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Siblings,

I hope you are all well!

Following the announcement by AFSCME Council 5 that the SEPC Conference would be postponed. I wanted to get some guidance from the International on how to handle our semi-annual General Membership Meeting and Election normally held in conjunction with the SEPC. The guidance is we needed to notify you, the members, that Terms of Office for the current officers and board will be extended until we can safety hold our General Membership meeting. We hope to have it this summer. Our executive board met via Zoom this past Saturday and unanimously passed a motion to postpone the general meeting and extend the terms until such time as we can safely meet.

Therefore, this is your official notification that the General Membership Meeting originally scheduled for May 2, 2020, has been postponed and Terms of Office for the current Local 4001 Officers and Board have been extended until we are able to safely meet.

I also wanted to pass on some information that was just brought to our attention in relation to the Covid -19 leave Governor Walz established in his Executive Order 20-07. When you are utilizing the Covid-19 leave you are not accruing leave balances. That said, you are not being required to use your leave at this time either, so you are being held harmless. Compared to what some organizations are giving their employees we are far ahead of them. I am including the MMB form that can be used to request the use of Covid-19 leave. You will see that you are NOT required to have a doctor note to use this leave.

The 4001 Board will continue to meet regularly and pass along any information we can to you.

In Solidarity,

Joel Hoffman, President **AFSCME LOCAL 4001**