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Local 32035

Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild

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WBNG Council Nominations Open

Elections to Decide Top Four Officers, At-Large Delegates

Nominations for at-large officers and at-large members of the 2009 WBNG Executive Council will be received at the local's General Membership meeting on Wednesday, **Nov. 19**. The meeting will be held in the Guild's Washington office, starting at 6:45 p.m.

Per the WBNG bylaws, a secret-ballot election is required every two years for the at-large offices of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, and for the five at-large delegate seats. The winners will take office at the first membership meeting of 2009; the date will be set at the Nov. 19 meeting.

Those elected will hold office until the first membership meeting of 2011.

Nominations for the officer and delegate seats also may be received by petition of a minimum of 25 members in good standing. The petition must be filed with the local's secretary no later than 15 days after the floor nominations have been officially reported in the *Guild Forum*.

A *Forum* will be distributed via first-class mail on **Dec. 4**. Members will have until **Dec. 20** to file petitions.

If at the close of the "petition period"

there is no contest for an office, the WBNG Elections and Referendum Committee shall declare the nominee (or nominees) for that office elected.

Nominees who have indicated in writing their willingness to serve but who are not present at the **Nov. 19** meeting will be informed (in writing) by the secretary within three working days (by close of business on **Nov. 24**).

Units Elections Notice

Under the WBNG bylaws, each unit in the local shall receive nominations every two years at a unit meeting held not earlier than two weeks prior to the first WBNG General Membership meeting of the year (late January 2009). Each unit is to nominate a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, delegates to the Council as required, and such other offices as the unit shall create.

Guild members are required to accept a nomination in writing within seven working days (by **Nov. 30**) or be disqualified.

The four officers and five at-large delegates are part of a 25-member WBNG

board. Because they have more than 50 dues-paying members, the local Guild bylaws provide that units at the Washington Post, the Baltimore Sun, BNA, Radio Free Asia, and at the headquarters offices of the AFL-CIO, the American Nurses Association, and the United Food and Commercial Workers union, each have their unit chairperson (or designated alternate) on the council.

WBNG's "larger units" – the Post, Sun, and BNA – are entitled to one additional representative to the council for each 200 members. In January, leaders of all WBNG units will be notified of their membership numbers for the purposes of nominating representatives to the Executive Council.

Solely for purposes of representation on the Council, units with fewer than 50 members in good standing are considered to be part of an "At-Large Units" unit, which is entitled to one representative for each 50 members. The 2007-08 At-Large Unit chair will be notified in early January of applicable membership numbers for the purposes of nominating representatives to the Executive Council.

The At-Large unit meets shortly after each biennial election to receive nominations for these seats.

Collective Bargaining Update – 25 WBNG Units

United American Nurses	March 24, 2005 to Dec. 31, 2008
Jobs With Justice	Aug. 7, 2006 to Dec. 31, 2008
Agence France-Presse	Jan. 1, 2007 to Dec. 31, 2008
E-L & Associates	Jan. 1, 2007 to Dec. 31, 2008
American Nurses Association	Feb. 15, 2006 to Feb. 14, 2009
AFL-CIO	Oct. 1, 2006 to March 31, 2009
National Labor College	April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009
Washington Post	Nov. 8, 2005 to May 7, 2009
Solidarity Center	Sept. 26, 2006 to Sept. 25, 2009
Int'l Labor Communications Association	Nov. 1, 2006 to Oct. 31, 2009
Research Associates of America	Jan. 1, 2006 to Dec. 31, 2009
Catholic News Service	Jan. 1, 2008 to Dec. 31, 2009
Radio Free Asia	Jan. 31, 2008 to Jan. 30, 2010
BNA (Bureau of National Affairs)	March 1, 2006 to Feb. 28, 2010
Dept. for Prof. Employees, AFL-CIO	July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010
MCCSSE (SEIU Local 500)	July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010
BNA Correspondents	July 15, 2006 to July 14, 2010
United Food and Commercial Workers	Oct. 7, 2007 to Oct. 6, 2010
American Postal Workers Union	May 21, 2007 to Nov. 20, 2010
Change to Win	Jan. 1, 2008 to Dec. 31, 2010
Kaiser Coalition	April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2011
United Way of America	May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2011
Baltimore Sun	June 25, 2007 to June 24, 2011
Casa of Maryland	July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011
American Rights at Work	July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild Membership Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 6:45 p.m.

Washington Guild Office: 1100 15th St. NW

Agenda includes nominations for 2009-10 Executive Council, and reports on bargaining, organizing, grievances, and WBNG finances.

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