convention Chicago August, 1912

"We stand for a living wage. Wages are subnormal if they fail to provide a living for those who devote their time and energy to industrial occupations. The monetary equivalent of a living wage varies according to local conditions, but must include enough to secure the elements of a normal standard of living--a standard high enough to make morality possible, to provide for education and recreation, to care for immature members of the family, to maintain the family during periods of sickness, and to permit for reasonable saving for old age."

"Hours are excessive if they fail to afford the worker sufficient time to recuperate and return to his work thoroughly refreshed. We hold that the night labor of women and children is abnormal and should be prohibited; we hold that the employment of women over forty-eight hours per week is abnormal and should be prohibited. We hold that the seven day working week is abnormal, and we hold that one day of rest in seven should be provided in law. We hold that the continuous industries, operating twenty-four hours out of twenty-four, are abnormal, and where, because of public necessity or of technical reasons (such as molten metal), the twenty-four hours must be divided into two shifts of twelve hours or three shifts of eight, they should by law be divided into three of eight."

During the Great Depression, the ITU introduced the 40-hour week across the industry as a way of sharing fewer jobs available during that period. A short time later, the federal government adopted the 40-hour week into legislation. In 1945, Chicago printers won a 36 ¼ hour work week.

## Segregated Fund

Current members that made contributions into the ITU Retirement Trust and have or will become age 65 should be aware that you are entitled to receive from the Printing Sector's Segregated Fund, your former contributions into the Retirement Trust.

If you believe that you had made contributions into the fund and have not received reimbursement of your former contributions after reaching age 65, whether you retired or not, please notify Union headquarters.

## NOTICE

Pursuant to the action of the Union taken at the May 29, 2005 General Membership meeting, monthly financial statements will no longer be published in the Reporter.

The financial statements will continue to be produced and are available to members in good standing upon their written request to the Secretary-Treasurer's office.

## Holiday Notice

Union Headquarters will be closed on:

Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25,  
in recognition of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday;

Friday and Monday, December 23 and 26,  
in observance of the Christmas Holiday;

Friday, December 30, 2011 and  
Monday, January 2, 2012, for the New Year Holiday.

**President's Column Continued**

merit. In July, the Chicago Sun-Times announced an agreement to have the Sun-Times, Beacon-News, Courier-News, Herald-News, Lake County News-Sun, Post-Tribune, Southtown Star and the Naperville Sun, all printed at the Chicago Tribune's Freedom Center plant.

The decision will cost 400 workers their jobs. The effected Union's are Chicago Mailers' Union, Pressmen, Paper Handlers, Electricians and Machinists unions.

Members will recall that back in October, we reported that the Sun-Times reached an agreement with the Chicago Tribune to distribute copies of the Sun-Times to newsstands, retail locations and vending news racks, in the city of Chicago. This agreement was in addition to an agreement already in effect with the Tribune, to deliver all Sun-Times home delivery copies.

Like an Alice In Wonderland theme, the Sun-Times is entering an agreement with the Tribune Co., which has been under federal bankruptcy protection since December, 2008. The Tribune filed for bankruptcy after it could not repay the debt on \$8.2 billion related to the buyout of the company, by real estate king, Sam Zell.

The chairman of Sun-Times Media, LLC, claims "the deal will save the company more than \$10 million a year and allow investment in editorial content and advertising sales."

He went on to say "the decision to lay off workers and close the plant, while painful, would have been unimaginable just a few years ago."

He's right, because back in October, 2009, when the Sun-Times was on the verge of bankruptcy liquidation, Mr. Halbreich, then CEO, claimed that the mandated concessions demanded by the bidder for the bankrupted newspaper, of the unions at the Sun-Times, would save 1,800 union and non union jobs. With the Union agreement to the concessions, the Sun-Times was saved from liquidation in October, 2009.

Now that the paper was saved from extinction and the Sun-Times executives are making their big bucks, the 400 longtime union employees are no longer needed. These are the same managers that decided, with the advent of the internet, the newspaper should start their own websites which gave away their most valuable commodity, their content for free. Once readers realized they could access the newspaper online for free, there was little reason to pay for a newspaper.

With the drop in revenue, these mangers started laying off employees that were producing the in-depth reporting news coverage and features that drew the readers to buy newspapers, thereby making the situation worse.

Today's management has not learned that by stripping the paper of those fea-

<b>2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b>
January 2, 2012
February 13, 2012
March 12, 2012
April 9, 2012
May 7, 2012
June 11, 2012
July 9, 2012
August 13, 2012
September 4, 2012 (Tues.)
October 8, 2012
November 12, 2012
December 10, 2012
<b>2012 REGULAR UNION MEETINGS</b>
January 29, 2012
May 20, 2012
September 30, 2012

tures and trying to compete with the internet, is not the answer. Reading the daily newspaper was once a habit, almost every person had it when newspapers were the only mass media. The younger generation has not gotten that habit because of the current alternatives. I can recall when my children were in college and I wondered why you could not purchase a newspaper on campus. I suggested back then, that the Sun-Times provide free papers to the college students in order to form a habit. To bad they saw no merit in the idea.

It seemed strange that the Tribune, the Sun-Times main competitor, would take on such an agreement. But the Tribune may be one step ahead. It has been reported that the Tribune is seeking a partnership with Samsung to produce a modified Android tablet so that the paper will be delivered digitally to its subscribers.

**When is a free newspaper not a free newspaper?**

Have you ever stayed at a hotel or motel and find a newspaper at your door step. Our fist thought is that it is complementary, but did you ever look at the bill closely. A guest at the Hilton Garden Inn did and filed a class-action lawsuit in U.S. District Court against the hotel over a 75-cent newspaper charge, last month.

Since this issue will be the last *Reporter* of the year, my family and I, along with Vice President Norbert Bernauer and Secretary-Treasurer Michelle Tovo's families, want to wish our members and their families a Happy Thanksgiving, a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May 2012, bring you and your family good health, happiness and prosperity.

Fraternally, *Steven D. Berman*

<b>NOTICE TO RETIREES ANNUAL DUES TABLE</b>	
Retirees—Less than 60 Years Membership—as CWA Members	
Local .....	\$ 20.40
CWA .....	24.00
Total .....	\$ 44.40
Retirees—Less than 60 Years Membership—Not CWA Members	
Local .....	\$ 20.40
Total .....	\$ 20.40
Retirees—More than 60 Years Membership—as CWA Members	
CWA .....	\$ 24.00
Total .....	\$ 24.00
Retirees—More than 60 Years Membership—Not CWA Members	
Local .....	\$ 12.00
Total .....	\$ 12.00

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

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

## Lester Schlosberg 1920-2011



Lester Schlosberg, a 50-year member and former employee of Hayes Lochner and T.T.I., passed away suddenly at a family outing on July 4, 2011, at age 91.

Lester served as an assistant organizer along with Fred Hunt Jr., from July, 1965 until April, 1968.

Long time members will remember that Lester was elected to the Executive Committee in 1967, coming in first against 10 candidates with over 300 votes to his closest contender.

In 1971, Lester ran for the office of Organizer against Pat DeRosa, after a contested election that was appealed all the way to the International, the final vote was, Schlosberg 1805, DeRosa 1802. Lester was also appointed delegate to the Illinois State Federation of Labor and served until June, 1973.

For the past 20 years, Lester never stopped serving his Union, writing a Legislative Report in the local newsletter. Because of the lack of space in the May Reporter, Lester's report did not appear, I find it only appropriate that his last report be printed below.

### Legislative Report

**Where Did Your Tax Money Go?** 39% went to pay for wars. Tell your Senators how you feel about that. Politicians on both sides of the aisle are talking about the budget deficit. They are talking about extending retirement age, reducing money for education and other social programs.

The President's bipartisan commission on the deficit recommended cuts in Pentagon spending. Nearly \$1 trillion in potential cuts over the next ten years were identified, not "small trims off the sides" recommended by the Secretary of Defense. Speaking on CNN, 1/23/11, Colin Powell, said, "I don't think the defense budget should be made sacrosanct."

**Put the Banksters on trial.** Almost three years after the collapse of the housing market, the country is mired in a slump, with residential real estate prices still dropping and home foreclosures, many illegal, rising. Now attorneys general of all fifty states are seeking a negotiated settlement of the foreclosure crisis.

The new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau reported that the banks had saved more than \$20 billion just since the crisis began by under serving homeowners in various ways. The foreclosure scandal is really an old-fashioned law-and order issue. A few bankers can be called before a grand jury or exposed on TV to resolve the issue. A few could wind up in jail where they belong. Contact your attorney general.

Lester Schlosberg  
Legislative Chairman

## Death Roll

**Thibodeaux, James**, Pensioner formerly Davidson Typesetting Co., died March 30, 2011, aged 81. Initiated by CTU on July 27, 1957.

**Sheldrake, Lucretia**, Pensioner formerly Monsen Typographers, Inc., died April 16, 2011, aged 95. Initiated by CTU on June 14, 1945.

**Gorny, Ted**, Pensioner formerly Davidson Typesetting Co., died May 14, 2011, aged 90. Member of Amos J. Cummings Post. Initiated by CTU on December 29, 1957.

**Stolorena, Kelly**, Pensioner formerly Chicago Tribune, died June 3, 2011, aged 70. Initiated by CTU on May 1, 1962.

**Man, Everett**, Pensioner formerly Logan Square, died June 14, 2011, aged 93. Initiated by CTU on June 3, 1952.

**McGovern, Richard**, Pensioner formerly Bundscho, J.M. Inc., died June 30, 2011, aged 91. Member of Amos J. Cummings Post. Initiated by CTU on September 30, 1956.

**Schlosberg, Lester**, Pensioner formerly Total Typography, Inc., died July 4, 2011, aged 91. Initiated by CTU on August 26, 1951.

**Rzepka, Harry**, Pensioner formerly Daily Racing Form, died July 4, 2011, aged 92. Initiated by CTU on December 29, 1949.

**Johansen, Robert**, Pensioner formerly Chas. P. Young, died July 12, 2011, aged 90. Initiated by CTU on October 26, 1952.

**Louks, Judith, A.**, Pensioner formerly Aurora Beacon-News, died July 20, 2011, aged 68. Initiated by CTU on May 1, 1963.

**Post, William**, Pensioner formerly Sun-Times, died July 23, 2011, aged 87. Initiated by CTU on March 22, 1970.

**Speiden, Robert**, Pensioner formerly Commerce Clearing House, died July 25, 2011, aged 84. Initiated by CTU on April 29, 1956.

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## REGULAR UNION MEETING

Sunday, Sept. 25, 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, October 10, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 14, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 12, 2011, Monday, January 2, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

**General Membership Meeting** – January 29, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

**Reporter deadline** – 12 noon, Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

### Amos Jay Cummings Post

The Post meetings have moved to the Harold Washington Library, Van Buren and Wabash, 5th floor - room 5 south - section Government Publication, at 11:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. The next meetings of the Post are scheduled for October 5, 2011, November 2, 2011, December 7, 2011 and January 4, 2012.

### News and Comments

Congratulations to SEPTEMBER 70-year member **Henry Stankevitz**; 60-year member **Robert Miller**; 50-year members **Joseph Halka** and **Mildred Elliott**; OCTOBER 50-year member **Robert Meschel**; to NOVEMBER 50-year members **James Smetana** and **Frank Canino**.

(Pins and Certificates will be MAILED out to those who are receiving them)

Our sincerest sympathies to **Aldo Pierotti** (retiree) on the passing of his wife and to **Laura Jenkins** (Beacon News) on the passing of her husband.

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