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To: All Local Presidents AND Local Editors

Dear Colleagues:

This is to announce CWA's 26th Annual Local Union Newsletter Awards Contest and to urge your participation. **The deadline for entries is MAY 8, 2009.**

Per contest changes last year, we need you to submit **three** copies of each entry and entry form. For General Excellence, please submit three original copies. Photocopies are permissible in the individual categories, though we urge you to submit originals for Best Photo.

As usual, a panel of distinguished journalists from outside the union will conduct the judging. Award plaques and certificates will be presented at this summer's CWA Convention.

The winner of the special Oscar Jager Journalism Award for news reporting will be selected by the judges in the course of reviewing General Excellence submissions. The late Oscar Jager was a noted journalist who served as the first editor of the CWA News. The "Oscar" will be awarded to the editor who has gone the extra mile (typical of its namesake) to dig out the facts on an issue of importance to CWA members.

Entry forms and other contest materials can be printed or downloaded at:
<http://www.cwa-union.org/newslettercontest>. Please pass this information along to your local editors.

In Unity,



Larry Cohen
President

Enclosures

ENTRY FORM

Complete the entry form. Enclose entries with appropriate header sheet attached for each category entered. Send to:

**CWA Local Newsletter Contest
Communications Department
501 Third Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001-2797**

Editor(s) _____

Name of publication _____

CWA Local ___ District ___ Phone Number () _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

CONTEST CATEGORIES

General Excellence: Maximum of one entry. Submit two (2) different issues of your local newsletter published between May 2008 and April 2009. **Enclose THREE (3) copies of each issue.** Please photocopy the entry form and attach it to each batch of copies. Check the box that indicates your category:

- Category 1: Locals with fewer than 500 members
- Category 2: Locals with 501 – 1,000 members
- Category 3: Locals with 1,001 – 3,000 members
- Category 4: Locals with more than 3,000 members
- Category 5: Cooperative newsletters (produced by several locals, a CWA council, a statewide organizing committee, etc.)

Special Performance: Maximum of one entry per category; submit entries with appropriate entry form attached. **Enclose THREE (3) copies of each entry;** photocopies acceptable.

- Best News Reporting
- Best Human Interest Feature
- Best Opinion Column
- Best Front Page
- Best Single Original Photo
- Best Original Cartoon

ENTRY DEADLINE IS MAY 8, 2009

Best Opinion Column

(Submit 1 entry, supply 3 copies)

Name of Publication _____

Local Number _____ District _____

Headline/Title _____
(Please Print)

Author _____
(Please Print)

Editor(s) _____
(Please Print)

Asst. Editor(s) _____
(Please Print)

Contact phone number _____
(Please Print)

Contact e-mail _____
(Please Print)

Best Front Page

(Submit 1 entry, supply 3 copies)

Name of Publication _____

Local Number _____ District _____

Headline/Title _____
(Please Print)

Editor(s) _____
(Please Print)

Asst. Editor(s) _____
(Please Print)

Contact phone number _____
(Please Print)

Contact e-mail _____
(Please Print)

Best Single Original Photo

(Submit 1 photograph, no collages, supply 3 copies)

Name of Publication _____

Local Number _____ District _____

Photographer _____
(Please Print)

Editor(s) _____
(Please Print)

Asst. Editor(s) _____
(Please Print)

Contact phone number _____
(Please Print)

Contact e-mail _____
(Please Print)

Best Original Cartoon

(Submit 1 entry, supply 3 copies)

Name of Publication _____

Local Number _____ District _____

Artist _____
(Please Print)

Editor(s) _____
(Please Print)

Asst. Editor(s) _____
(Please Print)

Contact phone number _____
(Please Print)

Contact e-mail _____
(Please Print)

Best News Reporting

(Submit 1 entry, supply 3 copies)

Name of Publication _____

Local Number _____ District _____

Headline/Title _____
(Please Print)

Author _____
(Please Print)

Editor(s) _____
(Please Print)

Asst. Editor(s) _____
(Please Print)

Contact phone number _____
(Please Print)

Contact e-mail _____
(Please Print)

Best Human Interest Feature

(Submit 1 entry, supply 3 copies)

Name of Publication _____

Local Number _____ District _____

Headline/Title _____
(Please Print)

Author _____
(Please Print)

Editor(s) _____
(Please Print)

Asst. Editor(s) _____
(Please Print)

Contact phone number _____
(Please Print)

Contact e-mail _____
(Please Print)

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

(Attach 2 different issues, supply 3 copies of each)

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Name of Publication _____

Local Number _____ District _____

Author _____
(Please Print)

Editor(s) _____
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Asst. Editor(s) _____
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Contact phone number _____
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