

The Buzz

AFSCME Local 1067

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- **Vice-President Denise Brown (MCLA)**
- **Treasurer Marzi Carlopoli (Berkshire CC)**
- **Secretary Thomasine Corbett (Northern Essex CC)**
- **Trustee James Klim (Massasoit CC)**
- **Parliamentarian David Charbonneau (Greenfield CC)**

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GROUP RECLASSIFICATION BILL FOR CAMPUS POLICE

On October 18, 2007, Retirement Bill (House Bill 2551) was heard before the Joint Committee on Public Service. This important bill would move all campus police officers at public higher education institutions from retirement group 1 to retirement group 4. Sergeant Dean Bruno, an AFSCME member from Salem State College, testified on behalf of Local 1067.

Sergeant Bruno has been very involved with this issue. Back in May of 2006 a Blue Ribbon Panel was assigned to the task of reviewing the current State's Retirement Group Classification System and come to a decision on how it could be improved. The panel listened to testimony from several state employees representing differ-

ent job titles. Sergeant Bruno represented all of the state's campus police officers. After hearing all of the testimony the panel made their recommendations.

As of today, all bills regarding group classification must meet nine criteria to be considered for a favorable recommendation by the Joint Committee on Public Service. Sergeant Bruno and Council 93's Jim Durkin did a great job testifying to how our officers meet the nine criteria.

Presently, the bill is still in committee and we will be sending out more information after the holidays.



UNION DUES INCREASE

As of January 1, our union dues will increase. Our dues pay for many things including the salaries and benefits for the staff at Council 93 who work on such things as grievance cases, unfair labor cases, legislative bills, and legislative testi-

mony. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this at Bbfield1@AOL.com.

Effective January 1, 2008, the monthly union dues for a Full-Timer will be \$33.80 (\$11.50 goes to the International, \$18.60 goes to Council 93, and \$3.70 goes to the Local) and it will be \$25.80 for a Part-timer (\$8.65 to International, \$13.95 to the Council, and \$3.20 to the Local).

WHO'S WHO AT LOCAL 1067: THE TABLE OFFICERS

Lisa Field is the current President of the Local. Lisa works at Fitchburg State College in the Library.

Denise Brown is the current Vice President of the Local. She works in the Facilities Department at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Denise was also recently elected to a seat on the Executive Board of Council 93.

Thomasine Corbett is the current Secretary of the Local. She works in Information Technology at Northern Essex Community College.

Marzi Carpololi is the current Treasurer of the Local. He works in the Facilities Department at Berkshire Community College.

Jim Klim is a Trustee and he works in Facilities at Massasoit Community College.

Dave Charbonneau, the Local's Parliamentarian, works in Information Technology at Greenfield Community College.

A common question is whether or not the table officers are paid by the union for their union activities. Neither the table officers nor the chief stewards at your campuses are paid a stipend or salary for their union activities. Expenses (such as mileage to attend meetings) are reimbursed. At the monthly Executive Board meetings, the Treasurer distributes reports detailing the Local's expenses. These reports are available to any Local member upon request.

{ *"Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber."* }
(Plato)

MANY THANKS

Many thanks to the previous table officers for their efforts on our behalf. They continue to be advocates for AFSCME members.

Christopher Olsen (Facilities at Westfield State College) was recently re-elected as a Vice-President to the Executive Board of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO.

Christopher Wilkins (Facilities at Bunker Hill CC) is currently the Chief Steward for Unit II at BHCC. He also is the Union Chair for the Evaluation Committee.

Tina-Marie Lenasio (formerly from MCLA) is now member of the organizing staff for Council 93.

Kevin Hanley (Print Shop at Bunker Hill Community College) is currently the Unit I Chief Steward at BHCC. Kevin also is an alternate on the contract negotiating team.

Our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Chris, Chris, Tina, and Kevin for all they do!



WHO'S WHO AT COUNCIL 93: THE STAFF REPS

Council 93 has also seen staff some changes. Nadine Kennedy, a staff representative for many of the state and community colleges, has changed her position. She still works for Council 93 but now works out of the Springfield office servicing AFSCME locals in cities and towns. Nadine is a tireless advocate and we certainly miss her spunkiness and dedi-

cation!

Nadine's replacement is Neil McGonagle. Neil has the experience of being a president of one of the Boston AFSCME locals. He is servicing Framingham State, Fitchburg State, Worcester State, Westfield State, MCLA, STCC, Berkshire CC, Holyoke CC, Quinsig CC, Greenfield CC,

and Mount Wachusett CC. Welcome Neil!

Roger Barbrick continues to provide service to the schools in his territory and Gordon Blaquiere continues to service Cape Cod Community College and Mass Maritime Academy. Gordon is also the coordinator for higher education for Council 93. Thanks!

PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION AWARDS

On Friday, October 5, 2007 the following AFSCME members from Local 1067 were recognized for receiving the 2007 Commonwealth Citation for Outstanding Performance:

Bridgewater State College
Energy Group
Joe Mantia Facilities
Elliot Gove Facilities
Sonia Rego FPM
Community Service Center
Barbara George

Bunker Hill Community College
Campus Police

Fitchburg State College
Lisa Field
Kathleen Gillberg
Karen Valeri

The Commonwealth Citation for Outstanding Performance is given to Executive Branch and Higher Education employees of the Commonwealth who have demonstrated exemplary work performance.

Congrats to our brothers and sisters and to all of our colleagues within Higher Education and within the Executive Branch who were recognized.



THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who responded to the survey and also thanks to those who volunteered to serve on the contract negotiating committee. We had almost 60 members volunteer!

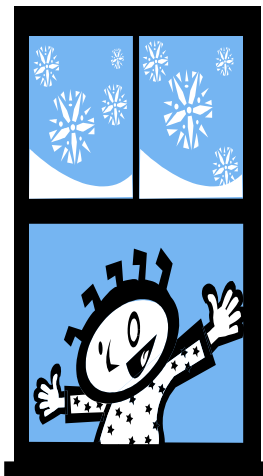
To involve as many people as possible, the committee is comprised of eighteen people: 9 permanent members and 9 alternates. All 18 will participate in the initial

union caucuses to go through the proposals and survey results.

The permanent members of the committee are President Lisa Field (union co-lead negotiator); Tommie Corbett (Systems Analyst: Northern Essex); Maryann Stacey (Library Assistant Series: Cape Cod CC); Carolyn Anderson (Admin Assistant/Clerical Series: Bridge-

water State); Richard Gould (Technical Assistant Series: Fitchburg State); Denise Brown (Maintainer Series: MCLA); Marzi Carlopoli (Maintenance Working Foreman: Berkshire CC); David Townsend (Plumber: Mass Maritime Academy); and Vasco Cordeiro (Campus Police Officer Series: Bristol Community College).

Best wishes for a joyful and healthy holiday season to you and your family.



CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

The alternates are Carol Concannon (Administrative Assistant/Clerical Series: Mass Maritime Academy); Joe Neel (Mailroom: Mass Bay CC); Melanie Johnson (Library Assistant Series: Bristol CC); Kevin Hanley (Print Shop: Bunker Hill CC); Julie Curtis (Administrative Assistant/Clerical Series: Salem State);

Elizabeth Greco (Campus Police Officer Series: Holyoke CC); Chuck McGilvary (Electrician: MassArt); Jeffrey DeJong (Building Maintenance Supervisor: Quinsig CC); and John McElaney (Shipping/Receiving: Salem State College).

Gordon Blaquiere, Council

93's Higher Education Coordinator, will once again serve as the union co-lead negotiator.

The union's team meets on January 10 and January 17, 2008 at Worcester State College.



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AFSCME, the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, is the largest union for workers in the public service with 1.4 million members nationwide. AFSCME organizes for social and economic justice in the workplace and through political action and legislative advocacy. AFSCME represents a diverse group of service and health care workers in the public and private sectors including nurses, EMTs, bus drivers, child care providers, custodians, and librarians. Local 1067 represents over 3,000 clerical, technical, maintenance, trades, storekeepers, and public safety employees at the 9 state colleges and the 15 community colleges in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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WWW.AFSCME1067.ORG**

**WHAT IS PHENOM?
FROM WWW.PHENOMONLINE.ORG**

The 500,000 people who make up the Massachusetts public higher education community are the sleeping giant of Massachusetts politics. By mobilizing a large and engaged grassroots network, PHENOM is waking up this sleeping giant so we can create the public higher education we and our children deserve.

For the first time, all the constituencies in Massachusetts public higher education can speak with one powerful voice. PHENOM unites students, faculty, staff, alumni, and others from community and state colleges, the UMASS campuses, and the broader community. PHENOM was founded in February 2007 around 5 key

principles:

1. Fund public higher education so it can serve the Commonwealth.
2. Make higher education affordable.
3. Make higher education accessible to all.
4. Hire more teachers, researchers, and staff.
5. Honor and expand democratic institutions of governance for public higher education.

