To: CWA Local 1031 Membership
From: CWA Local 1031, 2020 Election Committee
    Denise Williams, RU, Chair of Election Committee
    Christina Molinari, MSU
    Roman Sohor, TCNJ
Date: August 28, 2020
Re: 2020 Elections and Rules

Enclosed you will find the rules to run for CWA Local 1031 Statewide leadership positions and Branch leadership positions. As the Election Committee, we have reviewed the rules and modified them for this year’s election. We are available to answer questions and can be reached via telephone and email.

Denise Williams, RU Branch President
W: 856-256-4818 or williamsd@rowan.edu

Christina Molinari, MSU Branch President
W: 973-655-4195 or molinaric@mail.montclair.edu

Roman Sohor, TCNJ Branch President
W: 609-771-2835, sohor@tcnj.edu

CWA Local 1031 732-274-2171 or info@cwa1031.org

The election rules are being emailed to the entire CWA Local 1031 membership. Only full members can run for election and only full members can vote in an election. If you are not sure of your membership status, you can check your pay stub. If you pay stub shows no dues taken for CWA membership than you are non-member. This is a great opportunity for you to become a member. You can contact a Shop Steward or Branch President at your site to obtain a membership card to become a full member.

Another benefit of becoming a full member is you are eligible to apply for one of the fourteen (14) Local 1031 scholarships and the three (3) daycare grants that are offered each year. Information about the scholarship and daycare grants have been emailed or mailed to the entire membership. We have also posted the application and rules on the CWA Local 1031 website at: www.cwa1031.org. The deadline to apply for this year’s scholarships and grants is September 16, 2020.
CWA LOCAL 1031 TO HOLD STATE OFFICER ELECTIONS AND BRANCH WORKSITE OFFICERS ELECTIONS

Every three years, CWA local 1031 holds statewide elections for its leadership positions. This year’s Election for the statewide offices of President, Executive Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer will be conducted by Election Buddy. Branch Officers voting will be conducted at each worksite.

The following are rules for potential candidates and the process by which each CWA member in good standing can exercise their right to participate.

Election Buddy will supervise the election for the officers of CWA Local 1031 during the period of November 16, 2020 to November 20, 2020. The tabulation of the electronic ballots will take place immediately following the close of online and telephone voting by Election Buddy.

The voting instruction and candidates’ statements will be emailed to your worksite email. If you don’t have email a paper version will be mailed to your last known address. If you have relocated within the last (4) years and have not notified the Local Office, contact Local 1031 at 732-274-2171 to give an updated address. You must do this by September 11, 2020.

Officers to be elected: President, Executive Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer.

There will be NO EXCEPTIONS MADE TO THESE ELECTION RULES.

A. Petitions must be received in the Post Office no earlier than the publication of these Election Rules and no later than October 2, 2020 and mailed to:
   CWA LOCAL 1031 ELECTION COMMITTEE
   84 CULVER ROAD, MONMOUTH JUNCTION, NJ 08852

   PETITIONS WILL BE OPENED IN THE LOCAL OFFICE BY THE ELECTION COMMITTEE AT
   10:30 AM Friday, October 9, 2020.

B. Candidates’ statements consisting of NO MORE than 150 words may accompany each petition. All words, letters and numbers count toward the final amount.

C. Candidates must have a petition of 150 original signatures of CWA full members in good standing. No more than 50 signatures may come from one worksite. A worksite is determined by the different employers. Examples of different worksites are Stockton University, Clifton Library, and Millburn Board of Education. Rutgers has different campuses, but is still one employer and thus one worksite. Signatures must include printed name and the signature in BLUE OR BLACK INK.
D. If candidates are interested in a slate, each candidate who is a member of a slate must submit their 150 original signature on a separate petition and all slate members must mail their petitions in one envelope.

E. Each candidate must use their own earned leave time for campaign purposes. No release time will be provided to any candidate. All candidates shall be treated equally in regard to literature distribution and attendance at worksite meetings.

F. It is at the expense of the candidates for all other mailings and literature, other than the candidate’s statement.

PROVISION:

1. A candidate must be a CWA full member in good standing for a minimum of ONE YEAR before August 31, 2020.

2. One the bottom of candidate’s statement, each candidate must clearly print their name as they wish it to appear on the ballot.

3. If a candidate is running as part of a Slate, the candidate must indicate the names of the Slate members and Slate Names.

4. After petitions have been certified by the Election Committee, anyone desiring membership mailings should make arrangements through the Election Committee. Any cost incurred will be the responsibility of the candidate.

5. If an election is not contested, it shall be by acclamation. Write-In candidates are prohibited.

6. All election appeals shall be determined in accordance with the CWA Constitution and the Local 1031 By-Laws.

7. Membership voting eligibility must be verifiable at the time of voting.

This year’s Election Committee consists: Denise Williams, Chair, RU; Cristina Molinari, MSU, and Roman Sohor, TCNJ.

All officers will be installed at the January 2021 Executive Board Meeting.

BRANCH WORKSITE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Every three years, CWA Local 1031 holds Branch Elections for the officers of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each Branch must establish its own Election Committee consisting of three members in good standing who are not running for any office. The committee will follow the election guidelines set forth by the By-Laws of the Local, the CWA Constitution and the 2020 Election Committee. Voting will be conducted at each worksite.

In order to run for a Branch Office, a candidate must be a CWA full member in good standing for a minimum of ONE YEAR before August 31, 2020. A petition with twenty-five (25) signatures of CWA full members in good standing in Blue/Black ink, must be submitted to your respective Branch Election Committee either by paper or email by
October 2, 2020. Moreover, for those who are working remotely or for those who are unable to sign in-person, you can request an electronic copy of the petition. Electronic copies will only be accepted using your worksite email. Petitions will be opened by your Branch Election Committee at your Branch worksites on October 9, 2020. When there is no opposition to a candidate they will be considered elected by acclamation. However, if a Secret Ballot election is necessary, the election will be held during the month of October, the specific date to be determined by your Branch Election Committee.

The Branches electing officers this year are: Kean University, Montclair University, New Jersey City University, Ramapo College, Rowan University, Rutgers University (New Brunswick/Piscataway), Stockton University, The College of New Jersey, William Paterson University, and the Library Representative. Branch Presidents will receive a seat on the Executive Board of Local 1031.