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Unauthorized use of Union Bulletin Boards for Campaign Purposes

No posting of any campaign materials can be placed on any Union Bulletin Boards. Any posting of this nature is a violation of Federal Law and ALL campaign material should be removed immediately.

Below is information from the APWU Website:

Statement Concerning Postal Union Policies Literature on Union Bulletin Boards Under federal law, it is illegal to use union property to campaign for union office. This prohibition applies to using union bulletin boards, copy machines, and all other union property for campaign purposes, and it is strictly enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The APWU National Secretary-Treasurers' office advises local election committees to not permit campaign literature to be posted on union bulletin boards. Union bulletin boards are where members who cannot attend meetings get the "word" about their union and what their representatives are doing. Since campaign literature cannot be censored, locals risk offensive or divisive campaign material posted on their bulletin boards. Union bulletin boards should be for official union business, not as places for candidates to disparage one another.

However, if a local union decides to allow posting of political literature on its bulletin boards, it must make them available to all candidates on an equal basis. This means that all candidates for the office must be informed of the availability of the bulletin boards for campaign purposes and given a fair and equal opportunity to have their literature posted.