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As we previously sent out, the APWU believed that we needed to have a strong and coordinated response to the pandemic. To help facilitate this the decision was made to hire an outside safety consultant to review policies and procedures of the USPS, advise the APWU, and help the APWU keep an ear to the ground on COVID-19 related workplace safety issues. The APWU contracted with Jim Frederick to be this consultant. His credentials and experience in safety has been invaluable to the APWU during the pandemic.

His dedication to safety has also been recognized by President Biden who has appointed him to a leading role at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Mr. Frederick is already working in his new role as Deputy Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Mr. Frederick is a dedicated unionist and former safety specialist for the United Steel Workers union. Having a person leading OSHA who truly believes that all workers deserve a safe and work environment is important. The APWU is saddened to lose Mr. Frederick as our dedicated safety consultant, but is extremely excited to have a friend at OSHA who understands postal safety issues. I have attached an article announcing the appointments.

In another significant development, President Biden fired National Labor Relations Board General Counsel Peter Robb within hours of being sworn in as president. Robb was the person responsible for the massive shift at the NLRB that took a board that was supposed to protect workers and their collective bargaining rights to a Board that favored management, reversed long standing precedents, and attacked unions.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2021/01/20/biden-fires-nlrb-peter-robb/>

Jeff Freund, a partner at the union law firm Bredhoff and Kaiser announced yesterday that he is the new Director of the Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS). Mr. Freund was general counsel to the Bakery, Confectionary, Tobacco Workers union. He will be a real asset heading up OLMS and is certain to bring sanity and consistency to union governance (i.e. union officer elections, financial reporting, etc.).

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