

Dear AME White Collar Unit Members,

Recently, we have received some inquiries regarding a member who was not reimbursed for their promotional test exam fee. Please see the information below regarding that situation.

The White Collar Unit Board **unanimously** voted and will not be providing some unit members with some of the benefits that we, as a **UNIT**, not AME the **UNION**, provide. These benefits include YNOTBFIT, Beat the Blues, unit scholarships and promotional fee reimbursements. The people who have been denied are those people who are choosing to support **ANOTHER** union, other than AME. As a Unit Board, we can decide how we distribute and spend the rebate monies we receive. We felt, as did many of the members we canvassed, that such benefits should only be afforded to those members who are supporting AME, the union they are members of. These people opted to support another union which, by the standards of even that union, CSEA, makes them members not in good standing and they will now have to accept the repercussions of their choices and decision to do. A member in good standing is not only judged by paying dues and voting, it includes supporting the union you are a member of and defending that union from other outside forces. This particular person, Vera Weeks, was one of many who chose to openly support CSEA and sent a mailing to our members with her picture and a statement stipulating why she felt CSEA was the way to go. She and the others on that flyer made their choice. Your unit board did as well, and they are choosing to protect **YOUR UNION** and the monies we are held accountable for, under oath. If these members would like to sign a revocation card for CSEA they can do.

If anyone has concerns about this or any other decision made by the **UNIT BOARD**, they can come to any of our unit meetings and voice their opinions on such matters. Until then, the decision stands and our members who openly support CSEA will not be participants in the benefits, at the unit level, afforded to members who support AME.