

District Council 16

Volunteer/Activist Committee

1. District Council 16 Volunteer/Activist Committee (VAC) shall be a standing committee:
 - (a) The VAC shall provide a structure by which rank and file members shall be made aware of the many opportunities they have to participate in activities sponsored by District Council 16
 - (b) The activities of the VAC shall support District Council 16's continuous effort to improve wages, working conditions and the quality of life of our members and their families
 - (c) Through increased rank and file participation in District Council 16 sponsored activities the VAC will play a vital role in cultivating leadership and insure continued success for District Council 16 and its affiliated Local Unions.

2. There shall be five subcommittees of the VAC:
 - (a) Political Action:
 - i Participate in political activities sponsored by District Council 16
 - (b) Stewards:
 - i Participate in shop steward training classes
 - ii Accept appointment as shop steward
 - (c) Organizing:
 - i Participate in demonstrations, pickets, COMET classes and communicate with non-union workers...
 - (d) Fund Raising (Charitable):
 - i Participate in District Council 16 sponsored charities
 - ii Raise money for District Council 16 sponsored charities
 - (e) Project Labor (Charitable):
 - i Participate through donation of labor in District Council 16 sponsored charity projects

3. There shall only be two (2) classifications of participant in the VAC:
 - (a) Applicant:
 - i All members who fill out and submit an application to the Administrator of the VAC shall be considered an Applicant
 - ii Applicants shall indicate which, or how many, of the five (5) subcommittees they would like to Volunteer

- (b)** Member:
 - i** Applicants shall achieve Member status by participating in three volunteer activities:
 - Attending plenary meetings called by members of the VAC shall not be considered an Activity credit towards membership
 - ii** Member must participate in three volunteer activities per year in order to maintain Member status in the VAC

4. All Members of the VAC shall be empowered to call a meeting of the VAC:

- (a)** Any member calling a meeting must submit an agenda to the Administrator of the VAC:
 - i** Agenda must indicate the purpose of the meeting together with a stated goal
 - ii** The member who calls the meeting shall act as Chairman of the meeting and shall be responsible for implementing a plan to achieve the stated goal and coordinate associated activities
- (b)** The VAC Administrator shall notify all members and applicants whenever meetings and/or activities occur in their geographical area and fall within their stated area of volunteer interest
- (c)** There shall only be one scheduled meeting of the entire VAC (all five subcommittees) per year:
 - i** Said meeting shall be for the purpose of recognizing all rank and file members who achieved Member status in the VAC during that year
- (d)** The VAC Administrator shall maintain the VAC Database which shall include both Members and Applicants:
 - i** Name
 - ii** Address
 - iii** Phone Number
 - iv** Stated areas of volunteer interest(s)
 - v** All VAC activities in which the individual participated

5. Event sign-in sheets and applications are to be submitted no later than 30 days after the event. It is each participant's responsibility to verify their membership status prior to the end of the year.