

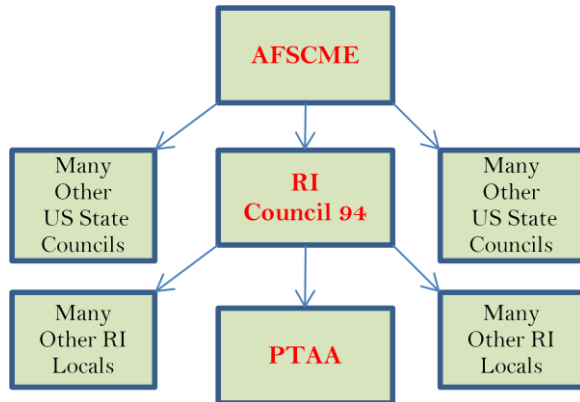


The next general membership meeting will be held on
Thursday, April 9th at Noon – Memorial Union, Room 360
 Sandwiches and soda will be available.

Trustee election to take place - April 2009 Meeting:

A **Trustee** (a non-Executive Board position) position is up for election at **April 2009 General Membership Meeting**. Nominations are accepted until closing of nomination during the April General Membership meeting. Nominations may be posted by one self or another member and have to be accepted by the nominee before election begins. In case of several nominees a secret ballot will be conducted. Please contact the Treasurer, Karol Leuzarder for more information about the duties of a Trustee

How is our PTAA Union organized and how do we benefit from our Union connections:



The **PTAA** Union is a Local under Rhode Island Council 94. RI Council 94 is the parent of about 65 State and Municipal unions in Rhode Island. Most of the unions organized in Council 94 are classified unions while we in PTAA (Professional Technical Administrative Association) are a non-classified union. We have our own contract while most other classified Unions under Council 94 have one centralized contract, called the Master Contract. Council 94 is a member of AFSCME, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. Both labor organizations provide ample opportunities for

you to get politically involved and let your opinion be known and counted. You must sign up in order to receive up-to-date information about the latest national or state issues and to receive offers to participate in rallies on the state or national level.

- . Sign up with **Council94** to be at the forefront of pressing state issues or to get involved:
www.unionvoice.org/council94/join.tcl
- . Council94's website is found at: www.council94.org
- . Council94 scholarships are offered at:
www.ricouncil94.org/UnionLaborResources/EducationalResources/tabid/199/Default.aspx
- . Sign up with the **AFSCME International** Action Center to receive the latest news from our grand parent organization AFSCME International regarding legislative issue of national importance:
www.unionvoice.org/afscme/join.html.
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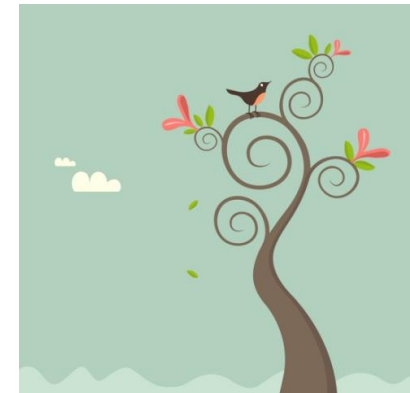
Charitable Contributions:

Deb Bergner, a Hall Director in Housing & Residential Life, won the \$100.00 charity drawing. The donation was made to the Artists' Exchange, 50 Rolfe Square, Cranston. It is a nonprofit arts collaborative whose mission is to create an atmosphere in which creativity, learning, and discovery converge and individuality is celebrated.

PTAA Donation Policy:

In its March 2009 General Membership meeting, membership approved minor changes to the PTAA donation policy. The PTAA donation plan is managed by the PTAA Executive Board. The donation committee has been dissolved. You can read about the PTAA Donation Program at www.uri.edu/ptaa/index.php?page=donation.php.

The newsletter will also be posted on the PTAA website at www.uri.edu/ptaa.



New Hires:

- . A Research Assistant III was hired in School of Education, at the minimum of pay grade 5.
- . An Information Technologist was hired in ITS/UCS at 46.3% through pay grade 10.
- ** If you are an Information Technologist in Information Technology Services (ITS), which includes Media and Technology System (MTS) and University Computing Systems (UCS) and your base salary is below the one indicated above, consider filing a Request for Salary Review according to PTAA letter of Agreement, Re: Hiring, page 37 of the PTAA 2007-2010 contract. For further information refer to our contract, the January 2009 newsletter, or call Hilde at 4-4478.

News from the Sunshine Committee:

Member James Blanding, a Lead DB Support Technician in University Computing Systems (UCS) has accepted a new position in Providence, RI. We wish him the best and much success in his new endeavors.

PTAA Officers on the Executive Board:

President: Hilde Gesch, 4-4478 **Vice President:** Kathy Faella, 4-4469
Treasurer: Karol Leuzarder, 4-4965 **Recording Sec.:** Alfred Spederelozzi, 4-2452
Corresp. Sec.: Jackie Hughes, 4-5542 **Chief Steward:** Tom Theisen, 4-7870

Members-at-Large:

Doug Johnson, 4-9222; Deb Bergner, 4-2027; Jane Suvajian, 4-4783

Trustees:

Mark Fester, Paulette Greene, Nam Kim-Meong