

August 8, 2008



CEUI POLITICAL CONVENTION IN OCTOBER



SEPTEMBER 2008 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The seven statewide September membership meetings have been scheduled. **We encourage active as well as retired CEUI members to attend** these important meetings. Remember: your attendance at these meetings guarantees you the most up-to-date information on issues affecting you and your family. Please plan to attend. The dates, times and places of the meetings are as follows:

Monday, September 8

Oliver Wolcott Tech, Torrington, 4:30pm
Naugatuck Valley CTC, Waterbury, 7:00pm

Tuesday, September 9

DPW Trade Shop, 309 Buckingham St., Hartford, noon
UCONN, Storrs, St. Thomas Aquinas, 4:00pm
Yantic Firehouse, Norwich, 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 10

Gateway Comm. College, New Haven, 7:00pm

Thursday, September 11

CEUI HQ, Middletown, 7:00pm

CALL TO CONVENTION

Union Secretary/Treasurer Leslie Maddocks has issued a call for the CEUI COPE Convention on October 17, 2008. The COPE Convention will be held in Middletown at the Falcon's Pavilion. Delegates to the convention will be selected at the September membership meetings. If you are interested in being a delegate, **be sure to attend one of the membership meetings listed above.**

SAFETY SHOE ALLOWANCE ARTICLE 20, SECTION 3

Members who are required to wear safety shoes should have received \$125 in their July 18 pay-check. Please contact the Union if you have not received payment.

Always work safe! Wear your personal protective equipment.

ARBITRATION DATES

Contract arbitration begins in September, with Arbitrator Marc Greenbaum presiding over the arbitration. The following dates have been scheduled for hearings: September 26, October 3, October 10 and **November 7****. Members are urged to attend, on their own time. If you have any questions regarding negotiations, please contact Cara Wachsman, General Counsel at (860) 343-8719 or (800) 622-3359 x719.

****Please note the corrected date; it was misprinted in the last newspaper****

STATE OF CONNECTICUT NOW OFFERS LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE TO ACTIVE AND RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES

The State has selected MetLife as the new Long Term Care provider. This product is designed to protect against the cost of long term health care, whether at home or in a nursing home. Coverage is available at cost to the employee through payroll deduction. Active and retired state employees and family members are eligible for this coverage.

The open enrollment period will end September 30, 2008 for active employees to purchase a policy under simplified underwriting (fewer medical questions to qualify for a policy). After the open enrollment period you can still get coverage, however you will be subject to modified underwriting (more detailed medical questions to qualify for a policy).

Retired state employees are subject to modified underwriting and can apply for coverage at any time.

For information on this long term care insurance product, please call MetLife directly at 800-582-2889.



VOTER REGISTRATION REMINDER

Just a reminder, if you move you need to re-register to vote in your new town. This may apply if you've moved within the same town. Voter registration forms can be obtained in a variety of places:

- The Union office
- Your staff representative
- Your local post office
- Your town hall
- Online at the Secretary of the State's website (www.sots.ct.gov)

In order to vote in the fall elections, the registrar of voter in your town must receive your new voter registration card by October 21st (cards postmarked October 21st will be accepted at the town hall). Call the Union at (860) 344-0311 or (800) 622-3359 to have a voter registration card mailed to you.

SPEAKING OF MOVING.....

If you do move, please call the Union and provide us with your updated address and phone number. This way you'll be sure to receive the newspapers, leaflets and other mailings that come out of our office in a timely manner. Call 860-344-0311 or toll free at 800-622-3359 and press "0".

OUT OF TIME ?

The Union office routinely gets calls from members who are out of work for non-work related medical problems and do not have any sick leave to cover their absence. Accrued sick leave is the only income protection that State employees have if they get sick or injured and must be out of work. We urge you to save your sick leave so your family will not be in a financial crisis if you are out of work.

Members who do not have sick leave accruals should consider short and / or long term supplemental disability insurance. This coverage is offered by the State of Connecticut, Office of the Comptroller through private vendors. The premium can be paid via payroll deduction. The cost depends on many factors that are specific to your personal situation. Please contact your Human Resources Office or the vendors directly to get more information.

Short Term Disability Insurance

Colonial Supplemental Insurance Company:
(860) 645-8833

Medical Life Insurance Company
(866) 858-1171

Long Term Disability Insurance

Hartford Life & Accident Insurance Company
(888) 723-8583

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