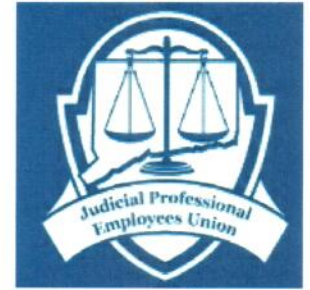


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Holiday Greetings from JPE



2013 in REVIEW

The Executive Board has been working hard and 2013 was a significant year for JPE. As promised, JPE finally has its own seat and voting voice on SEBAC. Although we are a small Union, surprisingly we are the 8th largest of the 16 SEBAC Unions. In addition, JPE's maiden voyage with electronic voting was a success.

New committees have been formed so we can address issues proactively in the months to come. The newly formed committees are . . . Constitutional, Voting, Contract Negotiations, Safety and Diversity just to name a few. Volunteers are needed for these committees. Call 860.216.1550 if you are interested.

The Executive Board welcomed newcomers FSS Edgardo Figueroa and FRC Matt Walker to the leadership team. All other officers and representatives ran unopposed, so we thank you for your confidence in us.

Stewards/Building Rep training continues and JPE hosted its first ever "Union Leadership Boot Camp". JPE also teamed up with fellow AFT Unions (SVFT, State Vocational Teachers and A&R, Administrative and Residual) to hold a first of its kind FMLA seminar.

JPE representatives attend the AFT Public Employees conference in Baltimore, MD and JPE along with all other AFT Connecticut State Employee Unions received a an award for "Solution Driven Unionism" .

Our Union Attorney (Marshall "Chip" Segar) has been aggressively representing the Union and its members in a wide variety of forums to include the State Labor Board, Department of Children and Families, Workers' Compensation Commission, Superior Court, State Ethics Commission, Unemployment Compensation, Freedom of Information Commission and the General Assembly.

We are looking forward to serving you in 2014! Stay current by visiting www.jpeunion.net



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A Message from THE PRESIDENT

APO II, James Romano (New London)



JPE Members,

Holiday greetings to all JPE members! I am thankful to you all for your continued support and the Executive Board is equally grateful.

The Union is constantly on guard and dealing with issues both large and small. Discipline cases are actually a small percentage of what we have been handling. Freedom of Information Issues, FMLA and change in working condition concerns (i.e. dress code and other policy changes) have been occupying our time. Moreover, our efforts impact the widest variety of job classes from Adult and Juvenile Probations Officers to Attorneys and Librarians.

Our Executive Board has been “updated” following the Fall elections. Gone is FSS Andrew Spurrier. Andrew decided not to run for re-election and his intellect and vision will be missed. Added to the Executive Board are FSS Edgardo Figueroa (Danbury) and FRC Matt Walker (New London). We all look forward to continue working for all members in 2014!

Thanks and have a safe holiday,

Jimmy (jamesromano@sbcglobal.net)

Upcoming Events

2014 Executive Board Meetings

ALL MEETINGS ARE ON
WEDNESDAYS (2 p.m.) AT JPE HQ

January 8th
February 5th
March 5th
April 2nd
May 7th
June 4th
July 2nd (alternate date of July 9th)
August 6th
September 3rd
October 1st
November 5th
December 3rd

2014 Executive Board Strategic Planning Retreat

January 29 – 31, Washington DC

AFT Collective Bargaining Conference

March 16 – 18, Orlando, FL

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