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MEMORANDUM

TO: ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 Chapter Presidents

cc: Chapter Secretaries
State Executive Board

RE: ASEA/AFSCME Local 52, AFL-CIO 13th Biennial Convention

FROM: 
Jim Duncan, Business Manager

10/27/09
Date

The ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 13th Biennial Convention is fast approaching and the Union Staff has begun working to prepare for this constitutional event.

The scheduled dates and location of the ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 13th Biennial Convention are March 18-21, 2010 at The Hotel Captain Cook located at 939 W 5th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

Included in the tentative schedule prior to convention will be ASEA and AFSCME trainings for Chapter Officers and Leadership on March 16-17, 2010.

Chapters are advised to start planning elections for purposes of electing Delegates to the convention. Elections are to be held in accordance with the chapter's bylaws. The chapter must submit Delegate/Alternate Credentials to Union Headquarters, to be received no later than **February 3, 2010**. Credentials that are being submitted through the US Postal Service must be postmarked no later than **January 29, 2010**.

To be nominated as a Delegate or an Alternate, a member must be in good standing as defined under Appendix A, Sec. 3.I of the ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 Constitution. To verify if a member is in good standing please complete an information request form for a roster of members in good standing or submit the list of election candidates to MaryAnn Ganacias (maryanng@afscmelocal52.org) for verification.

Although Delegates are usually elected in the same manner as chapter officers, there are certain differences:

"The majority vote requirement does not apply to the election of ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 delegates. The reason for this is simply that if the majority rule should result in a run-off election, the convention might well be over before a delegate was elected. Within a chapter an election for delegates is determined by the total votes cast for candidates, from the highest vote-getter, to the lowest vote-getter."

(Reference AFSCME Local Union Elections Manual, p. 28)

Representation

“At least ninety (90) days in advance of the convention, the ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 Secretary shall notify each Chapter of the number of Delegates it is entitled to send to the convention.” (ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 Constitution, Article 6.05.A.2) The basis of chapter representation in the 13th Biennial Convention will be determined from the average per capita based upon the time period of December 1, 2008 – November 30, 2009. Chapters will be notified of the delegate allocation in the Call to Convention and may conduct their election for delegates prior to the release of the allocation number. When the delegate allocation is released the chapters can then determine who the delegates and alternate will be for the Convention.

The timeline for the 13th Biennial Convention is as follows:

- December 20** **Call to Convention** – Packets will be mailed to Chapters which will include the Call to Convention, Delegate Forms, Committee Forms, Travel Forms and the number of Delegates for each chapter.
- Proposed Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions are to be received by Anchorage Headquarters during the period of December 20, 2009 thru February 3, 2010.** The templates for Proposed Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions will be provided to Chapter Presidents and will be available on the ASEA Website beginning December 20th.
- February 3** **Deadline: Delegate Credentials** – Chapters must submit Delegate lists and Delegate Credential forms to Anchorage Headquarters. Each Delegate form must be signed by the President and Secretary of each chapter. The Chapter Delegate Certification must be signed by the chapter Secretary and attached to the front of the Delegate/Alternate Credentials packet. Postmark Deadline: **January 29, 2010**
- February 3** **Deadline: Proposed Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions**
Proposed Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions **must** be received in the Anchorage Headquarters by close of business (5:00 p.m.) February 3, 2010. Postmark Deadline: **January 29, 2010.**
- February 10** **Mailing of Delegate Information Packets to all certified Delegates**
Packet will include travel/hotel forms and business leave information.
- February 24** **Deadline to submit Travel forms to ASEA Headquarters**
- March 3** **Mailing of Delegate Convention Packets** – Packets will be mailed to Delegates and will include Proposed Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions with State Executive Board recommendations, Proposed FY 2011 Budget, Committee Assignments, ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 Constitution, The Convention Delegate’s Guide and Convention Program.
- March 16-17** **Tentative Chapter Officer and Leadership Training**
- March 18-19** **Convention Committees - Work Sessions**
- March 20-21** **13th Biennial Convention - Business Session**

The Call to Convention will provide you with further details regarding the Convention and Training.

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