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**CORRECTION**

One of the main responsibilities of an Editor is to make sure that the Dispatch is not used to promote or dissuade any candidate for Union office. According to Postal Press Association Guidelines concerning Local elections we are now technically within the

election period (6 months prior to the election) as it pertains to the use of the Dispatch.

What this basically means is that if a contributing writer to the Dispatch has not contributed to at least 3 issues to the Dispatch within the previous year then I cannot accept an article for publication during the election process. To do so could cause the election to be challenged and overturned forcing the Local to incur additional costs to re-run the election. To many this may seem to be excessively restrictive, but it is done in order to preserve the integrity of the election process and to provide a level playing field for those that may seek Union office. It is a move on the side of caution because the ramifications of misuse could be costly.

There will be an opportunity in the future for ALL candidates for union office to present their positions in a special edition of the Dispatch, under some restrictions, again in order to provide a fair and equitable playing field to all candidates.

These limitations are imposed with the consent of the Executive Board who, according to our constitution, are the publishers of the Dispatch.

If you have any questions concerning this policy, please contact me and I will be glad to show you the information concerning Local Union Elections.

*APWU National Postal Press Association President Tony Carobine, stated the following:* ***Nominations are considered part of the election process. Therefore, the election period would begin six-months prior to nominations taking place.***

So, for our local that period begins third Saturday in July through third Saturday in January.