



**3. Old Business**

a. Shirts & Lanyards

Paul Vasquez reported on the pricing of shirts and lanyards from our vendor. The Board discussed relative value vs. cost. A consensus was reached to buy 300 shirts embroidered with our logo and “Contract Team” for mobilizers, and 1000 red lanyards for the membership.

[Bill Bores entered the meeting.]

Motion (#07-07): To allocate \$12,000 for shirts and lanyards for contract mobilization

Moved: Vasquez

Seconded: Black

Passed Unanimously

b. Scholarship Drawing

Scholarship Committee Chairman Brendan Black reported that all Scholarship applications are due back by June 29. The drawing will take place on or before July 6.

c. N.R.

Bill Bores reports that the proposals previously brought before the T.D./A.D./Management committee are being addressed. New problems that have developed with the NR-2 switcher have delayed the return to air status of NR-1 indefinitely.

d. CWA Convention Delegate Election

Petitions for the Delegate Election authorized at last month’s Executive Board meeting will be available as of May 18, the petitions will be due back on June 8, and ballots, if necessary, will be mailed on June 14 and counted on July 5.

e. Executive Board Realignment

Paul Vasquez distributed Executive Board Unit census data. The Board discussed possible realignment scenarios, and committed to move forward with realignment this year.

f. Daily Hire Meeting

The meeting that was requested by Paul Vasquez took place on May 3. Nineteen Daily Hire members and one ABC staff employee member attended. Paul felt it was a good meeting. The Board discussed Daily Hires issues as they pertain to the Strike Authorization vote. The meeting also produced four new volunteers for the Daily Hire Committee.

**4. Grievance and Arbitration Report**

Jim Joyce reported that a WABC-TV Grievance Meeting took place on May 1, which was also the date of the garbage truck fire in the WABC-TV loading dock.

A temporary control room for the “Live” show is to be built in the basement, and is scheduled to go on the air on May 29, while the permanent TV-14 control room is rebuilt for high-definition.



**7. ABC Negotiations & Mobilization – Cont'd**

Monday, May 21, has been added as an additional “Wear Red” mobilization activity day.

A joint mobilization activity with the Writers Guild of America East will take place on May 15 at Lincoln Center in conjunction with the ABC Fall Rollout.

Contingency planning for picket assignments will now commence as a result of the success of the strike authorization vote.

[Dennis Allen exited the meeting.]

**8. Political Report**

On Friday, May 18, Vice-President Joyce and Secretary-Treasurer Gelber will participate in a meeting at Senator Clinton’s New York City office organized by the New York State AFL-CIO Arts and Entertainment Coalition.

On May 2, Vice-President Joyce met with Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer to discuss issues regarding past tax concessions granted ABC by the City that have been raised by ABC’s current proposals, among other things. Borough President Stringer, a long-time friend of Local 16, was very supportive on our issues.

Voting is coming up soon in the U.S. Senate on the Employee Free Choice Act.

**9. Training Report**

Paul Vasquez reported that the May 23 BURST training event was postponed. The next BURST board meeting is scheduled for May 30. Several requests have been received from additional NABET locals for BURST Avid training.

Jim Joyce attended the NAB Convention on behalf of the Sector and the Task Force on Technology and Training, which he chairs.

**10. Funding Requests**

The Executive Board considered numerous funding requests and took action on the following:

Motion (#07-08): To forward to CWA Local 16’s annual quota of \$111 for the Eduardo Diaz Union-to-Union fund.

Moved: Gelber

Seconded: Burgos

Passed Unanimously

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**11. Executive Session**

Motion to go into Executive Session

Moved: Vasquez

Seconded: Ciccone

Passed Unanimously

[G. Ciccone exited the meeting.]

Motion to come out of Executive Session

Moved: Burgos

Seconded: Bores

Passed Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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