

# Communications Workers of America



## Local 4501 Communicator

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### Local 4501 Officers

**President:** Cynthia Stewart  
**Executive Vice President:** Tim Quinn  
**Secretary, E. Mae Adams:** Email:  
**Treasurer, Runoff needed**  
**Vice President: (SOS) Amy Stumbo**

**Board Members:** Anthony Brown, Wayne Crawford, Lisa Frew,  
Lynn Kornegay, Mericle Long, Darlene Sunderland



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**Cynthia Stewart** contributes a quarterly message and oversight  
**Sheila Collins** keeps our Facebook current and serves with **Lolita Thomas, Lee Paul, Cynthia Stewart** and **Michael Secrest**, chair, on the Communications Committee.

## A message from Local 4501 CWA President Cynthia Stewart

Thank you Union Sisters and Brothers.

As President you will see many changes working toward unity, strength, stability and respect for one another. It appears to me that a major component of CWA Local 4501 was lost. Unfortunately, this major com-

ponent is the best key to our survival. The lost major component is **MEMBERSHIP**. What happened to "we work for the members" attitude? Members of CWA Local 4501 need each other! There is a two page membership survey regarding you, your work area, manager, steward

and any issue or concern you may have. The surveys will be made available at the February 7 membership meeting, at your union hall (614) 294-5265 or see your Steward. As representatives of CWA Local 4501, always remember we work for you.

## The ballots are counted and.....the results are as follows:

- **President-**  
**Cynthia Stewart**
- **Vice President-**  
**Tim Quinn**
- **Secretary-**  
**Mae Adams**
- **Treasurer-**  
**Runoff needed**
- **VP Secretary of State**  
**Amy Stumbo**
- **Executive Board at Large**
  - **Tony Brown**
  - **Wayne Crawford**

- **Lisa Frew**
- **Lynn Kornegay**
- **Mericle Long**
- **Darlene Sunderland**

I want to thank and honor everyone who cared enough about this union to run for office. It shows a commitment to excellence and to unionism that I hope will remain fervent now that the ballots are counted.

We have a need for members on

most of our eight Standing Committees listed in our by-laws.

**1. Legislative-Political Committee** to inform the membership of political issues of importance to working people (think SB 5 and "so called right to work" legislation).

**2. Training/Education Committee** to present educational programs to the membership

**3. Community Outreach and Engagement Team** to assist in de-

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veloping all Community Services Programs.

**4.Equity Committee** responsible for developing and promoting the CWA Civil Rights program.

**5.Election Committee** to oversee all elections held by the Local.

**6.Facility/Finance Committee** to work at the direction of the executive board and be responsible for reviewing the local's financial records, vouchers, audits and budgets at least bi-monthly. It shall consist of at least three (3) but no more than five (5) members in good standing. The Local Treasurer will be a member of this committee but shall not serve as chair.

**7.Membership/ Mobilization Committee/ Team** to be responsible for establishing membership recruitment programs and administering organizing programs of the Local.

**8.Communications Committee** to saturate our membership with relevant information. This includes the distribution of the information developed

by the committee. What we develop must reach you and all members.

Members of all committees are appointed by the president and shall consist of a chairperson and at least four (4) members. All committees shall meet at least every three months and shall be convened by request from the president, the executive board, the committee chair or by a signed majority of the committee.

Only four of these committees have been very active lately. I offer only one explanation for this:. We need more hands, fresher hands, younger hands. I ask you all to stay involved and use your hands and your feet and your minds and your voices to help shape our union into all it can be.

Be a committee member or a distributor of the information the committees develop.

As you should know, Communications Workers of America is an excellent

and strong union, an honorable union with no taint of scandal. Local 4501 is an excellent local with strong contracts and 1300 members capable of banding together and becoming stronger. But we can't do it with you sitting on the side and watching and waiting for more to happen. You have to make it happen.

I want to thank everyone who cared enough to vote. You showed an interest in your union and your future, a future that we can best shape together.

Just think of how strong we could be if even the 225 people who stepped up to vote would get involved. Five hundred. A thousand.

So, please, seriously consider further involvement to help the officers you chose to lead you. Leaders need people behind them if they are to have all the strength they need to do all they need to do.

Just a few hours a month will make a world of difference.

**Stand united to make each other stronger!**