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When we treat each other in accordance with these rights, it makes working together to better the workplace more productive and builds the solidarity necessary to fight off the attacks on our jobs.

Make no mistake, postal workers are directly in the sights of this anti worker White House. Included in this year's budget proposal by the Trump administration are devastating attacks to our pay and benefits hard won in negotiations. We all know USPS's management is already laser focused on eliminating jobs, subcontracting work and lowering wages and benefits. Only by respecting each other and working together can we save our retirement, health care, wages, and jobs.

We can disagree but we should never disrespect one another. If we put aside our differences, agree when we can, disagree without being disagreeable and arrive at compromises, we can focus on the real threat to our families . . . the postal worker attacks coming from the USPS, Congress and the White House.

This also leads to being successful filing grievances. Management can be so hard to deal with. It is hard not to be frustrated but loud frustrations or yelling at supervisors will not change things or win a grievance. What we need is members working with their stewards, asking for union time to inform their steward of the violation and submitting written

statements to support the grievance. The steward will obtain the required documentation so the grievance can be filed and won and work toward eliminating the situation that caused the angst in the first place.

The decisions on running our local are done in an open meeting with all sides being heard and every member gets a vote. Your elected officers cannot work in a vacuum, we need to hear from you in order to make informed high quality decision. If you are not fully satisfied with your union, come to our local meetings, ask questions, bring up issues, propose solutions and vote your good conscience. If you are satisfied come to the local meeting and tell us what we are doing well and support the direction you want the local to go in. It is your union, it is your local and your opinion is essential for it to operate in the best interests of the membership.

I want to thank the membership for the opportunity to attend the recently held Human Relations Conference. It was three days of intense instruction on injury compensation that in

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Picture submitted by VP Cassie Williams-far right with Pat Hearn, Legislative Director of TWPU - left and Sue Carney, OWCP, Human Relations - Center At the OWCP Conference.