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Thursday, August 13th at Noon – Memorial Union, Room 360

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Member News:

Deb Bergner has accepted a Coordinator position in HRL. Deb was a Hall Director and also a PTAA Member-at-Large. Deb, we wish you the best in your new position.

Article about a new Member-at-Large:

As of August 1, 2009 our Member-at-Large, Deb Bergner, will be leaving PTAA due to her new position. This is an opportunity for those members who wish to become active in Union and Executive Board work to step forward and apply. If you are that person who wants to dedicate your time and efforts for the greater good of the Union please apply for the Member-at-Large position by calling your local steward or sending notification to ptaa@etal.uri.edu. The PTAA Executive Board will choose a Member-at-Large to serve for the remainder of the term. The term runs from April 2008 through April 2010.

AFSCME Family Scholarship:



If you are a PTAA/AFSCME member with a graduating high school student in 2010, this is a great scholarship opportunity. AFSCME offers a \$2,000.00 scholarship with a 4 year renewal.

“Each year the AFSCME Family Scholarship Program provides at least 10 - \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors that will be renewed for \$2,000 each year for a maximum of four years provided the student remains enrolled in a full-time course of study. The scholarship may be used for any field of study. To be eligible, you must be a graduating high school senior in 2010, and a daughter, son or financially dependent grandchild of an active or retired AFSCME member, and an applicant to an accredited college or university and subsequently accepted as a full-time student in a four year degree program. The application form and more details about the application process can be found at www.afscme.org/members/880.cfm.



\$ 100.00 July drawing for a human service, non-profit organization:

The charity drawing for \$100 donation for a human service, non-profit organization was held during the July General Membership meeting. Kathy Faella won the drawing. Kathy has chosen **South County Hospital** as the donation recipient. South County Hospital is an independent, non-profit, full service healthcare resource. It provides services to Southern Rhode Island via inpatient, outpatient, and in-home services.

New Hires:

1 Marine Research Asst II, Grad School of Oceanography, at ~ 21% through pay grade 3.
 1 Research Assistant II, CPRC, at the min. of pay grade 3.
 If you are a Marine Research Assistant II in Oceanography or a Research Assistant II in CPRC and your base salary is below the one listed above, you may file 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.



Be on the AFSCME International Mailing List

To receive up-to-date information about the most important issues concerning people in the work force and to participate in online voting on especially important issues make sure you are being heard. Please register at afscmepa@afscme.org.

Make America Happen

Dear Hilde,

This is it — the moment where you and I can help make history.

Today, we're going to make sure that Congress hears us loud and clear. We're going to participate in a National Day of Action where 50,000 Americans will contact Congress to demand quality, affordable health care now. Will you join us?

[Vote health care reform! Click here to contact your representative!](#)

TAKE ACTION

As I write this, your representative is deciding how to vote on HR 3200, America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act. I talk to members of Congress everyday and you'd be surprised just how much impact your actions can make. [Click here to send a message to your representative now.](#)

This health care reform bill will save taxpayers an average of \$2,200 per year¹ and will impact only the highest income earners.² Passing health care reform will save you money. Not passing it will save millionaires money. **Will your representative choose the millionaires or you?**

One of the excuses that some members of Congress use to not support health care reform would be that that this bill raises taxes on small business. They couldn't be more wrong. According to the Joint Committee on Taxes, 96 percent of small businesses will have access to more affordable health care under the House bill. That's why small business owners all across America are supporting this bill.

This is your chance to participate in one of the most important issues of our lifetime. This bill guarantees quality, affordable health care for everyone. It will cover the uninsured and lower the costs for those of us who have insurance. Let's pass this bill, so we can all have quality, affordable health care. [Click here to act now.](#)

Thank you for your action today. It's good to know we can count on you.

Sincerely,

Chuck Loveless
 Director, AFSCME Legislation Department

The newsletter is posted on www.uri.edu/ptaa.

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AFSCME application forms:

In the past, we have asked members to fill out an AFSCME membership application form to obtain the AFSCME membership card. The AFSCME membership card is your official passport to participate in elections, be a delegate, apply for sponsorship, and other member privileges. All PTAA members who have not filled out this application will receive an application form in campus mail. Please fill in the required information, fold the form into half and send to the address on the reverse side, no postage necessary. **Please do NOT provide your social security number.**

Here is a sample of the yellow card that will be sent to you:

Form A-54
 State of Rhode Island
 Local Number 2877

COUNCIL 94
 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, A.F.L.-C.I.O.
AUTHORIZATION CARD FOR ORGANIZATION DUES

Employee's Name _____

(Print) Last	First	Middle Initial
SSN, SEC. NO.	Approp. Acct. No.	Name of Dept.

To: State Controller and General Treasurer

I, the undersigned hereby authorize the proper authority of my State Employer to deduct from my salary each pay period an amount sufficient to provide for the regular payment of Union dues as established by Local Union 2877, Council 94, AFSCME. The amount shall be certified by the above Local Union and Council 94, and any changes in such amount will be so certified. The amount deducted shall be paid to Rhode Island Council 94, AFSCME.

Employee's Signature _____ Date _____

*Dues, contributions or gifts to AFSCME are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Dues paid to AFSCME, however, may qualify as business expenses and may be deductible in limited circumstances subject to various restrictions imposed by the Internal Revenue Service.

PLEASE MAIL THIS ENTIRE CARD BACK

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - COUNCIL 94
 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, A.F.L.-C.I.O.

Local Union No. 2877 Date _____
 Name (Print) _____ ~~SSN, SEC. NO.~~
 Street _____
 City/Town _____ Zip Code _____
 Dept. _____ Division _____ Bus. _____
 Work Address _____ Tel. No. Home _____
 Job Title _____

Employee's Signature _____ Date _____
 Date Received _____

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