



# Federation of Social Workers IUE-CWA 81381

## THE UNION REVIEW

Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year! I would like to start my first communication with a resounding thank you. Thank you for entrusting me with the leadership of this Local. I am humbled by the show of confidence. I view an unopposed candidacy not as a lack of interest, but as an acknowledgement that I am ready and capable of serving as President of this Union. I have served in various capacities over the past 10+ years because of a desire to be an active participant in a union that is strong and rigorously represents the members and their interests.

The past year has seen many challenges for us as a Local, but what has been consistently evident is the strength and resilience of FSW members. I believe that together we can fortify our union and resist efforts to dismantle what we have worked arduously to build over the 59 years this Local has been in existence.

I look forward to the challenges of growing our Union, both in reputation and participation. Many of you whom I have had the opportunity to speak with have expressed a desire to take on a more active role in the Union. I am excited to see these roles take shape, in whatever capacity that may be.

Again, thank you for the support, and I look forward to a term filled with opportunities and achievements that we can all be proud of.

In solidarity,

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### What's going on with FSW

#### TCE update

On December 22, several members of the Grievance committee participated in a conference call with Dave LeGrande and Micki Siegel de Hernandez from CWA regarding the TCE exposure and remediation. Members' concerns regarding exposure to TCE and other possible contaminants were discussed, and Micki is in the process of contacting a statewide health agency for guidance on what our next steps should be. Once we know what needs to be done, it will take a group of us to carry out the tasks. There has been one volunteer for that group, but we need several more due to the volume of data to be collected. Anyone who would like to work with this group, please call the union office at 328-7170 and leave your name and the best number to contact you. This group will convene within the next few weeks.

In the meantime, FSW has requested specific information from the County regarding the TCE situation and answers are pending. When they are received they will be shared with everyone.

#### Bylaws Committee

The FSW bylaws committee will convene to edit the bylaws. This should require 2-3 meetings at most. All FSW members are eligible to participate, so if you would like to do so, please call the office at 328-7170 to volunteer. The meetings are scheduled for:

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Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 5:30

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 5:30

Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 5:30 (if necessary)

### Committees

All the chair positions for the Executive Board Committees are up for appointment. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact the union office at 328-7170 to leave your name and number. The committees are:

- Social Action
- Election
- Civil Rights and Equity
- Political Action
- Membership
- Organizing
- Health and Safety
- Women's

The following meetings will be held at 740 Driving Park Ave.:

Grievance                      1/16/18 @ 1:00 PM

Joint E/Board Steward      1/16/18 @ 3:00 PM

Membership                    1/16/18 @ 5:30 PM

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