



# 972 NEWS

## AFSCME LOCAL 972

TREASURY AND AUDITOR GENERAL DEPARTMENTS June 2009

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## President's Message

Brothers and sisters,

I would like to talk to you about several topics, first being the possibility of "payless paydays" if there is a lengthy budget impasse. Several news articles appeared in the papers explaining the payless paid days, but I would like to take a moment to explain some of it:

First of all, in the event of a budget impasse, no one will be furloughed, we will work our current hours and no one will lose any benefits.

A budget impasse extending into the pay period of July 17<sup>th</sup> would start partial pay at 70% or seven days pay.

People on the pay period of July 24<sup>th</sup> would receive 20% or two days pay.

Pay will be disrupted with 'payless paydays' should the impasse extend past the above mentioned dates.

Employees would receive back pay once the budget is signed.

The second topic is possible budget reductions for the Treasury and Auditor General departments. In the event that the departments do not receive their full budget there could be a possibility of a furlough of employees in order to meet the constraints of the budget. I have not been advised by either of the departments that this will happen, but I would like to let my brothers and sisters know of possibilities which are beyond our control. In the event any of these actions occur, you will be advised to go you your local AFSCME website, AFSCME local 972.com for further information.

Lastly, I would like union members to call or send a letter to The Honorable Arlen Specter urging him to support the passage of the Employee Free Choice Act. See page 3 for a copy of the form letter:

Brothers and Sisters of Local 972 in solidarity,

*Rich Conway*

## Executive VP Paulo Vitoria Resigns To Take Job at School District

As of May 29 2009, Paulo Vitoria has resigned his Executive Vice President's position in Local 972 and left the Auditor General's Department to work in the business office of a school district. We would like to wish Paulo the best of success in his new job. Paulo held various positions in the union such as Steward, Southeast Region Vice President and Executive Vice President. We also want to thank Paulo for working very hard on behalf of his union brothers and sisters and he will certainly be missed.

### Jennifer Frownfelter Appointed Executive VP

Jennifer Frownfelter, an auditor in the Bureau of Liquor / Fire Relief Audits in the Auditor General's Department, was appointed to fill the remaining term of Executive Vice President.

### Local 972 Stewards

#### Chief Steward

Donna DeRose(AG) 717-705-9555

#### Northwest Region 1

James Fee(AG) 724-656-3333

Nick Villani (AG) 814-871-4221

Kelly Melter(AG) 814-871-4221

Stacy Welton(AG) 724-656-3333

Brian Jones(AG) 818-871-4221

#### Northeast Region 2

Terry Funk(AG) 717-787-1363

Doug Ruyak(AG) 610-378-4399

#### Southeast Region 3

Jeff McQuaid(T) 717-705-7667

John Danford(AG) 215-560-1695

Tom Hanusey(AG) 215-560-1695

Jarrold Nakoneczny(AG) 610-378-4399

Danielle Fee(T) 717-772-2227

Joan Schwartz(T) 717-772-1492

Linnea Miller(T) 717-705-2723

Darryl Brown(AG) 717-787-2433

#### Southwest Region 4

Angel Fitzgerald(AG) 724-516-9488

Frank Rogel(AG) 412-565-5070

Shelly Glessner(AG) 412-565-5073

Joy McAuliffe(AG) 717-787-2543

Chris Dillon(T) 412-565-7630

Dominic Serapiglia(T) 412-565-7630

### Memorandum of Agreement Results

The table below shows the state wide results of Local 972 voting on the Memorandum of Agreement by voting location.

		Yes	No	Voided
Harrisburg	4/13/2009	80	20	1
Pittsburgh	4/14/2009	59	9	-
Erie	4/15/2009	5	16	-
Harrisburg	4/18/2009	6	1	-
Philadel- phia	4/21/2009	30	3	-
Scranton	4/22/2009	36	2	-
Total Votes		<u>216</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>1</u>

### Communication

As noted in the President's Message, our web site ([www.afscmelocal972.com](http://www.afscmelocal972.com)) will be an important place to obtain information between newsletters. Another important web site would be Council 13's web site ([www.afscme13.org](http://www.afscme13.org)). There is a link on our web site to Council 13's web site also. Also our email address is [sr972vp@aol.com](mailto:sr972vp@aol.com). Please consider sending Local 972 your home e mail address. This email address will be used to send union information only to Local 972 members.

## **COYNE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

<u>Region</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Member</u>
Southeast	Iesha Shah	Amitaben Shah
Southwest	Audra Cieply	Joseph (Lev) Cieply
Northwest	Lauren Keller	Ortenzia Keller
Northeast	Matthew Skrobiszewski	Thomas Skrobiszewski
At-large	Jason Coyne	Donald Coyne

### **Employee Free Choice Act Form Letter (continued from page 1)**

Please consider using this form letter (shown below) to let Arlan Specter know your support for the Employee Free Choice Act.

To the Honorable Arlen Specter,

I, <your name>, am a proud member of AFSCME local 972 and I support Senator Specter's choice to change his party affiliation without an election, simply by signing a card. I support Senator Specter's choice to be part of a Party without fear of intimidation, threats, or illegal firing. Now I am calling on Senator Specter to support the same rights for millions of Americans to join the union of their choice to keep the jobs they have without fear of intimidation, threats, or illegal firing for trying to organize a union. Do this by passing the Employee Free Choice Act.

Thank you for your support,

<your name>

<your signature>

Please mail to one of the addresses listed below :

The Honorable Arlen Specter  
228 Walnut Street  
Room 1104 Federal Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

The Honorable Arlen Specter  
425 Sixth Avenue,  
Suite 1450  
Regional Enterprise Tower (old Alcoa Building)  
Pittsburgh , PA 15219

The Honorable Arlen Specter  
600 Arch Street  
Suite 9400  
Philadelphia , PA 19106

**Please Support The Sick Leave Bank**

The Auditor General and Treasury Departments' sick leave banks have benefited many individuals who have serious illness and face the loss of a paycheck. Please express your goodwill by donating a few hours of annual, personal or sick leave.

**Voluntary PAL Contributions**

Please consider joining, or if you are already a member possibly increasing your contribution to, the union's voluntary PAL program. As we all well know, there are many entities lobbying to reduce our pay and benefits. By contributing to PAL, you are providing funds for AFSCME to fight to protect your rights and benefits in the political arena.

**HERSHEY PARK TICKETS FROM AFSCME LOCAL 972**

Available June through August 2009

Adults (9-54): \$31.00 (regular Price \$51.95) Junior (3-8) / Senior (55-70): \$27.95 ( Regular Price \$30.95)

Contact Bill Garrity Jr.

717-783-1009

**Meeting Dates For 2009**

**June 20    September 19    October 10    November 21    December 19**

Meetings are held at the Health and Welfare Building at 150 South 43rd Street in Harrisburg.

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mailing address etc.