# It Takes All of Us to Save America's Postal Service & Protect Retiree Benefits

























## **APWU RETIREES: STILL FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE**

## Your APWU Retiree membership is more than a ticket to a better retirement. It's a way to take an active role in shaping our future.

APWU retirees continue to participate in every aspect of our Union – protesting plant closings, service standard cuts or the USPS bad deal with Staples and fighting for a living wage for other workers or postal reform measures from Capitol Hill.

By joining the APWU Retiree Department, you can help the effort to protect America's Postal Service.

You will continue to receive the protection, support and other privileges you enjoyed as an active worker. Retiree dues are just \$3 a month or \$36 a year.

- Continuing your membership in the APWU is the best way to protect your rights. It allows you to remain active and to contribute to COPA, the union's Committee on Political Action.
- We need all members, including retirees, to send a message to Congress:
  - > Save America's Postal Service
  - > Stop Cuts to Social Security and Medicare
  - > Protect Postal Jobs and Benefits Including Benefits for Retirees
  - > Improve the Standard of Living for Families in Need of Assistance
- To retain your coverage with the APWU Health Plan, to remain eligible for discounts offered by Union Plus and for coverage by the Accident Benefits Association, or the Voluntary Benefits Plan, you must continue your APWU membership.
- Members of the APWU Retirees Department automatically receive \$5,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance coverage through the Voluntary Benefits Plan-at no cost.
- Retiree members stay connected to the union by receiving the APWU bimonthly magazine, *The American Postal Worker*, and periodically receiving pertinent information.
- Retiree members receive educational information on subjects related to aging and improving their quality of life, as well as discounts through Union Plus.

Join the APWU Retirees Department!

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### COUNT ME IN!

#### Enroll Me as an APWU Retiree for Only \$3 a Month!

Last Name	First Name		MI	
SSN #	DATE OF RETIRE	EMENT	DATE OF BIRTH	
$\overline{\text{CSA Number}}$ (which can be found on your paperwo	RK FROM OPM)	E-MAIL ADDRESS		
Street Address		CITY/STATE/ZIP		
Home Phone #		MOBILE PHONE #		
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Authorizing Signature		Date		

By signing above, I hereby authorize the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to release to the American Postal Workers Union (APWU) my CSA number and any future address changes for the purpose of keeping my membership current.

#### Preferred Contact Number: Home Mobile

By selecting my preferred contact number, I am authorizing APWU to call me or send me recorded messages using automated technology to the telephone number entered above.

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If you choose to receive mobile alerts, you are authorizing mobile communications. Note: APWU will never charge for these updates, but your carrier's Msg & data rates may apply. Text STOP to 91990 to stop receiving messages. Text HELP to 91990 for more information.

#### Select Only One, Then continue on other side of the form

Complete details for the following options are listed in APWU National Constitution and Bylaws.

#### **OPTION 1**

**Retiree Membership of only \$36 per year**, ANNUITY DEDUCTION of retiree \$3 dues monthly. *Do not enclose a check with this form.* Privileges: The right to vote and run for office as a Retiree National Convention Delegate or National Director of the APWU Retirees Department, and the right to vote for President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Legislative and Political Director, Human Relations Director, and APWU Health Plan Director.

#### **OPTION 2**

**Retiree Membership of \$36 per year plus APWU full dues (National Per Capita Tax and local dues),** ANNUITY DEDUCTION of retiree dues of \$3 monthly. You will be billed for the National Per Capita Tax and the required local dues amount. **Do not enclose a check with this form.** We will provide you with instructions on how to pay the National Per Capita Tax and local dues. This amount will vary from approximately \$200 to \$600 annually.\* (*Note: A retired member can only hold national, state, or local union office by paying full national and local dues.* For reinstatement to full dues status, see Article 3, Section 4 of the APWU *Constitution and Bylaws at www.apwu.org, in the Secretary-Treasurer's section.*) Privileges: Same as OPTION 1 plus eligible for full local and national membership rights.



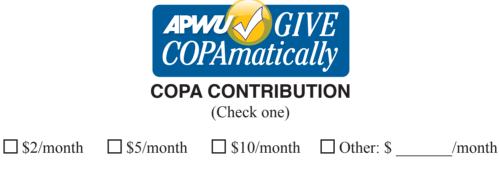
### **CONTRIBUTE TO APWU COPA**

#### **The Committee on Political Action**

The benefits you have earned - including your annuity and health insurance - are not safe. Congress can reduce or eliminate these essential benefits, and has shown an interest in doing so.

The APWU is committed to continuing the fight to protect your rights and benefits, even after you retire. This is a top priority of our organization, along with protecting postal jobs and preserving the USPS as a public service. To continue the fight, we need your help!

YES! I want to contribute to APWU COPA, the union's Committee on Political Action, directly from my OPM-retirement check. After all, as a retiree, Congress' votes can determine my future!



Checking one of the above boxes authorizes OPM to deduct my COPA contribution from my retirement check each month

Authorizing Signature

Date

#### **Congratulations on your Retirement!**

Welcome to the APWU Retirees Department!

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Mark Dimondstein APWU President

(COPA contributions are not tax deductible.)

Please return your completed application to:

Nancy E. Olumekor, Director APWU Retirees Department 1300 L Street NW Washington DC 20005

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