



# Academic Staff Professionals Representation Organization

Advocating on Behalf of Academic Staff Since 1989...

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## Will Recruit (or Join) for Food

Have you noticed that ASPRO's membership is growing? Political challenges have inspired many to join the organization.

Now, ASPRO members who recruit others to join have a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate from the Wisconsin Restaurant Association, good at any one of 7,000 restaurants across the state.

All it takes is a note on your colleague's membership application form, saying "Recruited by so-and-so." Your name will be entered in the drawing once for each new member you recruit.

If your colleagues are not persuaded by the many other benefits of being an ASPRO member or by your hope to win a gift certificate, tell them they have a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate too. A separate drawing will be held for all new members.

Membership forms must be received at the ASPRO office by June 15. Winners' names will be drawn at the Academic Staff Leadership Conference June 28-29 in Superior. Winners need not be present to win.

ASPRO leaders are working hard on behalf of the membership, getting our message across to legislators. Your effort to bring new members in is greatly appreciated. A membership application is attached for your convenience.

Membership Drive Co-Chairs,  
Becky Ryan (Madison) and  
Dave Carlson (Rock County)

## What's the Difference between ASPRO and TAUWP? Or UFAS for that matter?

As ASPRO fights to remove the harmful language in the Biennial Budget Bill which decouples the academic staff from the faculty, our members have been asked these questions. There are two fundamental differences between ASPRO and TAUWP:

1. ASPRO is not a union. ASPRO is a professional organization. TAUWP is a union (or, more accurately, a union-wannabe).
2. **ASPRO is the only organization in Wisconsin that is dedicated solely to protecting the interests of the academic staff across the UW System** Both TAUWP and UFAS are faculty unions (that later decided to include the academic staff).

Is it any wonder that TAUWP and UFAS (through their mother-organization AFT) are championing legislation which would create separate collective bargaining units for the faculty at each UW campus, but one mega-unit for all academic staff across the entire System? And, even more telling, championing legislation that prohibits the proposed academic staff bargaining unit from combining with any faculty unit?

**Only ASPRO puts the interests of the academic staff FIRST. You are not an afterthought in ASPRO.**

## Collective Bargaining: ASPRO in the Spotlight

ASPRO is on the move protecting your interests as the Legislature debates whether to grant collective bargaining rights to UW System faculty and academic staff.

1. ASPRO lobbyists and board members are meeting with the legislators who sit on the Joint Committee on Finance.
2. ASPRO has provided testimony at the three Finance Committee hearings.
  - Written testimony was submitted at UWM in Milwaukee.
  - Board member Mary Lou Reeb of UW Madison testified at the De Forest hearing.
  - Board Vice-President Dennis Shaw of UW Stout testified at the hearing in Chippewa Falls.
3. Academic Staff Governance bodies at the UW Colleges and UW Stout have passed resolutions opposing the collective bargaining language in the Budget Bill.

### Welcome New Members:

Erica Baumer of UW Madison  
Alice Jean DuBois of UW Madison  
Kristin Fillhouer of UW Colleges  
Karen Greenler of UW Colleges  
Jim Handley of UW LaCrosse  
James Hurley of UW Madison

Joan Irwin of UW Madison  
Vincel Jenkins of UW Madison  
Sara Juarez Koch of UW Colleges  
Mary Lee Kishel of UW Colleges  
Tamara Kuhn Martin of UW Madison  
James Lacy of UW Madison  
Diana Maki of UW Madison

Marsha Mansfield of UW Madison  
Tonya McKenna Trabant UW of Madison  
Eileen Norby of UW System  
Anna Palmer of UW Madison  
Thomas Tonnesen of UW Milwaukee  
Don Woolston of UW Madison