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## Final 2001 COPA Report

The 2001 Texas State Convention led the way with an outstanding COPA (Committee on Political Action) contribution of \$14,939!

This was followed by excellent contributions of \$8,883 from the Indiana State Convention, \$8,521 from the Kansas State Convention, \$7,000 from the Alabama State Convention, \$7,321 from the POWER Convention in Albany, NY, \$5,790 from the Louisiana State Convention and \$5,160 from

the Virginia State Convention.

APWU applauds its members, retirees and auxiliaries for continuing to give their hard earned dollars to APWU COPA, and thanks locals and state organizations for doing their part to raise money for the union's political action fund through their various activities and events. The following group contributions have been reported since the last News Service contribution's list:

## Additional USPS Security Funding Needed After \$500 Million Appropriation

APWU members should be on guard for the homeland security bill, which President Bush is expected to introduce in early 2002. The voices of postal employees likely will be needed to urge House and Senate members to support additional emergency homeland security funding for the Postal Service.

The Postal Service had requested a special appropriation of \$1.1 billion for postal homeland security, but when the House adopted the fiscal year 2002 Department of Defense appropriations bill, no money was included for the USPS, despite valiant efforts by House appropriations committee ranking member David Obey (D-WI).

The Senate approved \$600 million for the first quarter of 2002, thanks to the efforts of Senate Appropriations Chairman Robert Byrd (D-WV). Since the Senate and House disagreed about postal appropriations, the issue was sent to a conference committee.

The House-Senate Conference finally agreed that \$500 million would be approved to

"enable the Postal Service to protect postal employees and postal customers from exposure to bio-hazardous material, to sanitize and screen the mail, and to replace or repair Postal Service facilities destroyed or damaged in New York City as a result of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks."

Along with Sen. Byrd and Rep. Obey, special APWU thanks go to Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK), the Senate ranking appropriations committee member, House Appropriations Chairman C.W. "Bill" Young (R-FL) and House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert (R-IL) for helping to secure this funding, which is in addition to the \$175 million that President Bush authorized immediately after the anthrax attacks.

### APWU President to Serve as Federation Vice President

## Burrus Elected to AFL-CIO Council

APWU President Bill Burrus was elected to the AFL-CIO Executive Council by unanimous vote of the delegates to the federation's 24<sup>th</sup> biennial convention in December.

As a vice president of the AFL-CIO, Burrus will have a voice in the policy deliberations of the U.S. labor federation, which represents nearly 14 million union members. The executive council is made up of 53 members from U.S. unions, including AFL-CIO President John J. Sweeney, Secretary-Treasurer Richard Trumka and Executive Vice President Linda Chavez-Thompson.

Burrus originally was appointed to the council by Sweeney in November, after former president Moe Biller retired. The convention elected Burrus and the rest of the executive council with a voice vote on Dec. 4, 2001.

Among the actions by the AFL-CIO convention delegates was a resolution to meet in convention every four years, instead of two, and for the executive council to meet twice a year, rather than three times. The next council meeting is in February.

Application Deadline Jan., 18, 2002

## CLUW Offers Scholarships

The Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) is offering 10 \$500 labor education scholarships to be awarded for 2002.

All CLUW members, regardless of sex, are eligible to apply. The application deadline is Jan. 18, 2002.

To be considered for the scholarships, members are asked to send an application and an essay of up to 300 words discussing how their course work is related to achieving one or more of CLUW's four goals: organizing, increasing the participation of women

in unions, increasing participation in political and legislative action, and affecting affirmative action.

Labor education courses may include: organizing, mobilizing, bargaining, education, community services, writing, publication, women's studies, new technologies, political, and legislative or legal action.

To apply, contact Dessadra Lomax, Coalition of Labor Union Women, 1925 K St. NW, Suite 402, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 223-8360, Ext. 1.



AMOUNT	MEETINGS	AMOUNT	MEETINGS
\$ 143.00	Secretary-Treasurer Seminar (Fargo, ND)	\$ 2,273.00	APWU Deaf/Hard of Hearing Conference
\$ 1,025.00	California All Crafts Seminar	\$ 2,500.00	Leigh Valley (PA) Area Local
\$ 68.00	Southwest Florida Area Local	\$ 60.00	Southwest Florida Area Local
\$ 1,088.00	New Jersey Shore Area Local	\$ 310.00	Florida Postal Workers Union
\$ 2,400.00	Washington State Convention	\$ 595.00	Florida State Fall Seminar
\$ 424.00	Kansas KAW Valley Area Local	\$ 389.00	Clinton IA Local
\$ 102.00	Ft. Scott KS	\$ 2,500.00	Long Island Area Local (NY)
\$ 260.00	National Auxiliary Executive Board	\$ 135.00	Charleston WV Area Local
\$ 150.00	Manhattan KS	\$ 238.00	Oregon State Convention
\$ 7,000.00	Alabama State Convention	\$ 7,321.00	APWU Power Convention @ Albany, NY
\$ 5,100.00	Montgomery Area Local (AL)	\$ 770.00	Western Regional Conference @ Honolulu, HI
\$ 3,133.00	Topeka KS	\$ 201.00	Pasadena (TX) Area Local
\$ 411.00	Western Area Supply Center (KS)	\$ 200.00	Palestine TX Local
\$ 1,383.00	Wichita Area Local (KS)	\$ 710.00	McAllen TX Local
\$ 8,521.00	Kansas State Convention	\$ 1,054.00	Houston TX Local
\$ 1,055.00	Waterloo IA	\$ 772.00	El Paso Area Local (TX)
\$ 347.00	Rochester SCF Area NY	\$ 290.00	Galveston TX Local
\$ 294.00	California Area Local	\$ 6,253.00	Central Texas Area Local
\$ 256.00	Wyoming State Convention	\$ 1,354.00	Austin (TX) Area Local
\$ 656.00	Massachusetts State Convention	\$14,939.00	Texas State Convention
\$ 1,274.00	Mississippi State Convention	\$ 1,618.00	Louisville KY Local
\$ 801.00	Missouri State Convention	\$ 100.00	Elizabethtown KY Local
\$ 501.00	Arkansas Spring Meeting	\$ 3,755.00	Kentucky State Convention
\$ 340.00	Georgia State Convention	\$ 1,451.00	Bowling Green (KY) Area Local
\$ 5,790.00	Louisiana State Convention	\$ 135.00	Central Kentucky Area local
\$ 24.00	Bogalusa LA	\$ 393.00	South Eastern Kentucky Area Local
\$ 25.00	Slidell LA	\$ 1,853.00	Greater Cincinnati Area Local (OH)
\$ 150.00	Central Louisiana Area Local	\$ 125.00	Madison (WI) Area local
\$ 466.00	New Orleans LA	\$ 245.00	San Antonio TX Auxiliary
\$ 2,843.00	Maryland DC State Convention	\$ 1,144.00	North Dakota Training Seminar (Greater Grand Forks ND Area Local)
\$ 125.00	Tri County (PA) Area Local	\$ 2,017.00	West Virginia State Convention
\$ 889.00	Detroit District (MI) Area Local	\$ 1,300.00	Clarksburg WV
\$ 5,160.00	Virginia State Convention	\$ 3,050.00	Wisconsin-Minnesota Conference "In Memory of NBA John Akey"
\$ 8,883.00	Indiana State Convention	\$ 75.00	Fargo ND Area Local
\$ 104.00	Logansport IN Local	\$ 456.00	Bismarck-Mandan ND Area Local
\$ 171.00	Ft. Wayne (IN) Area Local	\$ 80.00	Williston ND
\$ 185.00	Marion IN Local	\$ 167.00	Devils Lake (ND) Area Local
\$ 200.00	Lafayette IN Area Local	\$ 2,039.00	North Dakota State Convention
\$ 260.00	Kokomo IN Area Local	\$ 500.00	Milwaukee Area Local (WI) "In Memory of NBA John Akey"
\$ 425.00	Evansville IN Area Local	\$ 180.00	San Diego (CA) Area Local
\$ 623.00	Terre Haute IN Area Local	\$ 55.00	Glens Falls (NY) Area Local
\$ 850.00	Northern Indiana Unified Area Local	\$ 75.00	Manchester (NH) Area Local
\$ 1,405.00	Indianapolis IN Area Local		
\$ 4,280.00	Muncie IN Area Local		
\$ 179.00	Long Island (NY) Auxiliary Area Local		
\$ 123.00	Tucson (AZ) Area Local		

### Acknowledgment for Group Contributions

For correct handling and acknowledgment of your contributions, please send all group contributions to COPA, APWU Accounting Department,

1300 L St. N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

Please send individual contributions to APWU/COPA, P.O. Box 96542, Washington, DC 20090-6542.

### 2002 APWU Calendars Available

## Get in Gear for New Year!

The 2002 APWU Calendar, produced by the APWU Research and Education Department, is available to union members for \$3 each. The 2002 calendar, a tribute to former APWU president Moe Biller, features recent and historic photos. APWU members can purchase a calendar by

mailing a check or money order to the APWU Order Department, 1300 L St. N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

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