

# Communications

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Mr. Crandall:

About five CWA Local 4250 members attended a Retirement Network Workshop on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at Casto's Restorante, 16846 Oak park Avenue, Tinley Park, Illinois, although a majority of the audience was IBEW Local 21 members. This in itself was not unusual as IBEW Local 21 represents about 11,000 AT&T members in Illinois and CWA about 500. However, what was astonishing was one of the Retirement Network advisors unsolicited comments regarding the 1968 Illinois Bell strike. To paraphrase your advisor's comments; he said that CWA members, who were apparently satisfied with the '68 CWA contracts, crossed the '68 IBEW picket lines while they were on strike. He went on further to say; so why would you honor their picket lines in 2009? I realize how competitive the financial advising business is, but to make outrageous statements like this for the sole purpose of trying to win a customer is despicable.

Local 4250 consistently recommends that our members attend as many financial planning workshops and interview several financial advisors before making a decision to invest their hard earned savings and pensions. You can rest assured I will make CWA and IBEW members aware of the offensive and divisive comments made by your advisors at your workshop of January 22, 2009. My sole intent is to forewarn them. The final decision to attend future "Retirement Network Workshops" will be theirs to make. I will also copy this letter to my union brothers, Ron Kastner, President/Business Manager IBEW Local 21 and Seth Rosen, CWA District 4 Vice-President.

Sincerely:

Steve Tisza, President  
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Cc: Ron Kastner, President/Business Manager IBEW Local 21  
Seth Rosen, CWA District 4, Vice-President