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AFGE Local 1309

AFGE Local 1309 meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the Month from 11:30 am. - 12:30 pm, in Room 2D-201 and notices are sent to remind members of the meetings. It is important to attend the meetings so that ERG and Library personnel are kept abreast of Union activities and working conditions at the USGS.

Officers

The AFGE 1309 local has elected new officers for 2005-2006. If you have been a member in good standing for one year, you are eligible to hold an elected office. The current officers are listed below.

President: Sharon Wine--swine@usgs.gov/X5190
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Personnel

Pam Callais has stepped down as the Library Steward effective October 1, 2005.

Doug Hazelrigg retired on September 30, 2005.

News Update

- Jay Donnelly, Acting NGTOC-1 Team Chief, has informed employees that they may spend up to 20 percent of their time pursuing their professional interests.
- The Acting Director, Patrick Leahy, sent out an email on October 21, 2005, stating that the Assistant Director for Water and Science requested that the implementation plan to locate the NGTOC in Denver and the A-76 study be placed on hold due to further review of the decision process.
- The A76 study was announced in the Fed Biz on Friday, September 30, 2005. The performance work statement is scheduled to be completed in January.
- Letters have been sent to the Reston Times and Washington Post regarding the decision to have one NGTOC office located in Denver, Colorado, and the other three offices will be abolished and employees will lose their jobs.
- The announcement was made on September 15, 2005, that National Geospatial Technical Operations Center (NGTOC) would be in Denver, Colorado, and the A76 study would be conducted. See additional information in the email from Karen Siderelis, dated September 15.
- Union Officials went to Washington, D.C. and met with Senators and Congressmen to have NGTOC1 remain in Reston, Virginia. As a result of the meeting, letters were sent to Dr. Leahy on our behalf for the site to remain in Reston.
- Updated information on competitive sourcing for Visual Information, Science Technicians and Technical Support functions can be found by accessing the following URL.



Union Questions, and Concerns

Do you have questions or concerns regarding activities within Eastern Region Geography or the Library? If so, please submit your concerns to the Union? Answers to your questions and concerns can be addressed in a **Lunch and Learn** Session.

For general questions concerning the processes for Competitive Sourcing, RIF procedures, retirement, thrift savings plan, job search and applications, guides to interviews, etc., access the following URL:
<http://internal.usgs.gov/ops/hro/career/index.html>



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Contact	Officers or Stewards

If you have information that needs to be distributed to all AFGE members, please contact the Union President, Sharon Wine.

Ideas and Suggestions

If you have information or ideas that you would like to share with others concerning the Union, feel free to provide this information to Angela Hall by email (aehall@usgs.gov).

<http://internal.usgs.gov/OUTREACH/InternalComm/CompSource/index.html>

- Union Officials are continuing to work with Human Resources personnel and managers on representation issues.
- Weekly meetings are held on Wednesdays regarding information about NGTOC1 led by Tony Herr.

Training Sessions

Two retirement and financial planning seminars training sessions were held on September 27 and 28, 2005, in room 2B120. NGTOC employees should take advantage of any future training classes or seminars.



Calendar of Events

November 1, 2005 -- Union Meeting
November 2, 2005 -- LMRC Meeting (NGTOC1)
November 3, 2005 -- LRMC Meeting (ERG)
November 16, 2005 -- LMRC Meeting (Library)

Look for further details on the upcoming Union Holiday Luncheon!

