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A witness to history, how exciting to be alive now. No matter what you hear or read, the war is not won! There is much work to be done, and really not much time to get it done. A new Democratic President and a stronger Democratic Congress to start the New Year and usher in the next great AT&T contract negotiations. Holding ALL of our elected representatives accountable to us, the public will become a priority in the coming months and years. We must keep vigilant and constantly remind the politicians, our public servants, of their promises and obligations to each and every one of our families and us!

Speaking of accountability and responsibility, in "CWA History – A Brief Review" we are able to watch the development of our Union. \*Here is number 22:

**1971: First Special Convention Outlines Duties and Responsibilities of Locals**  
1971 proved a busy year for CWA, but did not deter more than 1,500 delegates, alternates and guests from attending the first "special convention." The delegates adopted several Constitutional amendments at this convention. The most important of these was the adoption of a Constitutional amendment dealing with the duties and responsibilities of Locals. The amendment required all Locals to carry out the union's policies, participate actively in political and legislative activities, participate in local officers and stewards' training programs, and attend all District, state and area meetings.

Also adopted at the convention was a Constitutional amendment creating CWA Retired Members Clubs and providing three-year terms of office at both the International and Local level (prior to 1971 there were two-year terms).

So, just as our International and Local leadership is responsible to the membership, our National and Local politicians are responsible to us, the public who put them there. We have an obligation to make sure we are heard.

It is clear, now more than ever, that we have the power to achieve our goals both as individuals and as a group. We must remain focused and intent on our objectives and do whatever is necessary to win, in the political arena as well as in our business dealings. We have many contracts and tough negotiations ahead of us; we must decide to remain united and resolute in our activities...There is nothing that we cannot accomplish!

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\*All of the previous editions are available on line at our web site.

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