

**Greetings 3937! Our President and VP are at the AFSCME International Convention in Boston, sending us highlights. We also have an updated seniority roster notice, and event reminders.**

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### **AFT President Speaks at AFSCME's Convention**

American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten, one of the special guests who addressed our convention, fired up attendees Wednesday.

“The more the other side tries to strip people of their inalienable rights, the more Americans are rising up in new wave of movement building,” Weingarten said. “For workers’ rights, for women’s rights, for civil rights and children’s rights, for decent health care and for college that is affordable and public schools that are adequately funded, for safety on the streets and in our schools.”

[Read more...](#)

*from the convention blog, photo by Luis Gomez*

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A fun educational video from the convention blog.

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### **VP Corner**

Good Afternoon, Local 3937:

This week is the 43rd AFSCME International Convention in Boston where I am honored to be able to represent our members on the convention floor as a first-time delegate. I am also fortunate to be a part of the first graduating class of the AFSCME “Rise Up” Institute.

At the convention, certified elected delegates hear, speak, and vote on submitted resolutions and amendments to the AFSCME International Constitution. These resolutions and amendments have been submitted by locals, councils, and retiree chapters, and reviewed in their appropriate committees who then recommend, or do not recommend, adoption by the convention. After the resolution or amendment is read on the convention floor by a member of the appropriate committee, and their recommendation is given, delegates are allowed to speak for or against the motion to adopt that resolution or amendment. Elections for International officers are also held during these sessions. This takes four, or more, hours each day.

The first annual AFSCME “Rise Up” Institute fills the rest of the day with two 2-hour workshop sessions, one before the convention general session, and one after. The Institute offers certificates in four areas: Organizing, Political & Legislative, Communications, and Representation. In these sessions, delegates are given skills and best practices in their chosen tracks to take back to their locals, councils, and retiree chapters. In the organizing track, which I chose, these workshops have been outstanding and I am excited to share these new skills and knowledge with you here over the coming weeks.

In Solidarity,

Robert Francis  
Vice-President of Organizing  
AFSCME Local 3937

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## Updated Seniority Rosters

Updated seniority rosters have been posted on the [OHR website](#). If there is an error, it will carry forward FOREVER if not corrected.

Everyone MUST check their numbers themselves. If any members have questions about their seniority information they should contact [ERC@umn.edu](mailto:ERC@umn.edu).and cc [afscme3937@gmail.com](mailto:afscme3937@gmail.com)

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## UMN Union Ice Cream Socials!

Minneapolis Campus - Coffman  
Front River Plaza Thursday, August  
02 11:30 am to 1:30 pm  
St. Paul Campus - St. Paul Student  
Center Garden Terrace Thursday,  
August 09 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Join the fun with AFSCME  
members, their families and friends!  
We provide burgers, hot dogs, fried  
chicken, walking tacos and soft  
drinks, plus free Water Park tickets  
for the first 100 kids.

Sunday, Aug. 19  
1-5 pm

Battle Creek Regional Park  
[2300 Upper Afton Road](#)  
Maplewood, MN 55119

Got Questions? Contact Mary Austin  
at 612-417-8366 or  
[austi006@umn.edu](mailto:austi006@umn.edu).

Remember every Friday is a new opportunity to show your support for the union with a little bit of fun. Wear something green this Friday! Take a selfie or have a friend take a picture and post it to our [Facebook event](#), the most interesting or creative selfie will win a prize! Show us your green socks, shirts, pants, ties, lanyards, lipstick, earrings, or scarves!

## Save The Date

### Steward meeting

- 2nd Wednesdays: August 8, 2018

### Organizing meeting

- 3rd Wednesdays: August 15, 2018

### Membership meeting

- 4th Wednesdays: July 25, 2018 (E-board meeting at 5:00 pm immediately followed by

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membership meeting)

*All at 5:30pm in Suite 356*

[312 Central Avenue SE,](#)

[Minneapolis, MN 55414](#)



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To become a member you can sign up over the phone by calling our Member Action Center at 651-450-4990 or online at [www.afscmemn.org](http://www.afscmemn.org) using the instructions below. IF you are not certain, call 651-450-4990, and they will take your information. You will only have dues withdrawn once no matter how many times you sign a card.

**MemberLink (right side near the top)**

**Click "Sign up now"**

**Create Login**

**After logging in go to "Forms"**

**Public/PEOPLE Member Card**

**Fill out the fields with contact information**

**Donating to our separate political PAC that advocates for Minnesota Public Workers**

**Click "Next"**

**Confirming that the PDF of their membership card is correct.**

**Signing in the one or two boxes below. (Depending on a PEOPLE donation.)**

**Click "next" Then you're done!**

Our home page has more information and resources such as steward contact information. Find the most current version of our contract here.

Like us on Facebook and/or follow us on Twitter, we post a variety of labor related items daily as well as breaking news that affects us.

*submitted in solidarity by AFSCME Local 3937 leadership, edited by Nicole Masika, secretary*