

## ***Important Message From Your Election Committee***

Your **CWA Local 6143 Election Committee** has been informed of text messages that are being circulated accusing certain candidates of fraud and/or bribery. These messages claim that the Election Committee found that certain candidates committed fraud and/or bribery and that is what lead to the Committee's determination that the elections must be re-run. These statements are not accurate and did not come from the Election Committee. There have been no such actions by any candidate(s). In pursuit of clarity, we did discover an infraction of Department of Labor regulation § 452.78, *Expenditures by Employers*, namely, an employer paid for screen printing on lanyards that were used to promote candidates in the election. Despite the fact that this employer does not, and never has, employed CWA members, the Committee determined it necessary to re-run the elections. The Committee held a meeting with the candidates on the evening of December 6, 2011 to explain why the elections were being re-run. At no point did the members of the Election Committee state that any candidate(s) had committed fraud and/or bribery.

These type of rumors are not only unjust, they also reflect poorly on the Local. During the meeting with the candidates, the Committee discussed at length the conduct of the candidates during the recently completed campaigning period and asked candidates to campaign with civility. The Election Committee is once again asking that everyone be fair to each other. Stop the nonsense. After all, this is our Local and we should all be working to unite the membership in a positive way in order to rebuild the Local into one that all members can be proud of.

**CWA Local 6143 Election Committee**

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