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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 6 p.m.

AGENDA:

- Nomination/Election of Delegates/Alternates for Council 28 Policy Committees (Oct 2015-Sept 2017 Term).

443 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, April 4, 2017, 6 p.m.

Reminder: We have several vacancies for Agency representatives such as the Dept. of Corrections, Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Dept. of Licensing and Washington State Patrol. If you are interested in serving on the Executive Board as a Representative for your agency or if you are unsure if your agency has a vacancy, please contact 443 President Imelda Ang at general@wfselocal443.org

NOW IS THE TIME TO STAND UP FOR WASHINGTON! The Senate has released its budget which rejects YOUR negotiated 2017-2019 contract. We are planning a day of action on April 19, 2017, check your union bulletin board, watch WFSE's website www.wfse.org or contact the Olympia Field Office at 1-800-624-0256 for instructions on where and when to Stand Up for Washington and for our Contracts! Please contact your elected Senator and Representatives at 1-800-562-6000 and ask them to support Public Servants and to vote YES on our contracts.

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK – PSRW – MAY 10: Come and let us celebrate YOU on May 10, 2017 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm on the East Plaza Lawn, across from the Capitol Building. There will be free hot dogs; free espresso drinks and Local 443 will have special giveaways for state employees and Local 443 members. 443 members, make sure you stop by the Member Recognition tent and receive a special appreciation gift! Volunteers are needed to help from 8 am to 3 pm the day of the event. Contact Ingrid Hansen at organizing.chair@wfselocal443.org to volunteer.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: The Scholarship Committee approved 443 members, Jennifer Keyzers (SPSCC), Wendy Lagerquist (DFW) and Danielle Rau (L&I) for the Elsie Schrader Grant-in-Aid scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 each. Congratulations to you all!

DISTRICT 22 LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST: Tamrat Anebo (L&I) had the opportunity to attend the District 22 Legislative Breakfast on March 13, 2017. Tamrat said that the meeting was meaningful and so worth the time to attend. He shared that all representatives for legislative District 22 were in attendance and shared some information about key legislation, including one that would have an impact on Unions. He also said that the legislators expressed their commitment to fight and protect the proposed cost of living increases and other benefit gains in the proposed contract. According to Tamrat, many employees from different agencies spoke about their concerns such as low pay contributing to retention and turnover problems, lack of work hour flexibility and how this negatively affects their work and home quality of life.

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE COMMUNITY PARTNERS! Are you currently receiving financial contributions from Local 443 to support the work you do on behalf of the community? Do you plan to seek a financial contribution from Local 443 to help support your commitment to the local community? If you answered yes to either question you will need to complete an Application for Funding and submit the completed form to the Local 443 Treasurer between April 1 and June 1. Please visit our website at www.wfselocal443.org/forms.php for the Funding Request Policy and Form.

ARE YOU AN AFSCME FREE COLLEGE RECIPIENT? Local 443 is seeking reviews from recipients of the AFSCME Free College program. Please contact the Scholarship Chair at scholarship@wfselocal443.org with your testimonial. The reviews may be published on the Local 443 website and in the Newsletter.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE! Are you a 443 member going to college? Do you have a child graduating from high school this year who is planning on attending college in the fall? You and/or your child might be eligible for a scholarship from Local 443. Please visit our website at www.wfselocal443.org/scholarships.php Deadline for high school seniors is April 15, 2017.

MEETINGS

APRIL 2017

4/4 E-Board

4/5 Organizing

4/6 Grievance

4/11 Steward

4/13 Political Action

4/18 General
Membership

4/20 Grievance @ 6:15
pm

4/25 Scholarship,
Finance, and Trustee

4/26 Communications

MAY 2017

5/2 E-Board

5/3 Organizing

5/4 Grievance

5/9 Steward

5/11 Political Action

5/16 General
Membership

5/18 Grievance

5/23 Scholarship,
Trustee and Finance

*All meetings are held
at 6 pm at the Local
Office unless otherwise
posted.*



General Membership Meeting - Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 6 p.m.

General Membership Meeting - Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 6 p.m.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Light refreshments and childcare are provided.

If you would like to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact Local 443.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: The legislature needs to fund our collective bargaining agreement and pay raises scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2017. WE have the power to make this happen but only if we show up and call our state representatives and senators to let them know we won't be left behind again! Text the word RAPID to 237283 to get updates on the status of this and other important legislation that affects our wages, benefits and working conditions. We need everyone to get involved to make sure our contract is funded!
