



# The Corner Stone

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Retiree's Get-Together  
Mondays at 1:00pm  
University Ave. McDonald's  
Across from HY-Vee

## Nominations for the APWU Local 451 2008 General Election

**President:** Dwight Slaikeu  
**Vice-President:** Kimberly Karol  
**Steward Director:** Chris Salinas  
Gary Acuff  
**Secretary:** Bonnie Salinas  
**Editor:** OPEN  
**Trustees (Vote for 3):** Dave Knebel  
Louis Ostlie  
Doris Rueber  
Mike Burke  
Frank Rolf  
Bill Rice  
Chuck Konig

### **Election Committee Members:**

Paulette Woods – Chairperson  
Cindy Miller, Meri Kay Chase, Lora Thompson and Terry McEntee

**Ballots will be mailed out no later that November 15<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Ballots must be returned no later than 10am on November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## **But more importantly, VOTE!**

**Editor's note: If you feel that there aren't enough candidates, then have a write-in campaign and run for one of the offices.**

# Secretary's Meeting Minutes.....



Bonnie Salinas



APWU LOCAL 451

October 18th, 2008

The meeting of the APWU Local 451 was called to order at 11:11 a.m. at the OP with 14 members present.

A motion was made by Glenn Staudinger and seconded by Kim Karol to accept the minutes as printed in the Corner Stone. **Motion carried.**

Glenn Staudinger presented the Treasurers Report and a motion was made by Glenn to put the report on file for review. The motion was seconded by Jerry Kemmer. **Motion carried.**

## Officers reports:

### President's Report:

- 1) COPA – Right now we are at \$5235.06 which includes all automatic payments through the end of the year. Dwight will be sending in all donations and anything after today will go towards next year's COPA efforts. The hat pass netted \$60.00 – Nice job everyone.
- 2) Fall Seminar – Was mostly political with half a day of training on loaner clerk and travel issues. This issue doesn't directly effect us here in Waterloo.
- 3) There are a lot of rumors going around about changes in the postal service in the next few years or even months. Dwight has not been told of anything for sure in Waterloo yet. They do apparently have a casual hiring freeze on now as well as a career freeze. They are looking at closing the Washburn Post Office and a meeting is set up toward the end of month.
- 4) The Express Clerk position (tour 3) will possibly get the new title (no job change) of Expeditor for functional purposes for the Post Office.

### Vice Presidents Report:

- 1) Clerks and travel pays – If you are on the clock and traveling and/or if you are assigned to go to another office you will get paid. There are some rules for local commute and suburban areas. This manly effects the small offices, so if you know of someone who may not have been properly paid for commuting have them contact their area stewards for the state.
- 2) The Black Hawk Labor council has a campaign office open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays (10 am to 4 pm). You can help out by making phone calls or taking walking packets and knock on doors (you will be talking to other union members). Another way to help is to participate in the Time For Change Protest. This is happening the next two Fridays Oct 24<sup>th</sup> and Oct 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 pm to 6pm, the place is on the corner of Kimball Ave and Ridgeway Ave, no sign up needed just show up at the events.

Glenn Staudinger reports on the Black Hawk Labor council and the IFL Conference.

- 1) The booth at the Cattle Congress was a lot of fun and successful. The Labor Council is a very good group to be involved with and Steve Abbott (President) is very knowledgeable of labor issues. They are really appreciative of our membership with them. Council meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month and everyone is welcome to go. The meetings are very informative on labor issues, you get more information about issues, not just what you may hear on the news.
- 2) The IFL Convention was very political and also educational. There were some very arousing speeches given. One of the main changes that occurred is that there is no longer a Vice President position, just a President and Secretary/Treasurer. There were some constitutional changes made and I sat on the Educational Committee along with members from the Iowa Labor Center, a lot of things are planned for next year.

Cindy Miller stated that you should visit the [apwuiowa.com](http://apwuiowa.com) website, very informative if you feel that you are politically illiterate, also has lots of other information and links that may be of interest to you. Dwight added that there is a link on the website to the Waterloo Local.

### Old Business:

- 1) The next meeting will be Saturday November 15th, 2008 at 11:00 am at the OP.
- 2) On the issue and further discussion of the Area Local (merging with Cedar Falls).
  - a) The state, as required, has authorized us to continue talks of the merger.
  - b) There are several steps involved in the merger, one is that eventually we will be voting by secret ballot as to whether we want to merge with Cedar Falls Local and they also will do the same.
  - c) Dwight will be sending a letter to National requesting that we can form a committee for the merger. Dwight stated that once we get the ok from National, I will then appoint a committee which will consist of myself, Kim Karol and Glenn Staudinger and 2 or 3 members from Cedar Falls. The committee will go through all the steps necessary for the merger.
  - d) Just an informative note – a merger of the locals does not change anyones seniority in either office.
- 3) To finish up on the local election nominations we open nominations:

For **President:** Dwight Slaikeu previously nominated, there were no new nominations.

For **Vice President:** Kim Karol previously nominated, there were no new nominations.

For **Steward Director:** Chris Salinas and Gary Acuff previously nominated, there were no new nominations.

For **Secretary:** Bonnie Salinas previously nominated, there were no new nominations.

For **Treasurer:** Glenn Staudinger previously nominated, there were no new nominations.

For **Editor:** There were no nominations. (Secretary's note: By written declination Chris Salinas withdrew his nomination for Editor.

For **Trustee: (3) positions:** Dave Knebel, Lou Ostlie. Doris Rueber and Mike Burke were previously nominated. Chris Salinas nominated Frank Rolf seconded by Bonnie Salinas. Mike Burke nominated Bill Rice seconded by Bonnie Salinas. Chris Salinas nominated Chuck Konig seconded by Bonnie Salinas.

(Secretary's note: By written declination, Julie Schmitz, Janell Brucher, Dave Hickman, and Mike Brown withdrew their nominations for Trustee's.

For **Election Chairperson:** Paulette Woods and Meri Kay Chase previously nominated, there were no new nominations. Secretary's Note: All nominations were asked for 3 times per Robert's Rules of Order.

Kim Karol made the **motion** to close election nominations, seconded by Glenn Staudinger. **Motion carried.**

4) Election Committee Chairperson is Paulette Woods. Meri Kay Chase by written declination withdrew her nomination. Meri Kay Chase, Cindy Miller, Terry McEntee and Lora Thompson have all volunteered to be on the committee. The Chairperson will appoint the committee members.

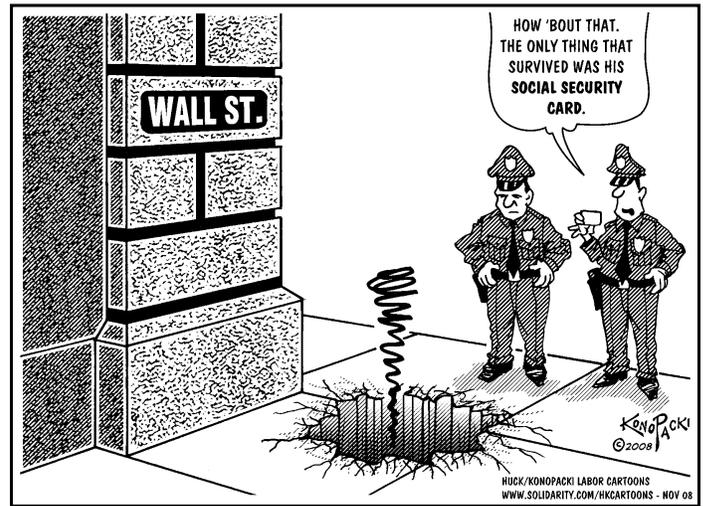
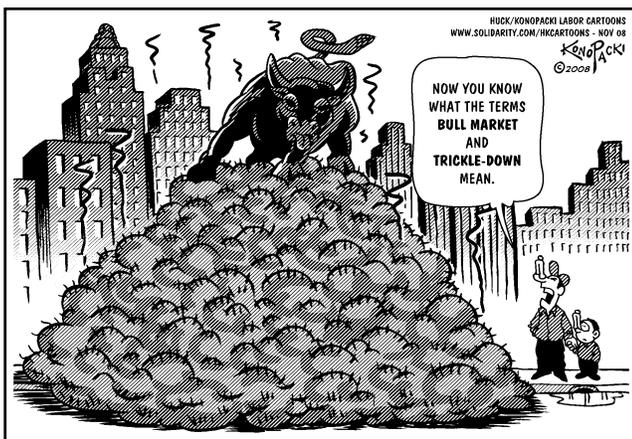
(Secretary's note: the position of Chairperson by our constitution does not have to be voted on by all members of the local as all other officer positions are.)

**New Business:** The state executive board picked the dates for the State Convention April 29<sup>th</sup> thru May 1<sup>st</sup> 2010, which Waterloo Local will host. Kim Karol made the **motion** to release funds at the discretion of the President, to start making necessary arrangements for the State Convention, Cindy Miller seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Drawing:** Kim Karol made a **motion** to hold the drawing, seconded by Cindy Miller. **Motion carried.** Chris Salinas won the door prize.

**Adjourn:** A **motion** was made by Cindy Miller to adjourn, seconded by Kim Karol. **Motion carried.**

**Members Present:** Chris Salinas, Terry McEntee, Glenn Staudinger, Cindy Miller, Bonnie Salinas, Bob Berendes, Jerry Kemmer, Mike Burke, Meri Kay Chase, Dwight Slaikeu, Penny Thmpson, Kimberly Karol, Paulette Woods, and Lora Thompson.



## For what its worth.....

Chris Salinas

Now with the presidential election out of the way, we all need to keep our representative truthful and honest. I know, those two words you don't get from most politicians. But that's not their fault, it's our fault.

WHAT!?! I bet that word went through your mind when I said that. But I'm being honest to you because it's the truth. Many of us have a tendency to go to vote and call it a day. That's not how a democracy works.

Voting is just one part of what we do. We need to provide feedback to our elected Representatives, be it either a Congressman, a Governor, a Senator, and yes even the President.

Today's technology makes it easier for us to speak our minds to these people. No longer do we have an excuse to not write or call our representatives.

Another thing, remember that our representatives always look for our feedback. They only know they one the race, but they don't know what is truly on your mind.

They may think that their platform is THE platform you want. So your silence to something you dislike, but they support, could pass from their vote and the only person you can blame is yourself.

So take the time to get informed and speak out on what's important for you.

I hope people will take a look at our bulletin board when issues that effect us are posted. This is where you can ask questions about the issue(s) and hopefully use the information when you talk to you representative.

We have a lot of issues for our state and our country to decide on. Many are going to be very hard to figure out. But those problems are when they'll need your feedback the most.



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UNION MEETING!**

November 15th @ 11am  
THE OTHER PLACE  
3904 Lafayette Rd  
Evansdale, IA

# Happy Holidays!

From the

Officers of

# Local 451






## APWU does many things for you!

You can make it better!

Attend your Local's meetings and learn more!



