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DATE: February 4, 2019
TO: Council 32 Local Presidents
FROM: Paul Spink, President, Council 32
RE: **OFFICIAL CALL OF THE 2019 COUNCIL 32 CONVENTION (April 5-7)**

The 4th Annual Convention of Wisconsin Council 32, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, will convene at the Osthoff Resort (101 Osthoff Avenue, Elkhart Lake) on Friday, April 5, and will continue until all business has been completed on Sunday, April 7.

Registration will be held on Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Your Local should take action to *elect* delegates as soon as possible in order to meet the **March 15 registration deadline**. Credentials postmarked after March 15 will be considered late and will not be seated on the convention floor until those seated delegates approve the late credentials.

Under Article VI, Section 5, of the Council 32 Constitution, Locals shall be entitled to delegates on the basis of members/fee payers as follows:

- 50 or fewer, two delegates;
- more than 50 but not exceeding 100, three delegates;
- more than 100 but not exceeding 200, four delegates;
- more than 200 but not exceeding 300, five delegates;
- more than 300 but not exceeding 400, six delegates;
- more than 400 but not exceeding 500, seven delegates;
- more than 500 but not exceeding 600, eight delegates;
- more than 600, one additional delegate for each 200 additional members or fraction thereof.

Locals may elect one alternate delegate for each delegate.

The main business coming before the Convention is the election of the officers and executive board. The Convention will also act on such matters as the adoption of constitutional amendments and resolutions.

Nominations of at-large officers will take place Friday afternoon, April 5. Election of these officers will take place on Saturday, April 6.

Nominations of district and sector executive board members will be held in caucuses on Saturday, April 6. Election of district and sector executive board members will take place on Sunday, April 7.

To be eligible to run for the position of one of the officers or executive board members of Council 32, a candidate must be a member in good standing for one year preceding the convention in any one or more local unions affiliated with Wisconsin Council 32.

Under the Council 32 Constitution:

- Four at-large officers (president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary) shall be elected by the convention as a whole. No more than one member employed in the following jurisdictions shall be elected to the positions of president, vice-president or treasurer:
 1. State of Wisconsin, including the UW System and UW Hospital
 2. Non-state, excluding Milwaukee County
 3. Non-state, Milwaukee County

A member from any of the above jurisdictions may be elected to serve as secretary.

- Twelve district executive board members shall be elected from within six districts defined and in the manner set forth in Article VII, Section 1(B)(1) of the Council 32 Constitution.
- Nine sector executive board members shall be elected from within the six sector jurisdictions defined and in the manner set forth in Article VII, Section 1(B)(2) of the Council 32 Constitution.
- A candidate for district or sector executive board member must be employed within the district or sector in which they seek office.
- Only delegates representing members employed in a jurisdiction within a district shall be eligible to nominate or vote for candidates for executive board members from such district.
- Only delegates representing members employed within a sector shall be eligible to nominate or vote for candidates for executive board members from such sector.

The enclosed **Delegate Entitlement and Voting Strength** sets forth the number of delegates that your Local is entitled to send to Convention, as well as the Convention voting strength of your Local. The total number of votes your Local is entitled to remains as indicated on this sheet, whether you elect one delegate or the total number of delegates to which you are entitled.

If your Local wishes to be represented by someone who is not a member of your Local, you must first vote on the following question: Shall this local elect as a convention delegate a person who is not a member of this local union? If the majority of those voting on the question vote in the affirmative, the Local may then proceed to elect a delegate from another local union. Please note that the delegate you elect must already be an elected delegate from their Home Local. Once a delegate is elected, the credential should be properly filled out and mailed to the Council office postmarked by March 15.

Credential forms are enclosed. Please complete one credential for each delegate. Make sure it is signed by two of your Table Officers (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer). Mail the credential(s) with the appropriate registration fee in the enclosed return-addressed envelope to the Council office (postmarked by March 15). **Please note that each delegate must show a Picture ID at registration.**

If your Local would like to send Observers and/or Guests, please complete the **Observer/Guest** form and mail it along with the appropriate registration fee.

A **registration fee of \$60.00 per delegate/observer** should be sent with the credential and observer/guest forms. Make the check out to *AFSCME Wisconsin Council 32*.

Enclosed is a **Committee Assignment Request** form. Please urge your delegates to serve on one of the four convention committees. It's a great learning experience and a way to meet union brothers and sisters from other Locals. Fill out this form and return it to the Council 32 office along with the delegate credential(s). Remember that only delegates are eligible to serve on convention committees.

If your Local wishes to propose any amendments to our Constitution, it may still do so by emailing it to the Council office (mbyrne@afscme32.org) at least 20 days prior to the opening of the convention (March 15). These amendments will then be properly introduced at the convention and will have to be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote.

If your Local desires to submit any resolutions for convention action, such resolutions should be emailed to the Council office (mbyrne@afscme32.org) by March 15.

A tentative convention agenda will be emailed to local presidents and posted on the Council 32 website in the near future.

The \$60.00 registration fee includes the cost of the dinner on Saturday, April 6. Have your delegates, observers, and guests choose their dinner from the dinner selections listed on the pink **Plated Dinner Selection** form. Return the form to the Council 32 office along with the credential and observer/guest forms.

NOTE: If the envelope is postmarked after March 15 or you register at convention, then the only dinner selection available is the chicken dinner.

The Scholarship Committee will be hosting a **Euchre Tournament** after the dinner Saturday night (see enclosed flyer).

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Osthoff Resort. See the enclosed **Hotel Room Options and Prices** sheet for room rates (driving directions are on the back). Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-876-3399. **The hotel deadline is March 11.** You must identify yourself as being a member of the “AFSCME Group” in order to receive the group rate and to have your reservation credited to our room block.

If you have any questions regarding the convention, please contact Michelle Byrne at (608) 826-1932 ext. 213 or mbyrne@afscme32.org.

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- Enclosures:
1. Delegate Entitlement and Voting Strength (green)
 2. Convention Check List (blue)
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 6. Plated Dinner Selection (pink)
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 8. Americans with Disabilities Act (orange)
 9. Euchre Flyer
 10. Return-Addressed Envelope

cc: (letter only)

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