

How to Become a Member

COPE is a political committee made up and run by **WTU members**.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in our meetings and actions. But, to keep COPE strong and competitive, a payroll deduction of **\$1 or more will make you a voting member**.

The WTU is not allowed to spend your union dues in political campaigns. Every COPE contribution is *our* money to use to support candidates, get involved in community engagement, get out the vote, and enrich our political status in the Washington metropolitan area.

We can send you a form and you can return it to the email below

Email:

cope@wtulocal6.net

COPE's Accomplishments



- ✚ Ran open and democratic WTU endorsement process for all DC local primary and general elections since 2014.
- ✚ Successfully endorsed and helped the following candidates win their elections: City Council - Charles Allen, Brienne Nadeau, Robert White, Trayon White; State Board of Education - Ruth Wattenberg
- ✚ Regularly testify and participate in City Council and State Board of Ed Hearings & Taskforces

Benefits of Membership

By becoming a member of COPE you can be involved in a highly active WTU Committee. Below are just a few of the opportunities you get from being a member

- You can VOTE on all of our actions, including recommendations for endorsement
- You can attend regular small group and whole group meetings where your voice will be heard
- Get informed through our regular emails on upcoming events, opportunities, and further actions
- Take on a leadership role within the WTU.
- Inform the political direction of our committee and union.



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Committee on Political Education Get Informed. Get Involved. Shape Our City.

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<http://www.wtulocal6.org/cope>

Be the Change

Big changes are coming to the political scene in Washington, DC. Now is the time to get involved and determine the fate of our communities, schools and livelihoods.

- Selecting a new Chancellor
- WTU Contract Negotiations
- New Graduation Requirements
- School Funding Formula & At-Risk Funds

We need your voice.

We need your active support.

We must advocate for our students, schools and communities.

We are actively strengthening relationships with our elected officials and have seen the changes taking place already as all major candidates look for the WTU's endorsement and assistance.

This work goes far beyond elections, and we need your voice to make it happen.

Immediate Opportunities for Action

- ✓ Question candidates for City Council and State Board of Education
- ✓ Campaign for our endorsed candidates
- ✓ Meet regularly with elected officials and their staff to develop policy ideas and provide feedback on legislation
- ✓ Plan and participate in actions supporting contract negotiations
- ✓ Develop connections with community allies
- ✓ Learn about upcoming legislation, policies and issues facing our communities and how you can help.