



# OPEIU LOCAL #9

## NEWSLETTER



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### MEETING NOTICE

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Tuesday, June 21, 2011**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Illinois Nurses Association**

**105 West Adams Street**

**Suite 1420**

**Chicago, IL**

**(enter at revolving doors around the corner on S. Clark Street)**

### Election Results

Nominations were held at the May 17, 2011 General Membership meeting. The following individuals were nominated, and since there was no opposition, all were elected by unanimous ballot:

President	Candy Johnson
Vice President	Pat Diamond
Secretary-Treasurer	Dawn Martin
Recording Secretary	Lori Schmidt

Trustees (3) Marilinda Johnson  
Jackie Podjaski  
Cheryl Renard

Executive Board members (7)

Robin Lundgren

Mary Mikorski-Lawson

James Muhammad

Dawn Schroeder

Cathy Stachura

Tony Vanderbloemen

Alice Zyniecki

The Officers and Board will take their oath of office at the June 21<sup>st</sup> General Membership meeting.

### Last Chance to Sign Up for Training Class

Local 9 is offering a training class entitled "Taking Back Your Workplace" on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 a.m. The class will focus on what it takes to get members involved and help take back the workplace from management. This workshop explores the concepts and methods of building meaningful participation as members of the Union. The training is being held at the Welcome Center located at 4001 S. 68<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee (the low building attached to the church at the corner of 68<sup>th</sup> & Forest Home Avenue). There is no cost, lunch will be provided and there will be mileage reimbursement. Please sign up and join us.

### Dues Adjustment Effective

#### July 1, 2011

In accordance with the Constitution & By-Laws of Local 9 dues are adjusted annually, effective July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Dues are calculated on your hourly wage, in effect on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and are rounded to the next fifty

cents times two. At this time the maximum monthly dues cap paid by a member remains at \$44. Members working 20 hours or less per week shall pay ½ of the monthly dues cap or \$22 per month.

Letters on this matter will be sent to Employers for those who are on dues deduction, and to individuals who pay directly and will be sent no later than June 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Remember Your Weingarten Rights**

It is vitally important that you not forget that if you are called into a meeting with your employer or their representative for a conversation that could lead to discipline or termination you need to exercise your Weingarten Rights.

1. You must ask for union representation before or during the interview. Management does not have to tell you of this right.
2. Once you inform them of your desire for representation you do not have to answer any questions until representation is present. Stay quiet.
3. Don't make any written or verbal statement of guilt or innocence. You cannot be forced to make a statement. The best response is NO response.
4. Do not waive your right to representation. If you begin the questioning without representation you have waived your rights and statements can be used against you.

## **Workers Could be “Unstoppable” with Unity, Solidarity**

The attempts to blame the nation's economic mess on teachers, firefighters, nurses and other public employees provide a great opportunity for working people to regain the American Dream, AFL-CIO President Richard

Trumka said recently.

But reviving the Dream will require working families and unions to rededicate themselves to organizing, reach out in solidarity to other workers at home and around the world and develop strategies to win back state legislatures as well as keep the White House and US Senate in 2012, Trumka said.

Trumka went on to say: “We need a 2012 election that puts the Scott Walkers of the world on notice that their agenda is not a viable political strategy. We need to win back the House, keep the Senate and win state and local races across the country. We need to win back at least one house in every one of these embattled state legislatures. Political strategies that are simply about low-risk ways of holding the White House will not help workers—they will lengthen a losing end game and will not give us a path to victory.”

Global solidarity among workers is critical as well. Trumka said: “In an age of Internet globalization, we live our cause as one with workers around the world. The U.S. labor movement's voice has been clear in support of democracy and workers' rights in Tunisia, in Egypt, in Bahrain, in Syria, in Iran—and our voice has been heard.”

“Now we must take that same spirit that brought working people to the streets of Indianapolis and Madison and Columbus—and Tunisia and Cairo—and bring it to all our nation's workplaces—and to our polling places, our state capitols and our national capitol,” Trumka said.

With this spirit of unity, of solidarity, of democracy itself, we can be unstoppable in 2011, in 2012 and in the years to follow.

***As always if you have any problems do not hesitate to call or email the office.***

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