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The News Media Guild.

It doesn’t cost. It pays.

News Media Guild
The NewsGuild-Communications Workers of America Local 31222,
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Alan Diaz, Miami Pulitzer-winner: “The Guild takes care of us. It gives us a voice at work number one, and it protects our rights. We gotta look out for each other.”
I’m joining my colleagues to support quality journalism, fair contracts, and workplace respect!

NEWS MEDIA GUILD Local 31222 of The News Guild-CWA (AFL-CIO, CLC) 131 W. 33rd St. – 14th Floor New York, N.Y. 10001 212-869-9290

I hereby apply for membership in the News Media Guild and designate it as my collective bargaining representative, and to represent me before any Board, Court, Committee or other tribunal in any matter involving collective bargaining. I authorize NMG to represent me in adjusting any grievances I may have in connection with my employment. I pledge to abide by the Constitutions of the Communications Workers of America and The NewsGuild-CWA, and the NMG By-Laws.

Name_________________________ Date of Birth_________________________ Social Sec. #_________________________

Street Address__________________________________________________________ Home Tel. #__________________________________

City_________________________ State____________ Zip Code____________ Personal E-mail______________________________

Employed by_________________________ as a_________________________ Yrs. Experience_________________________

(Name of employer) ______________________ (classification: newsperson, photographer, editorial asst., etc.)

City of Employment_________________________ Bureau_________________________ Department_________________________

Application received by________________________________________________________

Please write on the back of this card dates and places of previous related employment and previous membership in The NewsGuild, if any. Please place me on the Guild’s ‘Shoptalk’ discussion list (circle one) YES NO

Dues, assessments, contributions or gifts to this local union are not deductible as a charitable contribution. Dues paid to the News Media Guild-CWA, however, may qualify as business expenses, and may be deductible in limited circumstances subject to various restrictions imposed by the Internal Revenue Code. An initiation fee of $2 for those earning more than $100 a week, $1 for those earning less, may be deducted through checkoff with the first month’s dues.

Signature_________________________ Date_________________________ Rev. 7/1/2006

GUILD DUES CHECKOFF AUTHORIZATION

Treasurer:

Treasurer:
The Associated Press

I hereby voluntarily request and authorize The Associated Press to deduct from my salary account bi-weekly a sum equal to my regular Union dues, as certified by the Union Secretary-Treasurer to The Associated Press, I further authorize The Associated Press to deduct from my salary account from time to time whatever sums are certified by the Union Secretary-Treasurer to The Associated Press as my regular Union assessments. Such sums are to be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Guild not later than two (2) weeks after the deductions have been made.

This assignment and authorization shall remain in effect until revoked by me, but shall be irrevocable for a period of one (1) year each from the date appearing below or until the termination of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between yourself and the Union, whichever occurs sooner. I further agree and direct that this assignment and authorization shall be continued automatically and shall be irrevocable for successive periods of one (1) year each from the date appearing below or for the period of each succeeding applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Employer and the Union, whichever occurs sooner. I further agree and direct that this assignment and authorization shall be continued automatically and shall be irrevocable for successive periods of one (1) year each from the date appearing below or for the period of each succeeding applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Employer and the Union, whichever occurs sooner. Such notice of revocation shall become effective for the calendar month following the calendar month in which the Employer receives it.

This assignment and authorization supersedes all previous assignments and authorization heretofore given by me in relation to my Union membership dues.

Employee’s Signature ____________________________ Date_________________________ Bureau and Classification ____________________________

Note: Technology Unit Only. Use different form for EU

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Bureau or Department ____________________________
Recruiter Instructions.

1. Recruitment should always be done person to person, one on one.

2. Never pressure a prospect to join; you are presenting an invitation from colleagues.

3. Ask a member what’s important to them – and suggest ways the union can work for them. Everyone has an issue, non-members are no exception.

4. Complete both the upper and lower forms in ink. Please print legibly.

5. Do not give blank forms a prospect and leave, or drop them off in a mailbox. If a prospective member doesn’t wish to sign -- it’s best to come back at a later time.

6. After the prospect has signed the forms in your presence, take the sheet, make a copy, and mail the original to the Guild office (don’t fax it, we need the signed original for legal reasons) It’s best that you, the recruiter, mail in the forms.

7. Always thank a person for listening, even if they don’t sign.

8. Call the Guild with any questions about membership – we will respond promptly.

Mail completed membership forms to:

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