

**September
2016**



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Officers and Executive
Board Members**

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Agency Rep

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Agency Rep

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 6 pm.

443 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 6 p.m.

- **Special Notice!** We will be electing a new 443 1st Vice President at the October 4, 2016 E-Board meeting.

SAYING GOOD-BYE: Sadly, Local 443 President Jeff Paulsen resigned his position as President effective August 31, 2016. Jeff has worked tirelessly as Local 443's President since being elected in 2013. Jeff's parting words at the August General Membership meeting were "Put personal agenda and feelings aside and put member and meeting interests first". We think Jeff did an excellent job of doing just that. Thank you for your service Jeff!

CONGRATULATIONS TO IMELDA ANG: Imelda was elected to serve as Local 443 President during the September 433 Executive Board meeting. She will serve as President until a new President can be elected by 443 membership at the January 2017 General Membership meeting.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING CONTRACT RATIFICATION: You should receive information soon regarding the ratification process for the 2017-2019 Collective Bargaining Agreement via the U.S. Mail and/or informational meetings at your worksite.

ELSIE SCHRADER GRANT-IN-AID SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: The Scholarship Committee awarded two scholarships recently. The recipients were Kerbie Barrantes and Sandra Mugarategui. Congratulations Kerbie and Sandra! If you or your family members are interested in applying for a scholarship, please go to Local 443's website at: <http://www.wflocal443.org/scholarships.php> for details and applications.

FREE COLLEGE FOR AFSCME MEMBERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS Did you know that AFSCME members and their family members can obtain two year associate degrees via three online course programs offered through Eastern Gateway Community College? Yes they can! Visit www.freecollege.afscme.org for more information.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE? According to the Secretary of State's Office you have until October 10, 2016 to register to vote online or mail to participate in the upcoming November elections. If you wish to register in person you have until October 31, 2016. Go to www.sos.wa.gov for more information or to register.

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 1, 2016: The next Council 28 Policy Committee Meeting will be held in SeaTac at the DoubleTree Hotel, please check your official mailed notice for the start time. The Council 28 Policy Committees consist of ten committees made up of delegate-members who work in a particular area of state government or public service. Their mission is to define and work through issues unique to their area before forwarding requests for action (resolutions) to the council-level executive board. Local 443 holds elections each month at the General Membership Meeting to fill vacant positions on committees such as Human Services Department of Social and Health Services members, except those employed in Institutions, Division Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and JRA Community Services Section), Employment Security (Employment Security Department members), Labor and Industries (Department of Labor and Industries members) and Transportation (Department of Transportation members), to name a few. Any members interested in serving on a Policy Committee should attend the General Membership meeting which takes place on the third Tuesday at 6:00 pm each month at the Local 443 office.

MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 2016

9/6 E-Board

9/8 Organizing

9/13 Steward

9/14 Political Action
@ Casa Mia

9/20 General
Membership

9/21 ESD Shop
Steward

9/23 Scholarship,
Finance, and Trustee

9/28 Communications

OCTOBER 2016

10/4 E-Board

10/6 Grievance

10/11 Steward

10/12 Political
Action@ Casa Mia

10/13 Organizing

10/18 General
Membership

10/19 ESD Shop
Steward

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



General Membership Meeting - Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 6 p.m.
General Membership Meeting - Tuesday October 18, 2016, 6 p.m.

Light refreshments and child care are provided at General Membership Meetings
Sign language interpreter available upon request

Actions you should take:

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Join our text group, text L443 to 237263 for important calls to action and updates.
