



# The Sentinel

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Official quarterly  
newsletter of the  
Communications  
Workers of America  
Local 2100

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## SEPTEMBER 2011 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS DATES

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### Baltimore

Monday September 12th

Door Open 5:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Hall

Frederick Rd., Catonsville, MD

### BelAir

Tuesday September 13th

Doors Open 5:00 PM

Knights of Columbus 4714

23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, MD

### Westminster/Frederick

Wednesday September 14th

Doors Open 6:30 PM

VFW Post #467

519 Poole Rd., Westminster, MD

## UPCOMING ELECTIONS for 2012 terms

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This is your official notification for nominations and elections for the offices of President, Executive Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, and 5 District Vice President positions in Local 2100. The terms of office will be for 3 years beginning January 1, 2012.

Nominations will be accepted at each General Membership meeting during the month of September 2011. Under the supervision of the Local Election Committee, nominations will be accepted from the floor of each meeting. Elections will be conducted by secret ballot via U.S. mail. Ballots will be mailed on September 20, 2011. Ballots must be returned via U.S. mail by 10:00 am October 14, 2011, at which time the Election Committee will count them. The Local Election Committee chairman is Tom Holland. Questions regarding nominations and elections should be directed to the

## STRIKE, STRIKE, STRIKE.....

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of Local 2100 for their support and commitment during the Strike. All of the members demonstrated that we will stand together and fight for what we believe. It has been said in the past “bargaining is not won at the table – it is won in the field”. The company was intent on coming after our contract and all of our benefits during this round of contract negotiations and was not willing to negotiate in ‘good faith’. By staying strong on the picket lines, going after the wireless side of the business, attending rallies, moving mobile picket lines and being side by side in our fight we stayed strong. Now is the time for us to continue this commitment and ‘NOT GO BACK’, not only for the collective bargaining agreement but in our everyday struggles with this company. We are not going back to way it was before the strike. We need to stand together and not allow this company to continue their past practices. Everyone

that was out at the activities did a great job so let’s keep the momentum. Stay in touch, stay involved, stay together.

During the strike 2 locations had a visit from CWA President Larry Cohen and VP 2-13 Ed Mooney. Fountain Green and Fitch Lane were the locations that they visited. Cohen and Mooney were very impressed with both locations and the enthusiasm of the lines. They want to extend a special thank you to the Fountain Green garage. Both were impressed by the ‘Grim Reaper’ and skeleton along with the attitude of everyone there. There should also be special thanks to Chris Jewell for bringing his D.J. equipment to all the functions that he attended and spun the tunes. Also, let’s thank the retirees that came out in support of our Strike along with our other Union brothers and sisters.

CWA Local 2100 Executive Board

## Local Update...

Bargaining will continue on Wednesday August 31st in Rye Town, NY. We will continue keeping the website updated with the reports from the committee. We will also keep the hot line updated (410-344-1280) until we get a contract. There has been discussion in keeping these lines in the future to keep the membership updated on Local issues, events and happenings in the company. The name may change from ‘bargaining updates’ to ‘rumor control’.

The first Strike checks were mailed on 8/22 with the 2nd round of checks scheduled for 8/29. If you have not received a check then call the hall to see why you haven’t gotten yours. Checks were not issued if you were a SCAB, we don’t have your Defense Fund Form,

you were on paid benefits from the company, didn’t walk your picket duty, etc. If you were scheduled to work on Sunday 8/21 your check will be for \$80. All others will receive a \$40 check. These amounts are prorated.

We are also looking for anyone that wants to be more involved in the Local. You don’t have to be a steward to be involved. We have openings on committees, need a contact person at each garage for informational handouts, website and newsletter help, etc. Give us a call if you can help in any way.

Stay updated. We use website, email, text messaging, hot line, call a DVP or the hall and newsletters. The information is available to our membership.

## ELECTION ..... cont. from front!

Local Office at 410-335-2100.

All members are requested to keep their mailing address up to

date. If you have recently moved since you filled your defense fund form please notify the Local office on 410-335-2100.