



# 2110 Local News

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## President's Corner

AFGE Local 2110 held a special meeting on October 6 2006 to nominate officers. Each officer was uncontested so the Election Committee declared the office was won by acclamation. Newly elected Union officers will be formally sworn in by mid-December 2006 for a 3 year term. Four-time-elected President, Bill Luttrell, would like to thank Union members for their continued support of AFGE.

Our Local's newly elected officers are:

President, Bill Luttrell

Executive Vice-President, Mary Jane Patterson

Secretary-Treasurer, Lori Bess

Sgt. At Arm, Bill Hicok

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, PBU, David James

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, NPBU, Lavola Cushshon

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Donalyn Warden

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Mark Floding

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Nelson Spaulding

Bill Luttrell, as President of AFGE Local 2110, meets weekly with Elizabeth Freeman, Director VA Palo Alto HCS to discuss local issues affecting our bargaining unit members. Current issues the Union is addressing with Administration include Administrative Investigations, EEO, overtime and comp. time policies, position descriptions, arbitration cases and adverse actions against employee. The Union is also directly involved in CARES at Livermore Division. The contractor, Price-Waterhouse's recommendations are due to the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs by the end of December 2006 in order for the Secretary to make his decision. Bill Luttrell, President AFGE Local 2110 is in the process of setting up biweekly and monthly meetings with all service chiefs of VA Palo Alto HCS.

All employees are encouraged to contact the Union office at x65326/x65382/x65399 if they have any concerns or question regarding any changes in their working conditions.

## AFGE National News

At the special meeting held on June 27, 2006, AFGE Local 2110 elected 7 delegates to the National Convention who attended the AFGE National Convention in Atlanta Georgia August 7-11, 2006. Many amendments and resolutions were discussed in committees and on the floor of the convention. One of the proposals was to increase the "Per Capita Tax" by \$6.00 per member. A much heated debate by the delegates on the floor led to a compromise of only a \$4.00 increase. Because of this increase, our local's members will incur an increase of only \$1.85 per pay period. AFGE held elections for National officers and John Gage was re-elected as National President, J. David Cox was elected as National Secretary-Treasurer, and Andrea Brooks was re-elected as National Executive Vice-President who will serve a three year term.

## **Legislative News**

The AFGE Local 2110 Legislative Committee is preparing for the annual trip to Washington DC in February 2007. The committee members will meet with our legislators concerning issues on our veterans, the VA budget and VA employees. The weeks' activities include trainings with National AFGE staff, various congressional guest speakers and many visits to Capital Hill to meet with our local California Representatives and our two Senators. If you are interested in being on the Legislative Committee, please contact Lori Bess at x65399.

### **\*Legislative Committee Members:**

Bill Luttrell, Lorraine Guerrero, Lori Bess, Donalyn Warden, Mark Floding, Janie Patterson, David James, Jon Rose

**\*PAC membership required**

## **Union Benefits**

Local 2110 offers two Delta Dental Programs along with a Safeguard Dental program for our members. Please contact Lori Bess, MB3 349 for information regarding these plans.

### **Contact Information:**

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**2nd Vice President**, Donalyn Warden

**2nd Vice President & Chief Steward**, Mark Floding

**Sgt at Arms**, Bill Hicok

**Stewards**: Bill Hicok, Harold Rucker, Evelyn Bernardino, Eleanor Avendano, Charles Herron

**\*\*Business Meetings last Tuesday of the month @ 4:30 PM**

**Bldg 101 2nd Floor Library Conference Room**

To submit articles to the AFGE 2110 Newsletter, contact Lori Bess x65399

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