



## WFSE 49<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION CALL

Washington Federation of State Employees

**TO:** Presidents and Secretaries of WFSE Local Unions  
Council 28 Officers and Executive Board Members

**FROM:** Tracy Stanley, Council 28 Secretary

**DATE:** June 11, 2021

**SUBJECT:** CALL TO THE WFSE 49<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION – VIRTUAL VIDEO CONFERENCING

The 49<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the Washington Federation of State Employees, Council 28 AFSCME AFL-CIO, will be held via virtual video conferencing on October 9-10, 2021.

**The Convention will convene on Saturday, October 9, at 9:00am.** Convention Committee meetings will be held on Friday October 8, 2021, beginning at 4:00pm. The following committees will meet (if necessary): Constitution and Bylaws, Credentials, Elections, Resolutions, Rules, and Sergeant at Arms.

All Committee members shall be notified thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Convention, in writing, of committee appointments made by the Council President.

This Convention is called in accordance with Article VII- Meetings, Section 1, of the Council Constitution which states:

*“The Council Biennial Convention shall be held in odd- numbered years and on a Saturday and Sunday in September or October but may also be convened on the preceding Friday. The call to the biennial Convention shall be issues at least 120 days preceding the commencement of the Convention. The Council 28 Executive Board shall select the Convention dates and city.”*

### REGISTRATION

The registration link will be open during the following times on Friday, October 8, 12:00pm to 7:00pm and again on Saturday, October 9 from 7:00am to 8:30am. Due to the virtual Convention, registration will only be open during the time periods noted above.

### GUESTS

Members in good standing and invited guests are welcome to attend and must pre-register.

### REPRESENTATION

Our Council constitution provides that the number of delegates and votes to which each local is entitled as determined in Article VIII Representation of the Council Constitution which states:

*“Section 1. Locals shall be entitled to delegates to the biennial convention or special meetings of the council on the basis of one (1) for each fifty (50) members or fraction thereof. Regardless of the number of delegates, locals shall be entitled to vote on the basis of one (1) vote for each member. Locals entitled to more than one delegate may send fewer than their quota of delegates and the delegates present may cast the entire vote of the local on all recorded votes and elections coming before the convention. The number of votes shall be divided equally among the delegates, with any remaining votes to be cast by the chairperson of*

*the delegation. No fractional votes shall be permitted.*

*Section 2. All delegates and alternates to the biennial convention or special meetings of the council shall be members in good standing of their respective local unions.*

*Section 3. No delegates or alternates shall be allowed representation or recognition at the biennial convention or special meetings of the council unless their local union is a member of the council as provided in Article IV of this constitution.*

*Section 4. Two or three local unions may unite in sending a delegate to the biennial convention or special meeting of the council provided such delegate is a member in good standing in accordance with Section 2 of this Article of one such local unions. Said delegate shall be entitled to the votes to which the local unions so represented are entitled in accordance with Section 1 of this Article. No delegate shall represent more than three locals, including their own.*

*Section 5. All delegates to the biennial convention or special meetings of this council shall be elected by the respective local unions they represent, and the names of such delegates shall be certified by the president and secretary of the local union to the secretary of the council at the council headquarters office. This certification must be received at least sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of the biennial convention. The Council Executive Board shall determine the date of receipt of certification for special meetings of the council. If such certification includes two or more delegates, the certification shall designate one of the delegates as chairperson of the delegation.*

*Section 6. The membership of locals for the purpose of computing the number of delegates and votes to which each local is entitled at the biennial convention shall be determined on the basis of their average monthly member per capita tax payments for the twelve-month period ending ten full calendar months before the month of said scheduled meeting; provided, however, that the membership of locals which affiliate or re-affiliate after the beginning of the above-defined twelve-month period shall be determined on the basis of their average monthly member per capita tax for the full period of their affiliation up to the month preceding that of the scheduled meeting. The Council Executive Board shall determine the membership of the locals for the purpose of computing the number of delegates and votes to which each local is entitled for special meetings of the council.”*