

TOP 10 QUESTIONS FOR WCDSA

1. Are you planning on buying or leasing a new building?
2. Where will the start-up money come from to hire staff, purchase equipment and run the business?
3. If your answer is that monthly dues will seed the operation, what is the plan if the employer exercises their right to terminate dues deduction during contract negotiations?
4. Have you accounted for the hundreds of thousands of dollars in attorney fees if WCDSA ends up in 312 arbitration again? Can you insure that a decline in the local treasury will not have an impact on future contract grievances going to arbitration?
5. What will monthly dues be and can you promise that there will be no special assessments or significant increases?
6. WCDSA sent a letter to the membership about interviewing law firms to represent our interests. Can we assume that Jamil Akhtar is out? Will you commit to not hire Rodger Webb, the attorney that bankrupted the “independent” Oakland County Deputy Sheriff’s Association and left them hanging for six years without a contract? (Note: WCDSA hired Akhtar and SEIU paid Webb to handle election matters recently.)
7. Have you completed the by-laws that you promised members could see before the election?
8. Will the majority of current 502 Executive Board Members and stewards be appointed or running for positions in the WCDSA?
9. Can we expect the same political strategies from this new association? If not, can you share some of your new ideas with the membership?
10. If a majority of votes are not cast for one of the three unions on the ballot and WCDSA finishes third, will you support POAM or SEIU in a runoff election?