



## **2008 POWER Program**

With the upcoming elections, this will be an active year for NTEU members, both legislatively and politically. There is much work to be done in 2008 on Capitol Hill and in the election field to ensure that federal employees are treated fairly and with respect. We must make sure our legislative committees are engaged and fully participating in the legislative process. We need to continue to register voters, educate NTEU members and co-workers and get out the vote, be seen and heard in the offices of our Members of Congress and make sure NTEU's voice on legislative issues continues to be strong. The goal of the 2008 POWER Program is to strengthen chapter legislative programs and to engage chapters in the 2008 Presidential elections.

Attached is a copy of the reporting form to be used by your chapter for participation in NTEU's POWER Program, which recognizes achievement in legislative and political activities. NTEU urges all chapters to participate in the POWER Program, as your reporting forms provide valuable information, which NTEU's legislation department can use in pursuit of pro-federal employee policy on Capitol Hill. **NTEU needs your reports to get information on what is taking place in your locale. It is critically important that you participate.**

Please note that the point structure for the 2008 POWER Reporting form has changed and new questions have been added. The "Chapter profile", on the 3<sup>rd</sup> page of this report, which asks for general chapter information, needs to be filed only once a year. The deadline for filing the "chapter profile" is August 1, 2008. Chapters may report subsequently on chapter legislative and political activity by using pages 4 through 7 of the form to file comprehensive reports as the year progresses.

**Again, please file your Chapter Profile (page 3 of this report) by August 1, 2008.**

### **Comprehensive Reporting Periods:**

January 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008 → File report by August 1, 2008

July 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008 → File report by January 9, 2009

Rules and Incentives for the 2008 POWER Program:

- All chapters that file POWER Reports for **both reporting periods earn an invitation to a special event** with the National President during the legislative conference to discuss legislative and political issues.
- POWER participating chapters will also be invited to participate in a **semi-annual conference call** with NTEU's President and national legislative staff to discuss current legislation. More information about the conference call will be provided to POWER participants following the August 1, 2008 reporting deadline.
- All chapters participating in POWER will be highlighted in the NTEU Bulletin.
- Chapters continue to be divided into divisions by size, with **high scoring chapters receiving plaques** commemorating their achievements.
- **Reimbursements of up to \$1,000 for travel to the Legislative Conference** will be awarded to the high scoring chapter in each division and to the second highest-scoring chapter in those divisions in which more than 10 chapters participate.
- Downloadable electronic forms can be found on the POWER page of the NTEU.org website (<http://www.nteu.org/UnionOffice/LegislativeIssues/PoliticalPower.aspx>), and POWER Reports can be submitted in electronic form via email to [stacy.casimiro@nteu.org](mailto:stacy.casimiro@nteu.org) or faxed in at \_\_\_\_\_.

Please direct any questions regarding the POWER program or the updated POWER reporting forms to Stacy Casimiro at \_\_\_\_\_.

Thanks for participating in the NTEU POWER Program. Good luck.

→ Please submit your POWER Reports via email, mail or fax to:

Legislation Department

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1750 H St. NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
[stacy.casimiro@nteu.org](mailto:stacy.casimiro@nteu.org)



## **Chapter Organization and Growth**

1. Does your chapter have a Legislative Coordinator (must be listed with NTEU as Legislative Coordinator)?

**10 points for Legislative Coordinator**

\_yes      \_no

Name\_\_Anthony W. Lee\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone\_301-796-3319\_\_

Home email \_\_\_\_\_ Work Email \_\_\_\_\_

2. Does your chapter have an active Legislative Committee (please provide names of committee members and meeting times)?

**20 points for Legislative Committee; additional 5 points for each member on the committee**

\_yes      \_no

Names: \_\_Anthony Lee, Nancy Leonard, Sherunda Lister, Cathy Hobbs, Angela Pope, Stefan Monica \_\_

Meeting Dates\_\_\_\_2/29/08, 4/29/08\_\_\_\_\_

3. Does your chapter have a TEPAC Coordinator (must be listed with NTEU as TEPAC Coordinator)?

**10 points for TEPAC Coordinator**

\_yes      \_no

Name\_\_Cathy Hobbs\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Home email \_\_\_\_\_ Work Email \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is your Chapter Membership percentage? \_\_\_\_\_  
*The NTEU National Office will verify and fill in these figures if you do not know.*  
**50 points for every 10% over 50%, Bonus 100 points for membership over 80%**

**National please insert figures:** \_\_\_\_\_

5. Does your chapter have more members at the end of this reporting period than at the beginning? yes    no  
*The NTEU National Office will verify and fill in these figures if you do not know.*  
**25 points if yes and an additional 25 points for each additional 1% increase in raw membership number (not chapter membership percentage)**

**National please verify and fill in these figures.**

## **Communication with Congress**

6. Has your chapter held an issues phone drive to Members of Congress (calling Members of Congress to share their views on a particular issue)?  
*For each phone drive, please list issue, dates of phone calls, and approximate number of members calling.*  
**20 points for each phone drive**

N/A

7. Has your chapter held local meetings with Members of Congress or their staff (this does not include meetings that have taken place in DC as a part of the Legislative Conference)?  
*For each meeting, please include Congressional Contact Form with date, person you met with and issues discussed.*  
**10 points for each face-to-face meeting with Member of Congress or their staff**

N/A

8. Has your chapter emailed or mailed letters to Members of Congress on NTEU issues?  
*Letters sent through the Legislative Action Center (CapWiz) will be tracked by NTEU. For letters sent through the mail, please include a copy of each letter.*  
**1 point per emailed or mailed letter**

**CapWiz letters sent.**

9. Has your chapter invited a Member of Congress to the workplace or to a chapter event?

*Please attach a copy of each invitation. If a Member of Congress or staff person attended your event, please include a picture from the event or the program from the event.*

**2 points for each invite to a Member of Congress. Bonus 20 points for an appearance by a Member of Congress or their staff.**

**Yes, invites sent to members of congress to attend our chapter's summit. Let sent for invite by Chapter 282 President, Bernice Friedlander.**

**Communication with Chapter Membership**

10. Do you post legislative (NOT political) information on work bulletin boards, in the union office, or by desk drop? Such information would include Congressional voting records, NTEU issue fliers.

*Please attach copies of what has been distributed with dates of distribution or length of posting.*

**5 points for each posting**

**Desk drops done. (6/12/2008).**

**NTEU Issues posted (1 week intervals).**

11. Does your chapter regularly communicate with your members regarding legislative information? Examples of this communication would include forwarding Chapter President Memos, distributing Legislative Action Center (CapWiz) fliers, and emailing issue information.

*Please include copies of communication.*

**5 points for each type of communication for a maximum of 20 points per reporting period**

1. **Chapter Presidents Memos distributed.**
2. **Issue information distributed at information tables.**

12. Does your chapter regularly communicate with your members regarding political information? Examples of this communication would include forwarding the Political Insider newsletter, creating your own chapter e-Newsletter which includes election information, forwarding responses to candidate questionnaires and

distributing voter registration information. **PLEASE NOTE: ALL POLITICAL INFORMATION MUST BE SENT THROUGH HOME EMAIL ADDRESSES AND OFF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.**

*Please include copies of communication.*

**5 points for each type of communication with a maximum of 20 points per reporting period**

**E-Newsletter provided**

- 13.** Does your chapter have and maintain a website that contains legislative or political information? Has that website been updated during the reporting period? Does your webpage include a link to NTEU's Legislative Action Center (CapWiz) or to NTEU's Election 2008 webpage?

*Please enter website address: www.nteu282.org (use resources then legislation tabs).*

*If political information is included on your chapter website, you must include a Hatch Act warning to let member know not to view that part of the website while on government property or time.*

**10 points for a chapter website with legislative and/or political information; addition 5 point each for link to NTEU's Legislative Action Center or Election 2008 webpage**

yes

## **Legislative and Political Action**

- 14.** Has your chapter held a voter registration drive onsite or offsite? Does your chapter have voter registration material in the union office at all times? yes no  
*Please include list of dates and location of voter registration drives.*

**10 points for each voter registration drive; 10 points for keeping voter registration forms in the union office**

**Yes, Joint voter registration drive held at multiple FDA bldgs.**

**Have voter registration information in the union office.**

- 15.** Has your chapter held a Lunch and Learn at which legislative issues were discussed?  
*Please include mail or email copy of the invitation to chapter members for each Lunch and Learn (if you held several on one day, please list them separately).*

**10 points for each Lunch and Learn**

**4/29/08 - LNL held on Legislative issues.**

16. Did your chapter raise money for TEPAC by holding an offsite event, sending an email solicitation to home email addresses, or sending a TEPAC solicitation to members' homes?

*Please include a copy of each solicitation that was sent or copy of the invitation to members for each event.*

**10 points for each offsite event, email solicitation or mail solicitation by the chapter**

#### **NTEU Chapter 282 summit held offsite**

17. Did your chapter offer Hatch Act training during any event at which legislative items, political items or TEPAC was discussed?

*Please list date and approximate number of attendees.*

**4 points for each Hatch Act Training**

#### **Hatch Act Training provided at Chapter 282 Summit**

18. Has any member of your chapter sent a Letter to the Editor discussing either important legislation that affect federal employees or a candidate for federal office that is supported by NTEU? Has this Letter to the Editor been published?

*Please include a copy of each letter that was submitted and each letter that has been published in its publication. These letters can be sent through CapWiz although NTEU National is not able to track them.*

**3 points for each letter; 20 bonus points for each printed letter**

**N/A**

19. Has your chapter recruited volunteers for election activities? Do you communicate regularly with your volunteers?

*Please include volunteer list and copy of volunteer communications.*

**5 point for each volunteer; 2 points for each volunteer communication**

**Yes the following individuals volunteer for election activities:**

**Bernice Friedlander, Cathy Hobbs, Carolyn McMillian, Farin Harrison, John O'Malley, Michele Baucum, Michelle Jackson, Michael Theodorakis, Peter Doob, Sukadev Lavu, Sandra Pixley, Susuan Hight, Marsha Hayden, Martha Gay**

20. Has your chapter made contact with local Congressional, Senate or Presidential campaigns?

*Please include the campaign and the name of your contact.*

**5 points for each campaign contact**

**Yes contacted and participated with: Stephanie Gray of the Obama Campaign. Obama Campaign HQs in Baltimore County, MD.**

21. Has your chapter sent a mailing to chapter members to educate them on the candidates for office or inform them of NTEU's endorsement?

*Please include a copy of each letter.*

**5 points for each letter**

**Yes, Chapter 282 sent multiple members to participate in the endorsement letter mailing event at National.**

22. Has your chapter made Get Out the Vote (GOTV) calls to your chapter membership?

*Please include dates and volunteers making the calls.*

**20 points for each GOTV phone drive**

**Yes, Chapter 282 sent multiple members to participate in the GOTV calls event at National. Also phone calls made with Stephanie Gray at Obama Campaign HQ in Baltimore for Obama and Kratavel.**

23. Has your chapter organized an NTEU day or night at a local campaign headquarters to help them with their election needs?

*Please include date, number of NTEU members in attendance, name of campaign and type of activity.*

**5 points for each NTEU night**

**Yes, multiple 282 volunteers participated at event in VA.**

**10/11/08 - Chapter 282 volunteers campaigned in PA for Obama**

**10/19/08 - Chapter 282 volunteers campaigned in VA for Obama/Werner**

**10/25/08 - Chapter 282 volunteers campaigned in VA for Obama/Werner**

**10/26/08 - Chapter 282 volunteers campaigned in VA for Obama/Werner**