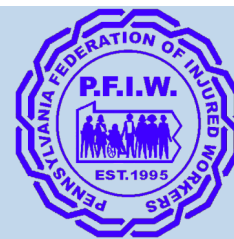


PFIW Newsletter



Your source for workers' compensation information

“An Injury to One is an Injury to All”

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PFIW
Featured
Panel Attorney



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President's Voice

This is my first article as your CEO. I have been the President of the Lehigh Valley Chapter since 1995. Now as your CEO my main goal is to increase our membership and increase the number of Chapters in our Organization.

Mike Kerstetter, Carl Judd, and I were exhibitors at the PA Governors Health & Safety Conference. The PA AFL-CIO invited us to share their booth at the conference. Thank You!

We met a lot of worker representatives, listened to their stories and gave out information. In March of 2008 the PA AFL-CIO has invited us to share a booth at the PA Sportsmen's Show, in Harrisburg. This event is a 10 day event, so we have to get a lot of preparation to do.

In December 2008, the PFIW BOD will again have an election of Officers, whether or not I win, I will keep trying to archive my goal of increased membership and starting new chapters up.

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PFIW Board of Directors Election

At the October Board of Directors meeting nominations for PFIW Board Officers were submitted. At the December meeting the Board will elect Officers to serve for the upcoming two years.

The nominations are:

Chief Executive Officer

1. Pete DePietro—nomination accepted
2. Ron Stabinski

Co-Chief Executive Officer

1. Carl Dillinger—nomination accepted
2. Bob Scholeck—nomination accepted

Chief Financial Officer

1. John Donato—nomination accepted
2. Mike Kerstetter—nomination accepted

Recording Secretary

1. John Donato

Trustee I

1. Carl Judd—nomination accepted

Trustee II

1. Bob Scholeck

Trustee III

1. Dennis Straub

Additional nominations can be submitted right up to the election. An election committee will be selected to run the election at the next Board meeting. The election committee

For Your Information

The PFIW will be participating in a few upcoming events.



PA Farm Show: January 10—17, 2009



PA Sportsmen's Show: February 7 – 15, 2009

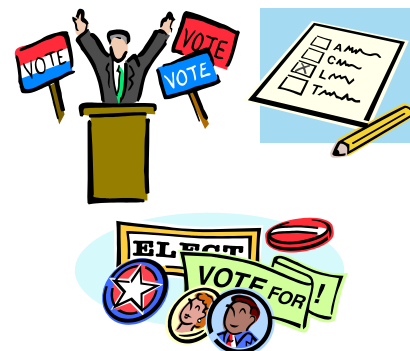
We will be able to hand out information about our organization and our supporters, to workers at those events. This will be a great opportunity to increase the membership of the PFIW. We are working on such things as displays and printing to get ready. If you wish to help with these preparations or have a good idea contact Pete DePietro.

will hand out the ballots for the vote then collect them and count them for the outcome.

Any Board member that cannot be present at the December meeting you can still vote for the officers of your choice by submitting a letter with your vote included. It will be counted at the election.



The newly elected officers will take office at the start of the new year.



Chapter Events

Berks County Chapter

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE—2nd Tues. each month:

Next Meeting at 7:00PM:
November 11, 2008 at 1055 Spring Street, Wyomissing, PA 19613

BERKS COMMUNITY TV SHOW—1st Monday of odd Months:
(Channel 13 on Comcast, Channel 19 on Service Electric Cablevision):

Upcoming Show — November 3, 2008 at 8:00 PM:

Repeat shows on:
Sun. 9:00 PM,
Mon. 8:00 AM,
The following Wed. 2:00 PM.

Lebanon County Chapter

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE—4th Weds. of every month:

Next Meeting:
November 26, 2008 at 6:30 PM at the Annville Free Library

Dauphin County Chapter

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE—3rd Thurs. of every other month:

Next Meeting at 0:00 PM

Lehigh Valley Chapter

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE—4th Weds. each month:

Next Meeting at 6:30 PM:
November 26, 2008 at 529 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018
Guest Speaker to be determined.

BINGO—Thursday of every week at 7:00 PM:
Dewey Fire House, Hellertown, PA
No Smoking
Cash Prizes

PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION OF INJURED WORKERS

Application for Membership

Select the Chapter you want to join then mail the form to that Chapter

Berks County Chapter P.O. Box 13213 Reading, PA 19612	Dauphin County Chapter 27 Rose Street Middletown, Pa	Lebanon County Chapter 484 Cleona Blvd. Cleona, PA 17042	Lehigh Valley Chapter 612 Elm Street Bethlehem, Pa 18018
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Name: _____

Address: _____

City & State: _____

Zip Code: _____ **County:** _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

- I am:**
- An injured worker
 - A family member or friend of an injured worker
 - A supporter or advocate of the Pennsylvania Federation of Injured Workers

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Join today!
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PFIW Participated in the 2008 PA Governor's Occupational Health & Safety Convention

This year the PFIW was invited to participate in the Governor's Occupational Health & Safety Convention by the PA AFL-CIO. The PA AFL-CIO shared their booth with us at the convention. Thanks PA AFL-CIO!

We wrote to all of our supporters and panel attorneys for anything they wanted handed out at the convention. Everything that was sent to us for distribution was gone within the first 3 hours of the convention. It was a total success and we were able to talk to many worker representatives attending the convention.

This year's seminar subjects were:

- "Safety! A Wakeup Call"
- "The Greening of Occupational Safety & Health: Lessons from a Late Great Labor Leader"
- "The Quecreek Mine Rescue"
- "Labor & Management Cooperation for a Safer Work Environment"
- "Tree Felling, Limbing and Bucking: Precautions for Worker Safety"
- "Confined Space Safety & Compliance"
- "Common Workplace MSD's Demystified"
- "Seeing the Value of Protecting Your Eyes"
- "Public Sector: Hazard Communication in the Public Sector"
- "Construction: Excavation Hazards & Safety Measures"
- "Public Sector: Bloodborne Pathogen Issues for Public Sector Employees"
- "Construction: Fall Hazards at Construction Sites"
- "NFPA 70E: Arc Flash Hazards & Controls"
- "PA Workplace Safety Committee Certification Program: Making Sense & Cents"
- "Lyme Disease & West Nile Virus: An Occupational Physicians Perspective"
- "Near Misses - Lost Opportunities"
- "Vehicles and You: Pedestrian Safety Awareness"

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What Can I Do to Help Make a Difference?

Many times we are asked; "What can I do? I am only one person". The answer to that is very simple:

1. When a large number of people complain about something it tends to get attention. Contact your Legislators, both Senators and Representatives, to let them know about the problems you are experiencing and ask them to help reform the workers compensation act for injured workers and not employers and their insurers. Also contact the members of the Senate Labor & Industry Committee and the House of Representatives Labor Relations Committee.
2. The real power to make change comes from injured workers and injured worker advocates who have registered to vote and do so. Vote for politicians who care about injured worker rights.
3. You can attend the PA Workers Compensation Advisory Council meetings held at the Bureau of Workers Compensation. Once in a while they allow people who attend the meeting to speak to them. This council is supposed to write legislative recommendations to the Legislators on workers compensation reform. Call or e-mail the Bureau of Workers Compensation for meeting information. 717-783-5421 or ra-li-bwc-helpline@state.pa.us
4. Join the Pennsylvania Federation of Injured Workers. The more members we have the louder our voice will be in Harrisburg.

If all injured workers and injured worker advocates/supporters would register to vote and get one other person or more to do the same, injured workers would then be able to say; "the abuse of injured workers stops now." Votes could be cast for Legislators that would reform the workers compensation act so it would reflect the workers compensation mandate.

If you haven't done it yet get out and register to vote and make your voice heard on election day. Don't assume that others will vote to make the difference. Only you can make the difference, vote!

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