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***AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES (AFGE) -6<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT  
LOCAL 3599***

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Greetings Members!

It has been a while since I have communicated with you in this manner. I have been sending information to you, and requesting information from you thru your elected office stewards. Two years ago we automated our communication vehicle by instituting a web page [www.afge3599.org](http://www.afge3599.org) where you could also contact me. I am pleased to announce that there is going to be even more changes in how I communicate with you. Your steward will be asking for you to provide them with your home email address. The purpose of this request is so we can send you information that cannot be shared via the agency's internet. Please be receptive to their request.

Effective January 2009 there will be scheduled staggered quarterly meetings between the Local's executive board and membership in each office. There will also be a continuation of my quarterly steward calls. Therefore, you will have ample opportunity to receive and give input to your Local. You will have access to your Local by visiting our website, thru your elected steward and by teleconference with the elected union officers.

This year's annual meeting and training is scheduled for September 12-13, 2008 at the Embassy Suites, 4700 Southport Road, Atlanta, GA. You will be notified when the web site has been posted with the highlights of the meeting. Hot topics to be discussed are: The impact of the agency's move to open up charge filing via the internet; staffing issues; increased telework days, CBA negotiations.

Thank you for your support and responses to requests for information. I believe that working together always makes it better.

Sharon Baker  
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