

## Report of the Retired Members' Council to the 75th CWA Convention

Detroit, MI June 8 - 10, 2015



The CWA Retired Members' Council (RMC) plays an important role in the Union, maintaining contact with retired members and giving them a voice in their union and in politics. The RMC also tries to enhance the power of local unions in bargaining, mobilizing, legislative and political action campaigns.

## The Council continues to grow in size and influence

- The RMC has over 53,000 members, an increase of more than 3,000 since the last Convention.
- The Council now has 218 chapters, covering every CWA district and sector in nearly every state, Washington, DC and Puerto Rico. Nine chapters have been added since the last Convention. Two chapters have closed but a number of others have merged to cover whole states or regions within states.
- The Council's website, www.cwaretirees.org, includes timely features on issues affecting retirees, instructions on becoming a member of the RMC and where to find a local retiree chapter. The website also provides links to affinity groups like the Alliance for Retired Americans.
- The Council has begun an active presence on Facebook, sharing useful new and information and tapping retirees' growing interest in online activities. The page has garnered over 8,000 "Facebook likes", expressions of support from readers.

Activities of the Council and Chapters: Retirees support the union in every area of bargaining, mobilizing, legislative and political action.

- Telephone Town Hall meetings last October educated and mobilized retirees in nine states and three CWA Districts for the 2014 general election.
- Telephone Town Halls were also used to help AT&T and Century Link retirees to learn about and mobilize around the changes those employers were putting into place for retiree health coverage.
- Retirees attended rallies in support of CWA bargaining and for national issues such as climate change, voting rights and the Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal.
- Chapters registered new voters and phone-banked to get out the vote for local, regional and national candidates in the 2014 election
- Retirees called, visited and wrote to their Members of Congress and other elected officials on issues important to the union such as the TPP, voting rights and collective bargaining rights.

## In addition to organizing more local, regional and state chapters, increasing the membership in existing chapters, and strengthening the union, the RMC's seeks to:

- Engage retired CWA members in the ongoing fight for retirement security, economic justice and democracy.
- Grow retirees' participation in the CWA Political Acton Fund.
- Work with the Alliance for Retired Americans and other retiree and community-based allies at the national, state and local level for social justice for seniors.

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	New Burnswick	NJ
1085	Woodbury Heights	NJ
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	New York	NY
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	Farmingdale	NY
	Queens Village	NY
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	Virginia Beach	VA
	Newport News	VA
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	Woodbridge	VA
	Washington	DC
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83761	Louisville	KY		
84438	Greenville	MI		
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