

ATTEND THE NEW OFFICERS INSTALLATION

The installation of the recently elected officers is scheduled for the next regular union meeting to be held Tuesday, February 5 at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Quality Inn at 415 New Jersey Ave., NW instead of the regular meeting hall.

However there is an attempt now underway to thwart the new officers installation under the pretext of challenging the results of the entire elections. This attempt to throw a monkeywrench into the entire elections process is being organized, in the main, by those current officers who lost their bid for re-election. They intend to bring up for a vote on the union floor a challenge to the entire election before the new officers are installed. We urge all concerned union members to attend this meeting.

There have been a number of challenges brought by union members against the conduct of the elections and some rulings by the elections committee. We feel that a number of these challenges have some merit, but must be considered individually on a case by case basis. However, a challenge to the whole election must be seen as a last desperate attempt by defeated union officers to hold on to power.

What's the difference if they do succeed? Won't they simply be defeated in their election attempt again? If an election were to be held again soon, probably so. But their vain hope is that after a postponement from Dec. 5 to Jan 9, a Jan. 16 runoff and then a successful attempt to overturn the latest election results will force the International to step in and put the Local union in trusteeship since we are dead up on contract negotiations. It is their hope that the International would place them back into their positions until trusteeship would end approximately 1 to 1½ years from now when they might stand a better chance at winning re-election.

While this scheme sounds pretty far-fetched, this clique intends to pursue it, if they feel they can win it at the February 5 meeting. We urge everyone concerned to turn out, so that this last desperate gamble on their part can be defeated and so that we can applaud the newly elected officers at their installation and unite the union for the upcoming contract negotiations.

UNION MEETING
TUES. FEB. 5
415 NEW JERSEY AVE. NW 8 PM.

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