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Quarterly Electronic Newsletter – First Quarter 2018

Message from Chapter President Dawn Sleva

I have wanted to introduce a regular chapter newsletter for a very long time now. While I do not intend for this publication to replace our usual communications and timely updates, I am hoping you will find it of some benefit. I am looking forward to your feedback on this inaugural edition.

Top Stories

Chapter 242 Introduces External Website

The Chapter 242 website is being moved outside of the FDIC Intranet. The newly designed website can be viewed at <http://nteuchapter242.org/>. Please visit the website for information on your chapter officers, current agreements, valuable resources, and important news. Remember to bookmark the site and visit it regularly for important updates. Your feedback is appreciated!

The site is dedicated to Brian Dawson who built the site for our chapter. He is dearly missed.

Workplace Excellence

Chapter President Dawn Sleva has been named a member of the Workplace Excellence Steering Committee (WESC) effective March 2018. Chief Steward Dan Peters' term on the WESC expires in June 2018. Thanks to Dan for representing our chapter on the WESC since its inception in 2012!

NTEU will be soliciting interest in the Divisional WECs soon. Currently, Chapter 242 has representatives on the RMS WEC – VP of Kentucky Adam Smith, DCP WEC – VP of Indiana Rhonda Little, and CIOO WEC - Member Aidan Lally.

Chapter 242 NTEU Steward News

Steward Curtis Theyse Retires

Springfield Steward Curtis Theyse is retiring February 28, 2018 after 20+ years as a Chapter 242 representative. Curtis has over 30 years of exemplary service with the FDIC and will be sorely missed by all who have had the honor to work with him. Curtis is currently a senior compliance examiner in the Springfield office, but started his career in the Princeton office. He has been instrumental in maintaining both strong membership and high employee morale in his office. Thanks to Curtis for his many years of dedication to NTEU! Curtis will be replaced by alternate steward Rita Roberts.

Other Steward Changes

Chapter 242 welcomes Angela Bishop as the new primary steward for the Mount Vernon

office and welcomes back Sharon Lawson as alternate steward for the Regional Office. Alternate steward Brian Pigott has also agreed to serve as the new primary steward for Cincinnati and alternate steward Steve Houlden is returning as primary steward of the Regional Office.

Angela replaces Rob Roberson who served as the primary steward for the Mount Vernon office and plans to retire later this year. Thanks to Rob for his over 10 years of service as a representative of our chapter!

Recent Accomplishments

National Successes

Through the Labor Management Forum, NTEU leaders won parity for former OTS employees. At the persistence of NTEU, the FDIC began making a 1 percent non-elective contribution to employee OTS 401k plans in April. This is similar to the 1 percent non-elective contribution won for other employees as part of the 2017-2019 Compensation Agreement.

Local Wins

In the past quarter, our chapter has been busy. Chapter representatives demanded to bargain over local changes in working conditions related to security processes, procedures for assignment of work, travel time, and office space. Chapter representatives filed grievances or represented employees in investigatory interviews regarding performance issues, PMR ratings, information security breaches, time and attendance issues, and use of the corporate travel card. Stewards also assisted two employees who were being terminated. Chapter sponsored Lunch and Learns were held with over 100 Chicago region employees discussing how employees can become more active in legislative issues and Chapter 242 employees initiated over 150 messages to their local congressmen. Finally, we reached 68.6 percent membership; we are now only seven new members from our goal of 70 percent!

Chapter President Dawn Sleva served on the Labor Management Forum and the Travel Committee. Chapter VP Eric Wiechert represented all FIRREA agencies on the NTEU Legislative Advisory Council. He and Chief Steward Dan Peters represented our chapter at the NTEU Legislative Conference in February.

Upcoming Events

Chapter Lunch and Learns

Chapter 242 plans to hold NTEU Lunch and Learns in conjunction with the RMS Grade 12 Examiner training sessions in the Regional Office the week of April 30. Please plan to attend these informative sessions and enjoy lunch with your chapter leaders.

Contract Training

Several of your chapter representatives will be attending the NTEU Spring Training Conference in May, which will include train-the-trainer presentations on the 2017-2020 National Collective Bargaining Agreement. Our chapter plans to hold employee training sessions this summer/early fall. More news will come later.

Tell Us What You Think

NTEU is in the process of negotiating over the Field Office Modernization plans, including the closure of offices in other regions. NTEU expects to begin negotiations over Collaborative Work Space soon. NTEU will be reaching out to members for their thoughts. Be sure to let us know what you think!

NTEU's Mission: To organize federal employees to work together to ensure that every federal employee is treated with dignity and respect.