

## SCRIBE ARTICLE FOR THE DECEMBER 2013 POSTAL RECORD

I want to congratulate Mark Dimondstein who won the election for National Union president of the APWU. I have known president Dimondstein for more than two decades and worked with him on many issues over the years. He is the best of the best. He will fight management for justice in the workplace. He will demand that management treat his members with dignity and respect. The struggle for an end to mandatory overtime and the right to an 8 hour day will be a top priority. How do I know this? I have seen Mark Dimondstein in action for the last 20 years!

President Dimondstein's comments at his installation, with more than 1000 trade unionists in attendance, were outstanding! President Dimondstein is a person who knows that all of workers real achievements were won in the streets. We must not limit ourselves to lobbying the millionaires in Congress. That strategy has been a disaster for the labor movement.

I believe Mark Dimondstein's victory as national president of the APWU could/will be one of the best things that has happened to the labor movement in the United States in the last 30 years! President Dimondstein is calling on all the Postal Unions to unite and act in solidarity to save our jobs and the People's public Postal Service. President Dimondstein said, "HISTORY SHOWS THAT MOVEMENTS MOVE CONGRESS. MOVEMENTS CREATE LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND."

I want to thank our State President, Tonya Detrick, for the fine job she did in running our State Convention and congratulate her on being re-elected as our state president. Great convention Tonya!

I also want to thank our NBA, Tim Dowdy, for getting the Capital District to end withholding. Because of this we are seeing PTF's and CCA's being converted to full-time regulars.

IN THE STRUGGLE,

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