



LOCAL 194 VOLUNTARY FUND



The **Voluntary Fund** program was created in June 1983 by vote of the Executive Board, Executive Council and General Membership. The Local 194 Voluntary Fund program established three funds: **Political Action, Legal Defense, and Communications.**

POLITICAL ACTION

- ***Provides** Local 194 members with a *voice* in the NJ State Senate and NJ General Assembly.
- ***Informs** the Governor, Legislature and other public officials about *issues* important to Local 194 members.
- ***Educates** Local 194 members of the *legislative activities* and *voting records* of the governor, state legislators and other public officials.
- ***Endorses** candidates based upon their *support of our issues.*
- ***Engages** in *voter registration* drives and *Get-Out-The-Vote* activities.

LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

- ***Free will** from participating lawyer for Local 194 Members.
- ***Free consultation** on almost any personal legal matter for up to 30 minutes.
- ***Free document review** of your personal documents.
- ***Free follow up services** including written letters and phone calls to resolve issues.
- ***30% discount on additional services** requiring legal attention.
- ***Written fee agreement** if fee involved preventing any surprise expenses.
- ***Grievance procedure** in unlikely event you disagree with participating lawyers.

COMMUNICATION FUND

- ***Establishes** funding for officers, stewards and members to attend *political* and *legislative advocacy* training.
- ***Creates** funding to *produce* and *mail* correspondence to Local 194 members, retirees, and elected public officials throughout the state.
- ***Facilitates** communication with the governor, legislators and others involved with our issues to *improve* relationships and aid in the *accomplishment* of our objectives.

-Members voluntarily support this fund through payroll deductions at the rate of \$1.50 per week.

-Funds allocated in the following manner: Political Action-40%, Legal Defense-40%, and Communications-30%

-Oversight of all funds are by committees appointed by the President of Local 194