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Today marks one week in office as the Secretary / Treasurer. What a week it has been! Over the past week, Bill and I have been working on transferring accounts, speaking to our National Secretary / Treasurer, and discussing best practices with the Certified Public Accountant that handles our audits. In addition, I'm running the Business Agent office until a new BA is named. In reviewing our finances, we are looking at how we can be more efficient with the members' money and creating written policies for items like full-time officer vacations and reimbursed expenses, just to name a couple. In the weeks ahead, we will be looking at contracts we have with different business partners to determine if we are getting the best deals available, or if it is time to look for new companies to partner with on items like our copy machine or phones. We are also cognizant of the balloon payment due in August on the building and are working to address that now, rather than wait and scramble at the last minute. We have also made a commitment to all our vendors and business partners that we will be addressing their inquiries in a timely manner to ensure we don't let matters sit too long and not be able to make the best decisions for you, the members. We recognize that we are stewards of the finances of this Union, and we both take that responsibility seriously. The more efficient we are with your money to run the Local, the more money we will have for defending the membership in hearings as well as arbitrations and additional training for our Stewards and Officers. If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out. We are here for you.

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