



## **The Latest – News and Your Views**

### **Updates on Issues and Member Survey**

#### **Unit Clarification**

Since “Unit Clarification” presented itself as an issue in July, ASPRO has reported on its success in convincing the Governor to veto the biennial budget language directing the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC) to assign academic staff positions to existing classified staff unions. And ASPRO leadership met with UW President Kevin Reilly, Regent John Drew, and WERC’s Peter Davis to express ASPRO’s opposition to unit clarification.

We have heard from members who have followed up on ASPRO’s suggestion to communicate with legislators about unit clarification; and we thank you for those efforts.

ASPRO regularly checks with the WERC and, to date, no union has submitted a petition to the WERC claiming that certain academic staff positions should be folded into their existing union ranks.

To learn more about unit clarification, click [here](#) and [here](#).

#### **Collective Bargaining**

Now that faculty and academic staff have been awarded the right to bargain collectively, ASPRO has heard that AFT has held an “information session” on union organizing at the UW-Eau Claire and the UW-Oshkosh campuses.

The ASPRO Board would appreciate learning of other union organizing activities across the System. You can let us know by emailing us at [aspro@aspro.net](mailto:aspro@aspro.net).

#### **Your Views**

In August the ASPRO Board engaged in a day-long strategic planning session. The future of your professional organization was the focus. The past six years have been devoted to assuring that, when collective bargaining rights were awarded to the faculty and academic staff of the UW System, academic staff would be on equal footing with the faculty. Now there is room for new challenges and achievements.

**We want to hear from you.** Please take ten minutes to complete ASPRO’s Member Survey, by clicking [here](#). The results will guide ASPRO’s advocacy efforts in the next year and beyond. We look forward to learning what is important to ASPRO members.