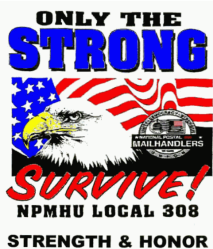




National Postal Mail Handlers Union

THE BREAKDOWN



John J. Sweeney was elected to a fourth term as president of the AFL-CIO at the federation's constitutional convention in July 2005. He was first elected president in 1995 on a platform of revitalizing the federation, which has 56 affiliated unions and 10.5 million members, including 2 million members in Working America, its new community affiliate. The 1995 election was the first contested election in AFL-CIO history



Richard L. Trumka was re-elected for a fourth term to the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL-CIO in July 2005. He was first elected in 1995, the youngest secretary-treasurer in AFL-CIO history, as part of an insurgent campaign to reinvigorate the American labor movement. In 2009, President Barack Obama named Trumka to the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board, chaired by former Federal Reserve chairman Paul A. Volcker. Among the many awards Trumka has received are the Gompers-Murray-Meany Award from the Massachusetts AFL-CIO and the Labor Responsibility Award from the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in 1990. In 1996 he received The Jewish National Fund Tree of Life Award for his outstanding commitment to the American labor movement, the nation and to the State of Israel. He was also honored by The Sons of Italy Foundation with its 2003 Humanitarian Award. Over the past week, four separate affiliates of the AFL-CIO have endorsed Trumka, who is currently the secretary treasurer of the union, to replace the retiring John Sweeney, who is stepping down from the presidency after 14 years. Asked whether Trumka was officially running, AFL-CIO spokesman Eddie Vale declined to comment. The AFL-CIO's presidential election will take place at the union's convention in Pittsburgh this September.



Union Plus Scholarship GO!



The [Union Plus Scholarship Program](#) awarded \$200,000 in scholarships to 133 students this year. The winners represent 41 unions and will be attending colleges, universities, trade and technical schools across the country. Since 1991, the Union Plus Scholarship Program has provided more than \$2.8 million to help fulfill the educational dreams of 1,813 students who represent millions of working families across the nation. All members of unions participating in the Union Plus programs (as well as their spouses and dependent children) are eligible to apply for scholarships. In addition to demonstrating academic ability, applicants submit essays describing their career goals, detailing their relationship with the union movement and making the case for why they deserve a union scholarship.

FERS Employees Get Smoked In Senate

On Friday, Congress finalized passage of H.R. 1256, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, absent a provision providing Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) employees that right to credit unused sick leave towards retirement. On Wednesday, Sen. Jim DeMint (R-SC) objected to an amendment proposed by Senators Joseph Lieberman (I-CT), Susan Collins (R-ME), Daniel Akaka (D-HI), George Voinovich (R-OH), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Daniel Inouye (D-HI), Mark Begich (D-AK), Herb Kohl (D-WI), Benjamin Cardin (D-MD) to add a package of federal employee provisions to H.R. 1256, including FERS Sick Leave Equity.

Did you know that many of today's hottest technologies were first developed for people with disabilities? Take text messaging. Long used by the deaf community, it's an increasingly popular communication tool for everyone. Similarly, the technology used to improve wheelchairs now powers people on Segways® up and down city streets. What powered these ideas was innovative thinking—the same kind of thinking that drives business success. To effectively compete, businesses of all sizes need employees who can think outside of the proverbial box, especially in today's difficult economic environment. And more and more employers are discovering a ready source for such talent—people with

disabilities. On a daily basis, people with disabilities must think divergently about how to tackle challenges and get things done. At work, this translates into innovation.



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