

Political Action Fund Awards Program

For CWA to remain a force in the lives of our members and nation, all three sides of the CWA Triangle – Political Action, Organizing, Collective Bargaining – must be strong. The purpose of the Political Action Fund Awards is to recognize Locals and Districts/IUE that fulfill leadership responsibilities to strengthen the political action side of the CWA Triangle.

Note:

- Awards 1 through 3 will be calculated on a two-year basis to coincide with CWA's biannual conventions.
- Awards 4 through 8 will be awarded yearly and distributed to the appropriate District/Sector.

1. LOCAL POLITICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Local that has contributed the most CWA Political Action Fund dollars during the previous two years by the December 31 deadline shall receive a Special Local Award at the subsequent Convention.

2. DISTRICT POLITICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The District that has raised the most Political Action Fund dollars during the previous two years by the December 31 deadline shall receive a Special Achievement Award at the subsequent Convention.

3. PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR POLITICAL ACTION

- a) A President's Award shall be presented to the Local that has the highest percentage of members contributing to the CWA Political Action Fund at \$1 weekly (\$48 annually) or higher during the previous two years by the December 31 deadline at the subsequent Convention.
- b) A President's Award shall be presented to the Local that has the highest number of members contributing to the CWA Political Action Fund at \$1 weekly (\$48 annually) or higher during the previous two years by the December 31 deadline at the subsequent Convention.
- c) A President's Award shall be presented to the District/IUE that has the highest percentage of members contributing to the CWA Political Action Fund at \$1 weekly (\$48 annually) or higher during the previous two years by the December 31 deadline at the subsequent Convention.
- d) A President's Award shall be presented to the District/IUE that has the highest number of members contributing to the CWA Political Action Fund at \$1 weekly (\$48 annually) or higher during the previous two years by the December 31 deadline at the subsequent Convention.

4. PAF PLATINUM QUORUM LEVEL AWARDS (At Least \$20/month)

The Local in each District/IUE that has the most members in the CWA PAF Platinum QUORUM by the end of the calendar year shall receive a Special Political Action Fund Platinum QUORUM Local Achievement Award at the subsequent Convention.

5. PAF TRIPLE QUORUM LEVEL AWARDS (At Least \$28/month)

The Local in each District/IUE that has the most members in the CWA PAF Triple QUORUM by the end of the calendar year shall receive a Special Political Action Fund Triple QUORUM District Achievement Award at the subsequent Convention.

6. PAF PRESIDENT'S QUORUM LEVEL AWARDS (At Least \$40/month)

The Local in each District/IUE that has the most members in the CWA PAF President's QUORUM by the end of the calendar year shall receive a Special Political Action Fund President QUORUM District Achievement Award at the subsequent Convention.

7. SCROLL AWARDS

Bronze Scrolls

Each Local which has at least 10 percent of its membership contributing \$1 weekly (\$48 annually) or higher to the CWA PAF will receive a Bronze Scroll.

Silver Scrolls

Each Local which has at least 15 percent of its membership contributing \$1 weekly (\$48 annually) or higher to the CWA PAF will receive a Silver Scroll.

Gold Scrolls

Each Local which has at least 20 percent of its membership contributing \$1 weekly (\$48 annually) or higher to the CWA PAF will receive a Gold Scroll.

Platinum Scrolls

Each Local which has at least 35 percent of its membership contributing \$1 weekly (\$48 annually) or higher to the CWA PAF will receive a Platinum Scroll.

8. POLITICAL AND LEGISLATIVE (PAL) ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Each Local which has at least 10 percent or more of its membership contributing \$1 weekly (\$48 annually) or higher each year to the CWA PAF for 5 consecutive years, including the current year, will be eligible to receive CWA's PAL for Political and Legislative Achievement. The PAL Plaque will be inscribed with the number of consecutive years and recognition for achieving 10%, 15%, 20% or 35% of members contributing \$1 weekly (\$48 annually) or higher to CWA's Political Action Fund.

MAXINE LEE AWARD

This award was established in March 1985 in honor of Maxine Lee's many years of outstanding service to the CWA Political Action Fund and CWA's political action programs. Maxine Lee was a Pioneer in CWA's Political Action fundraising. This award will be presented to the individual/individuals who has/have a record of Pioneer efforts in CWA's Political Action fundraising and political action.

PAUL WELLSTONE ACTION AWARD

This award was established in 2004 in memory of CWA's special relationship with U. S. Senator Paul Wellstone. This award will recognize the individual, group of individuals, Local or District/IUE that use political action to further the union's collective bargaining, organizing or legislative goals.