

CWA's Goal is for each member to pledge \$1.00 a week to COPE.

Understandably, everyone cannot afford to give \$1.00 a week, so contribute the amount you can afford.

Every little bit helps in our effort to elect the candidates who will fight for the rights of working people.

**Just Remember:**

The most important thing is to just give as much as you can!



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*"Contributions or gifts to CWA-COPE PCC are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes."*

*"A copy of our report is filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available from the Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C."*

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# What is COPE?

**"COPE"** stands for "Committee  
On Political Education"

**COPE** is a Non-Partisan  
Political Action Committee and  
CWA's main avenue to  
legislative justice.

**Paid for and authorized by the  
CWA-COPE Political Contributions Committee**

## How Does CWA Decide Who Gets the COPE Fund Money?

Decisions are made democratically, at the Local Union, District, State and/or Headquarters level.

Specific criteria are used in determining which candidates to support financially. All of the criteria is considered in the decision process, such as:

- The candidates' support on these important CWA issues:

Employee Free Choice Act

Healthcare Reform

Jobs and Trade

Retirement Security

- The relationship of the office being sought to CWA's legislative agenda.
- The number of CWA members represented by the candidate.
- The competitiveness of each political campaign.

## What is CWA-COPE CHECK-OFF?

**COPE Check-Off** is a negotiated item in CWA Local Collective Bargaining Agreements. It is our member's money that they **voluntarily contribute**.

One way to contribute to CWA's COPE Fund is through Payroll Deduction. By signing a CWA-COPE Check-Off authorization card, you can authorize any

amount you wish to be deducted from your paycheck each pay period.

The fund is used to make contributions to candidates' campaigns that support working people and their families' issues.

We support candidates for public office at the local, state, and federal levels of government.

Running for public office is expensive, and politicians who are friends of labor need our help in order to get elected.

Corporations and big businesses pour millions of dollars into political campaigns. **CWA-COPE is our voice in the political arena.**