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Local 749 Financial FAQ

My name is Efrem Golden and I have been Secretary-Treasurer for Local 749 since 2012. Below I'd like to answer some frequently asked questions. Please use this as a basic reference point. For more specific questions, contact me directly.

Q: Where does our dues money go?

A: Our dues money is collected by AFSCME council 4. Local 749 does not collect the funds directly. Our employer transmits the funds to AFSCME Council 4 (C4), who takes out the dues that we owe to C4, and the dues we owe to AFSCME International. Council 4 remits the remainder to us, to run Local 749's operations, which includes the need to bank money away for arbitrations, which are costly.

Q: Why do our dues keep increasing?

A: There are two types of dues increases. One is a constitutionally mandated increase by AFSCME, which Local 749 has no control over.

The other type of dues increase would be initiated by Local 749 and would have to be voted on by our members. This type of dues increase would result in Local 749 getting additional funds. It is important to know, that Local 749 has not raised dues in this fashion since January 2011.

Q: I have a expense reimbursement form I'd like to submit, how can I go about this?

A: You may submit forms along with receipts (expenses will not be paid without them) to Local 749 at a meeting, or you may mail them to the hall at the address listed on this website, and a check will be issued.



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Local 749 Financial FAQ (continued)

Q: I'm traveling to a convention on behalf of Local 749 as a Delegate. When will Local 749 make my arrangements?

*A: Generally speaking, it **won't**. Often Local 749 pays AFSCME registration fees in advance, however each delegate is responsible for getting the necessary information from the Executive Board, making their own travel arrangements, and booking their own hotel rooms. These expenses (and other expenses approved) will be reimbursed upon your return from the convention, provided receipts are submitted with the expense reports. For out of state travel, Local 749 does pay Per-Diem meal expenses in advance.*

Q: How do we know our dues money is safe and being spent wisely?

A: To ensure safety, Local 749 keeps all funds in the bank and does not allow a "Petty Cash" fund to exist. The expenditures for the Local are also approved by vote of the Executive Board. To ensure that the money is used properly, Trustees of Local 749 audit the financial operations of Local 749.

Additionally, the position of Secretary-Treasurer is bonded through AFSCME International's contractor. Should someone take the funds and abscond, Local 749 could seek recoupment via filing a claim.

In Solidarity,

Efrem Golden
Local 749 Secretary-Treasurer