



Western Michigan Area Local #281
American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO
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Attention Members of the Western Michigan Area Local

Soliciting to fill the vacancy of the Executive Vice President

As of September 21, 2024, the position of Executive Vice President became vacant. In accordance with Article 8, Section 2 of the local's Constitution: "In the event of a vacancy in any office, the Executive Board shall appoint a member in good standing to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term."

As we have done in the past, we are soliciting for candidates for this position. If you are interested in becoming the Executive Vice President, please submit a letter to the local President stating, at a minimum:

- a) Your Name
- b) Your Seniority in the Postal Service
- c) How Long You have been in the Union
- d) The reason you wish to be considered for this position
- e) Make sure to sign and date the letter

The letter must be sent via mail to WMAL P.O Box 2706 Grand Rapids, MI 49501 and received by not later than October 18, 2024.

The following constitutional language applies, specifically to this position. If you wish to review the entire constitution and/or by-laws in full, you may download a copy on the local's website – www.wmal.org.

Article 7, Section 1: The officers of this organization shall be:

1. President
2. Executive Vice-President
3. Recording Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Director for each craft as follows:
 - a. Clerk A
 - b. Maintenance
 - c. Motor Vehicle
 - d. Clerk B
6. Sergeant-at-Arms

Section 2: All officers shall be elected by secret ballot except in such cases provided for in Article 8.

Section 3: Officers shall rank as listed in Section 1 of this Article.

Section 4: (a) Any postal employee eligible to be a member of the Western Michigan Area Local who voluntarily holds a managerial, supervisory or EAS position with the responsibility for issuing or recommending discipline, or applying or recommending discipline, or applying or interpreting the National agreement for the equivalent of one pay period in a year shall be ineligible to hold any office, either elected or appointed, in the Western Michigan Area Local or to be a delegate to any convention held by the APWU or any subordinate body of the APWU, so long as the employee continues to serve in such position and for a period of one (1) year from the time the employee who has submitted an application to a managerial, supervisory, or EAS position with the responsibility for issuing or recommending discipline or for applying or interpreting the National Agreement shall withdraw such application prior to acceptance of nomination for any office in the Western Michigan Area Local.

b) Any Postal employee who shall voluntarily, after August 31, 1984, holds, accepts or applies for any managerial or supervisory position, EAS position or PASS Program, for any period of time, whether one day or a fraction thereof, either detailed, acting, probationary or permanently, shall immediately vacate any office held (including stewards) by that member in

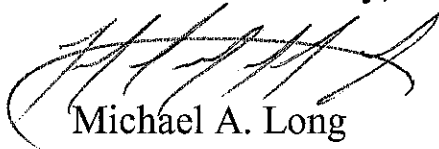
the local or any subordinate body of the APWU which receives financial support or uses the name of the APWU, either appointed or elected.

Article 7.5.B. - The Executive Vice-President of this Local shall receive a salary of \$2,500.00 per year, plus up to eighty (80) hours of LWOP per year, to be used for union business. In the event it becomes necessary to exceed the allowable 80 hours of LWOP, the Executive Vice-President shall submit in writing, his/her request for additional LWOP documenting same to the Executive Board, for approval. The Executive Vice-President of this Local, shall be compensated by the Local for any loss of annual or sick leave due to the use of LWOP.

Article 9, Section 2: The Executive Vice-President shall in the absence of the President be vested with the same powers and authority as the President and, under the direction of the President, shall perform such duties as the office requires. He/she shall be the Director of Education and Research in which he/she will plan and conduct a comprehensive program of Labor Education for Local members and officers, coordinate local training activities with those of State and National offices, educational institutions and other labor organizations, gather and develop information resource on all matters of concern to Local members including all areas of Union affairs, Postal Service policies and programs, and developments outside the Postal Service which may have value to Local goals and activities. He/she shall also be responsive for establishing a program for organizational activities in this Local. He/she shall contribute a minimum of two articles per year to the local newsletter. At the end of his/her term shall turn over all books, papers and equipment that belong to the Local.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 616-822-5627 or speak to one of your Executive board members.

Yours In Solidarity,



Michael A. Long
President