

1. Who gets the EFT forms?

The EFT forms will be going to the Uniserv office in Brookfield, where they will be processed by staff and then kept in a locked safe. Only two people in the office will have access to that safe. Once the deductions have started and we know there are no errors, they will be shredded.

2. What if you fill out your form and then get a contract and don't feel you can join?

Membership can always be rescinded.

3. What if you are unsure of the safety of your account at this point (with the EFT form) and want to wait until after the bill passes?

Think about this: your account information already goes out in many different ways – such as when you write a check at a store, send it through the mail, etc. This way is actually safer, with it going directly into a safe once it has been processed. If the bill continues to be held up in the courts, your representation will lapse on September 1st.

4. What if you just want to wait until later when the bill is passed and you know that you will need to fill it out?

If you wait until the bill passes, you may run the risk of having your representation lapse. Member benefits and representation will continue no matter what the status of the Budget Repair Bill/Act 10. It is possible to join at any time, but should you wait until October, you will be required to pay for the full year as you were eligible for membership at the beginning of the year. If you elect to join at a later date you will need to wait 30 days before representation begins. This is designed to prevent individuals who do not join, then get into trouble, deciding to join and then when the issue is resolved, dropping membership. This is unfair to continuing members as the cost for representation is the same for all and the cost could be very high..

5. How should a BR handle the forms if a person wants to wait until later?

BRs or Building Organizing Committee members should make a note on the duplicate form and send it back to the Uniserv office for follow-up contact during the summer when they turn in their forms.

6. Some teachers are interested/concerned about a group called the American Association of Educators.

Although it may sound tempting because it may cost a lot less, the AAE is not a bargaining unit and will not be able to help with that. Please see WEAC VP Betsy Kipper's response at this link: <http://wawmea.org/current/AAE.html>. We will also have some comparative data on the WAWM website by the end of next week or sooner.
www.wawmea.org

7. Are there other ways to pay for dues rather than the EFT?

We were just informed this week that there are now a few other options. If you are uncomfortable with doing an EFT, you may do one of the following instead:

1. With your EFT membership form, attach a post-dated check (for Sept. 10, 2011) for the full amount (\$790). Sorry, there is no discount for paying in full.

2. You may choose to pay it monthly, quarterly, or in halves. You will need to attach all post-dated checks to the membership form when you turn it in.

If you choose to pay by check rather than through the EFT, you will need to supply all the checks (post-dated) with your membership form.