Opposing Privatization of Public Services

Whereas, privatization of public services reduces transparency, accountability, and efficiency; undermines our democracy and provides an opportunity for corruption; creates a shadow government of unaccountable private agents; redirects public work of the WPEC bargaining unit to private companies that are often out of state; and wastes taxpayer money by feeding profit, and

Whereas, public sector unions have led the charge in highlighting this problem for decades and have achieved many victories, seen and unseen, and

Whereas, in the past year WPEC members highlighted the Walker Administration’s brazen refusal to release a statutorily required report on contracting out for over 8 months, and our until pressure successfully forced the Administration to finally release the report in June 2012, therefore be it

Resolved, that WPEC opposes the privatization of public services and will enlist its members in a series of actions this year to push back against this problem and report back on this regularly and at the next WPEC convention.