

## ELECTIONS

Its that time of year All Steward positions are up for election (annual)-Please nominate a Steward candidate(including yourself) by sending an email to Cynthia Majors-Culp [cmajorsculp@weatrust.com](mailto:cmajorsculp@weatrust.com) or [cynmajors@yahoo.com](mailto:cynmajors@yahoo.com) by June 1. Constitution referenced below.

### ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS

#### ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS, STEWARDS, AND DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVES

A. Nominations and Elections. Nominations for all officers and stewards shall be made no later than

June 1 of each year. Balloting may be conducted through government mail or at a regular membership meeting no later than June 30.

B. Stewards. Two (2) stewards (one an Associate and one a Professional member) shall be elected for

all regions except the WEA Trust and WEA P & C Associate Staff members and the WEAC Central

Office-Madison. The WEA Trust Associate Staff shall elect eight (8) stewards and the WEA Trust

Professional Staff and WEA P & C Associate Staff shall each elect one (1). The WEAC Central

Office-Madison Associate Staff shall elect two (2) stewards and the Professional Staff shall elect two

(2) stewards. Only members within a specified region may vote for the candidate(s) running for

election as that region's steward(s). Professional Staff may only vote for the Professional Staff

Steward(s) and Associate Staff may only vote for the Associate Staff steward(s). Regional membership shall be determined by the location of the member's work address. The regions shall be:

1. Northwest: Coulee Region United Educators, Northern Tier UniServ Council, Northern Tier UniServ Council-W, Northwest United Educators, West Central Education Association, WEAC

Regional Office-Eau Claire.

2. Northeast: Bayland Educators, Central Wisconsin UniServ Council, Kettle Moraine UniServ

Council, United Northeast Educators, Winnebago Land UniServ, WEAC Fox Valley, WEAC Regional Office-Green Bay.

3. Southeast: Cedar Lake United Educators, Council #10, Lakewood UniServ Council, North Shore United Educators, Southern Lakes United Educators (Council #26), TriWauk UniServ Council, United Technical College Council, West Suburban Council, WEAC Regional office-Milwaukee.

4. Southwest: Capital Area UniServ North, Capital Area UniServ South, Rock Valley United Teachers, South Central Education Association, South West Education Association, State Professional Education and Information Council #1 (SPEIC), Three Rivers United Educators.

5. WEAC Central Office-Madison.

6. WEA Trust Associate Staff and WEA P & C Associate Staff.

7. WEA Trust Professional Staff.

C. Terms of Office. Terms of all officers shall be two (2) years beginning 9/1/88. Terms of office of

stewards and delegate representatives shall be one (1) year.

## Happy May Day

Eugene (Debs)Dunk

Union brothers and sisters,

Ok be grateful we skipped April 1 commemoration-

*Wise men say only \_\_\_\_\_ rush in.*

What is May Day?-when I was a child in school it was baskets of flowers for mom and houses in the school neighborhood and the celebration of another spring long awaited. In fact ,Captain Kangaroo would sing *Those April showers may come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May* (actually 1<sup>st</sup> recorded by Al Jolson in 1921)-maybe we should have asked Pam Born (I think she started at the Trust then).

Later I found out about the Haymarket riot or Haymarket massacre.

In the Chicago area, on May 3,1886, striking workers protested replacement workers at McCormick's and police killed 4 strikers and injured many others. A rally was quickly organized for the next day. Again, violence ensued following the bombing of police. Most historians attributed this to Pinkerton guards working for the company. Several police and many strikers were killed and maimed.

Following this there were setbacks for unions and in 1890, the AFL and other labor struck on May 1 for an 8-hour workday.

Since this time the International Workers Day (celebrated in most of the world-although largely supplanted in the US by Labor Day) has maintained its status as a celebration of workers and commemorates the hard work of labor.

In Hawaii, May 1 is known as Lei day and is a time to celebrate native customs.

So whether you wish to celebrate spring with flowers (as I still always do- my wedding anniversary is May 1) the contributions of organized labor to providing better wages, benefits and working conditions to working folks, or wish to go native we wish you a very happy May Day and spring glorious spring-now ends the winter of our discontent.

We , union brothers and sisters have benefited from workers who have come before us.

We must continue the struggle to retain a legacy for those who come after us. Working to enhance the working lives, salary, benefits -we must keep focuses on our (USU) security needs and maintaining dignity and self-worth. As we face struggles ahead know that together we are stronger in unity –*the union makes us strong.*

Solidarity Forever