

Contract Town Hall Call - March 19; Sticker, Flyer, Poster Day - March 26

APWU members are invited to join President Mark Dimondstein for a Town Hall Call on March 19, to discuss our fight to win a good contract and protect our public Postal Service.

The call is expected to last approximately 25 minutes. To participate, APWU members must register online by 6 p.m. on March 18, at www.apwunccc.org. There are two options: March 19 at 10 a.m. EDT and March 19 at 8 p.m. EDT.

At your selected time, you will receive a call from the APWU. All you have to do is answer your phone!

March 26

“Led by our local and state presidents and our Contract Action Teams, March 26 will be a day to spread the word,” said APWU President Mark Dimondstein. “We’ll send a message to management by wearing stickers, and we’ll take our message to the people by passing out flyers



at post offices and asking business owners to put posters in their windows

supporting ‘Our Public Postal Service.’”

March 19 - Town Hall Call

March 26 - Wear your sticker!

**Pass out flyers to the public at post offices;
Distribute posters to businesses to display.**

Material is being mailed to local and state presidents to distribute. For contract news, visit www.apwunccc.org.

USPS Tries to Undermine Bargaining

Don't Let Them Take Your Pulse

On Feb. 19, postal management announced a new employee opinion survey, the Postal Pulse.

What's wrong with that?

The Postal Service has a history of using employees' answers against the union in negotiations.

As a result, since the 1990s, the union's National Executive Board and delegates to APWU national conventions have adopted resolutions opposing employee opinion polls and urging union members to boycott them.

“The APWU vehemently opposes Postal Pulse, and any other employee opinion survey – despite management claims to the contrary,” said President Mark Dimondstein. USPS notices distributed at various sites say the APWU supports the program.

The timing of management's notice to employees was especially sinister, Dimondstein said, because it coincided with the opening of bargaining.

Industrial Relations Director Tony D. McKinnon Sr. raised the issue at negotiations, telling management that the survey “would have a chilling effect on negotiations” and urging the USPS to withdraw it.

“Don't let management take your pulse!” Dimondstein declared. “We are more powerful when we raise our voices together, through our union, than when we speak individually in a survey the bosses can manipulate,” he said. “If management asks you to complete a survey, I urge you to decline.”

Vice President Debby Szeredy said, “Remember, management cannot force you to complete the survey.”

The union filed an Unfair Labor Practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) on Feb. 25. Employees who feel they are being pressured to take the survey should contact their local union representative.

In the meantime, let's keep up the fight for *Good Service! Good Jobs! Good Contract!*