



## **Committee** **On** **Political** **Education**

The Local 194 C.O.P.E committee is an essential part of our union's strategy to hold political candidates accountable. Working in conjunction with the NJ State AFL-CIO, Local 194 supports candidates who are most favorable to organized labor in general and PUBLIC EMPLOYEES in particular. The C.O.P.E. committee is comprised of a Chairperson and committee members appointed by the President each year during the Local 194 Executive Board reorganization meeting.

Local 194 has used the C.O.P.E. committee to organize voter registration drives in the past. These registration drives help identify members who are not registered to vote and empowers them while strengthening our collective union voice. The C.O.P.E. committee has also undertaken Get Out The Vote (GOTV) drives in legislative districts and primary campaigns throughout the state. GOTV drives have Local 194 members talking to other union members about the issues that impact the labor movement. The C.O.P.E. committee also allows your union to keep Local 194 members and retirees informed of the issues that impact our work and advised of endorsed federal, state and local candidates who share our values.

Public Employee collective bargaining rights, job security, working conditions and benefits are all subject to the decisions made by elected officials. Local 194 **MUST** be a part of the political process in order to maintain what we have **EARNED** over the years and sustain the fight to move forward. The Local 194 Voluntary fund, through participating members' contributions, provides the financing for C.O.P.E. activities. Please call union to join if you are not a contributor.

**I'M A PROUD PUBLIC EMPLOYEE AND I VOTE**