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AFGE Local 1309 News

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AFGE Local 1309

AFGE Local 1309 meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the Month from 11:30 am. - 12:30 pm, in Room 2D-201 and notices are sent to remind members of the meetings. It is important to attend the meetings so that ERG and Library personnel are kept abreast of Union activities and working conditions at the USGS.

New Officers

The AFGE 1309 local has elected new officers for 2005-2006. The office of Vice President is currently vacant. If you have been a member in good standing for one year, you are eligible to hold an elected office. The current officers are listed below.

President: Sharon Wine--swine@usgs.gov/X5190
Vice President: Pending
Secretary: Donna Clarke--dclarke@usgs.gov/X5171
Treasurer: Libby Chandler lchandle@usgs.gov/
X5178
Chief Steward: Jeff Sarver jsarver@usgs.gov/X6296
Delegate: Doug Channell dchannell@usgs.gov/
X4547

Current Shop Stewards:

Jackie Peyton -- jpeyton@usgs.gov/X5058
Angela Hall -- aehall@usgs.gov/X5625
Nan Sanders -- nsanders@usgs.gov/
703-648-4806 (TTY) relay 711
Pam Callais -- pcallais@usgs.gov/X6975

Committees

Union members can participate in a number of Committees. See the current list.

General

1. Bylaws/Constitution (currently meeting)
Chaired by: Doug Channell
Nan Sanders
Sharon Wine
2. Budget/Finance
3. Communications/Publications Relations/
 - Bulletin Boards
 - Flyers, Notices
 - Historian > National/Local
 - Newsletters
 - Photographer
4. Hearing Impaired Advisory
5. Health and Safety
6. Grievances
7. Membership
8. Negotiations
9. Legislative
10. Social
11. Training

Ad Hoc--Committees that convene as needed on work related issues such as flexiplace and space.

The Union is only strong when members take an active role. **Get Involved!**

If you are interested in being a member on one of the committees, please contact your Shop Steward for further details.

News Update

- Federal Labor Relations Authority Petition was filed for ESIC and Library employees that were transferred to GIO.
- Competitive Sourcing (FAQ) -- see email dated 3/24/05 from L. Chandler.
- Director has approved Business Strategy for the National Geospatial Technical Operations Center (NGTOC). See email from D. Cavanaugh on April 12, 2005, and the NGTOC Business Strategy Document located at:

http://internal.usgs.gov/geotransition/national_geospatial_ctr.html

- Director has been briefed on NGTOC competitive sourcing. See link above for further information.
- Safety inspections were completed for the year and violations were reported.
- Local 22 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees has been representing stage technicians in the Washington Metropolitan area. Check out their Web site located at:
<http://www.iatselocal22.com/>.



Union Questions, and Concerns

Do you have questions or concerns regarding activities within Eastern Region Geography or the Library? If so, please submit your concerns to the Union? Answers to your questions and concerns can be addressed in a **Lunch and Learn** Session.

What has Local 1309 Done for you?

A member or non-member may ask, what has the Local 1309 done for me lately? This question is addressed in a flyer that has been prepared concerning information on what the Local 1309 has done for their employees. Be sure to obtain a copy of the flyer.



Calendar of Events

April 20, 2005 -- LMRC Meeting (Library)

April 28, 2005 -- LMRC Meeting (ERG)

May 3, 2005 -- Union Meeting

May 18, 2005-- LMRC Meeting (Library)

May 26, 2005 -- LRMC Meeting (ERG)

June 7, 2005 -- Union Meeting

June 15, 2005 -- LMRC Meeting (Library)

June 23, 2005 -- LMRC Meeting (ERG)

July 2005 -- Look for details concerning the upcoming *Local 1309 picnic.*



For Your Information

How much information do you know about your Union Local 1309? Do you know what services are afforded to you as a Union Member? Do you know who to contact if you have a problem?

The table below provides helpful information for Union members.

Phone	703-648-5998
Room	2P101U
Email	afge1309@usgs.gov
Local 1309 Website	http://www.afge1309.org
AFGE Web Site	http://www.afge.org
Contact	Officers or Stewards

Ideas and Suggestions

If you have information or ideas that you would like to share with others concerning the Union, feel free to provide this information to Angela Hall by email (aehall@usgs.gov). This information may be included in the next Newsletter (tentative August)!

