

May 13, 2020

Tabatha,

This is in response to the questions you asked in your email dated 5-6-2020.

Yes. General Fund and PAC (Political Action) account. We do make some small contributions to legislators and candidates running for office. We only use funds from the PAC account. As I remember as President of the Seattle Firefighters Union Local 27 we had to maintain a separate account as we could not use the general dues to make contributions.

We are not a union. I don't believe we have to maintain a second account. We do to eliminate any complaints or disputes. The funds are collected from volunteer donations from our members. We do not solicit from our members but as you can see in our Newsletters we do post the donations. The additional \$3.00 that some pay voluntarily in excess of the \$57.00 annual dues is deposited into the PAC fund. The additional \$3.00 can be paid by a second check or in one check with their dues. However the \$3.00 is deposited into the PAC account. The PAC account is sometimes referred to as the Legislative Fund but the PAC account and the Legislative Fund is one of the same. The official name is the PAC account.

The names listed in the Newsletter of those members who make a donation to the PAC account are accounted for separately in the PAC account. These are volunteer donations by our members only, not from the public.

The membership of the RFFOW is also on a voluntary basis not like working for an employer with a union shop where employees have to join the union.

I was able to locate some old RFFOW files in the garage of a former RFFOW officer who is a snowbird and has not returned home as yet due to the travel restrictions. Unfortunately some of the files have gotten wet. I am continuing to try to dry them out.

I will review what I can to see if I can find any information that will assist us with the issues in question.

Respectfully,

Richard C. Warbrouck