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## **Not Being Paid !?!?!?!?**

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It has come to my attention that some person(s) are circulating the rather bizarre rumor that members of the 2018 Local Election Committee are “not being paid” to serve on the Committee. As far as I know, such a rumor has never been circulated at any prior Local Election, and it is very surprising than any members would believe such a thing.

Any members who attended the November general membership meeting will recall that the subject of how election committees are paid came up briefly during the beginning of the meeting. Several past and present officers spoke on this subject, all confirming that the long-established practice is for the committee members to change their schedules to that of the local office hours (9:00-5:00, Monday through Friday), they are then paid up to eight hours a day of “lost time” from their regular postal position, IF they actually take eight hours a day off of their postal duties. There are two other days (nominations, held on Sunday, and the day of the actual ballot counting) where committee members are paid a reduced rate for working their N/S day or working beyond eight hours. If any Election Committee members wish to work for overtime on their regular assignments outside of the 9:00-5:00 schedule of the Committee, they are of course free to do so.

While the union operates to a large extent, and depends upon, members freely volunteering their own time for the good of the general membership, the Election Committee is fully compensated “lost time” at the straight-time rate for hours actually “lost” from 9:00-5:00 Monday through Friday.

I hope this clears up any misunderstanding about an issue which, to my understanding, has never come up during any prior election.

In Union Solidarity,

  
Keith M. Combs, Sr.  
President

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