

## CALL TO ARMS

As you know, the Brown County Taxpayers Association (“BCTA”) is a volunteer watchdog organization in its fourth decade of monitoring and checking government and its taxing - and other - policies. We take great pride in what we do. There are only a couple of other such organizations throughout Wisconsin.

Within the next couple of months, we expect a decision from Wisconsin’s State Appellate Court with respect to Brown County’s sales tax, which we have claimed is illegal. As always, we will keep you posted as to the decision.

Because of our reputation for taking on legitimately important issues – like Brown County’s sales tax cited above, our analyses of the same, and the resulting credibility with which we are viewed, we have recently been served up with a raft of new issues by members and non-members alike. We view this as a compliment about the gravity with which we go about our work and its efficacy. These new issues warrant our consideration of investigation and, eventually, possible advocacy for certain outcomes. Examples of such issues include election law reform, the “dark store” tax loop hole, property tax inequities, persistent school districts’ referenda, and others. The BCTA is organized with an executive committee of six members, up to 24 directors, and four standing committees. The four standing committees are: national, state, local/county, and schools. It is the task of these committees to address their respective issues and recommend appropriate actions, or positions, to be taken by the BCTA.

We are seeking BCTA members to volunteer to participate in any one, or more, of the four standing committees. Committee meetings are minimal and only scheduled on an as-needed basis. Expectations of committee members are that they:

- ✓ Stay informed on matters of taxpayer interest on the national, state, local, or school district level.
- ✓ Identify pending elections or voter actions.
- ✓ Determine potential impact on Brown County residents.
- ✓ Recommend actions by the BCTA organization and/or individual members.
- ✓ Communicate issue and recommendations to members via Facebook page and Newsletter.
- ✓ Obtain authorization from the Executive Committee before speaking or acting on behalf of the BCTA.
- ✓ Serve as spokesperson for the BCTA if authorized by the Executive Committee.

If you’d be interested in getting involved and making a difference, please contact me (contact info below) and let me know.

Thank you,

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