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International Vote Ends, Local Executive Committee Election Set

Balloting for international Newspaper Guild offices is over, but voting for leadership of the Providence local will be this month to select seven executive committee members from a field of eight candidates.

The International election

In the voting that was held here in Providence last week, 220 Providence Newspaper Guild members voted, in a turnout exceeding 43 percent. Within our local, the results were:

For President

Bernie Lunzer 202

Linda Foley 16

For Secretary-Treasurer

Carol Rothman 195

Scott Stephens 18

For International Chair

Connie Knox 203

Lois Kirkup 14

The final official results of voting from all locals in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico will be certified May 15. At the present time the candidates supported by Providence voters are leading in the vote tally.

PNG Election Set:

Here in Providence President John Hill, Vice President Jeffrey Andrade, Secretary Thom Cahir and Treasurer Greg Smith were all unopposed

and therefore automatically re-elected. But there will be an election to determine the remaining seven members of the union's Executive Committee, as eight candidates have filed for the seven seats.

The Executive board candidates include Karen Ziner, Felice Freyer and Kerry Kohring from news and Jon Baker, Del St. Jean, Lisa Buben from advertising, Elaine Boyd from financial and Kate Levesque from pre-pub.

Seven of the eight will be elected. The election will be by mail ballot, with ballots being sent out May 8. They must be returned before June 3 for counting. The new board will be sworn in at a membership meeting June 11.

The Executive Board oversees and coordinates activities at the four member units that make up the Providence Newspaper Guild -- the Providence Journal, the Woonsocket Call and Pawtucket Times in Rhode Island and the Worcester Telegram & Gazette in Worcester, Mass.

The Providence Unit Council, which is responsible for the affairs of the Providence Unit, were unopposed, so Lynn Chaput, Linda Cox, Kevin Mailhot, Michael McDermott, Sue Quackenbush and Bob Kerr were all automatically re-elected. One Unit Council seat is vacant.

Rally planned to support Woonsocket, Pawtucket Guild members

Guild members working the RISN-owned papers in Woonsocket and Pawtucket plan to rally outside the Woonsocket Call at noon May 19 to protest regressive economic proposals from the company. RISN purchased the two papers from the Journal Register Company over a year ago. In the past month the company has proposed a medical plan that would effectively make medical insurance unaffordable for most employees and require they pay for all future increases in premiums. The half-hour rally and picketing will be at 75 Main Street in Woonsocket. All Guild members are invited.