



ANC Council Newsletter -- February

February was once again a very busy month for all: The TA was put out for a vote and the turnout was overwhelming, with our members' voices heard loud and clear! Your MEC team met with Andy Schneider, Ron Calvin and Elizabeth Ryan at our MEC meeting in February and shared with them the many concerns you shared with us concerning the TA. Going forward, you will all receive a survey to complete, and I encourage you to take the time to complete it, so that your perspective -- your voice -- will be heard! The strength in numbers that we saw with the TA results illustrates how critical it is that each and every one of us completes the survey, so that our Negotiating Team can best represent our interests at the table.

Upcoming Meeting: The first Local Council 30 meeting of the year is scheduled for **April 3rd, 2014, starting at 10:30 at the Courtyard Marriott on Spenard**. It is anticipated that this meeting will be longer than most, because in addition to our own Base information that we need to share and discuss, we need to present the AFA Board of Directors' Agenda Items, so that I can know how you want me to vote on these topics at the Board of Directors meeting at the end of April. (Each LEC President is a member of the AFA Board of Directors. See: <http://cb.afa-bod.org/articles/article-v-board-of-directors/>.)

This meeting is very important, as we would like to get your feedback on topics you would like us to focus on in Anchorage, as your new LEC Team. We really want to encourage a great turnout at our meetings, going forward, so that we can ensure two-way communication at all times and can work to strengthen our solidarity!

The Horizon flying out of Anchorage has kicked off. Those of you who were able to take a few minutes to welcome our colleagues at their Open House in February -- thank you!

Committee Training: For those of you who stepped up and volunteered to help on our committees -- thank you! We now have our Committees in place and will be planning any necessary training. Committee Member names and contact information will be placed on the AFA Bulletin Board, and on our Anchorage page at alaskamec.org soon!

Committees Reports:

Governmental Affairs: Around the country, unions are developing the next generation of labor movement leaders. For example, IUE-CWA kicked off its very first mentorship program in January, pairing 11 talented young mentees with experienced union leaders. In addition, CWA Next Generation activists set their goal: Sign up 5,000 AFA-

CWA Next Generation members and get commitments of support from 100 CWA locals. “By identifying and engaging our young members, CWA is building our capacity to mobilize more members to support the campaigns that are important to our union and the members we represent, and with better results.”

Reserve: Welcome to Class 14-1! Base Orientation was held on February 19th, and we now have 23 new Reserves here with us in Anchorage. I would like to extend my welcome, and hope you grow to love Alaska, as all of us here do. At this time, we are expecting another 40+ Reserves at the end of this month.

Uniforms: Destiny Topps, our new Uniform Committee Chair, will be attending her first Uniform Committee meeting on March 18th. I am sure we will all look forward to the information she will be able to bring back and share with us, as we settle into our new interim uniforms and move toward the new rebranding effort!

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

Yours in Solidarity,

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