



Science in Action

Wisconsin Science Professionals Local 3732

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Dates to remember: WSP Board Meetings September 6th and November 8th 2008

Contract Is Final

Last week both the Assembly and the Senate passed the contracts of 14 out of 19 bargaining units including the Science Professionals. The Governor signed them on Monday June 2, 2008.

Our best information at this point is that back pay and the initial 2% increase should appear on your July 3rd pay check.

Note that there are NO reductions or "partial vetoes" in the contract, everything in the packet is still correct.

As a point of information the following legislators voted against our contract:

Senators: Glenn Grothman, and Mary Lazich

Assembly: Bill Kramer, Frank Lasee, Robin Vos, and Leah Vukmir

Non-Reps Getting More?

There have been rumors floating that the non-reps are still getting the 2% raise in July 2008 while we settled for 1%. This is false. When the legislature voted on our contracts that they also voted on an updated plan for the non-represented employees to change their wage adjustments to the 2%, 1%, and 2% that the unions negotiated. So they will NOT be getting more than we will.

It should also be noted that while employees represented by unions will be receiving back pay all the way back to July 2007, the non-reps did not see their 2% start until December 9th, 2007 – after the budget was passed.

Receiving E-Newsletters

It has come to our attention that some members have not been receiving the e-newsletter. If you know someone that is a member and is not getting the newsletter, please have them send an email to membership@wspunion.org.

Do You Like Politics?

If you do there is an opportunity to get involved in the AFT-Wisconsin COPE committee (Committee on Political Education). This committee always has a need for interested volunteers and specifically those concerned with issues important to state employees. Meetings are held throughout the state to interview candidates for office and decide what issues to support politically. Regardless of where you fall on the spectrum all you really need is an interest. If you feel your voice isn't heard now's your chance. If you are interested please send an email to president@wspunion.org.

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