

3. Old Business

a. Executive Board Unit Realignment

Paul Vasquez provided updated Executive Board unit census data including some specific numbers on the internal composition of Unit #2.

b. Shirts & Lanyards

The designs for the “Contract 2007” shirts and lanyards have been approved and our vendor is beginning production.

4. Grievance and Arbitration Report

President Maxwell reported that we are still waiting for the arbitrator’s decision on the GMA On-Camera Appearance cases.

A hearing was held today in an arbitration over scheduling discrimination against a shop steward. The case was not concluded and will resume on July 26.

The Union is pursuing an issue at WABC-TV over a Section 14.1(b) discharge notice issued to another steward.

The Board members discussed a jurisdictional grievance filed in Telecommunications, which appears headed towards resolution.

Orlando Burgos brought up the slow pace of resolution of grievances and arbitrations, particularly in Unit #6. There is special concern and urgent need for resolution of a Section 8.10(c) grievance filed at the beginning of 2007 over changes in scheduling procedures in ENG maintenance that have resulted in excessive workloads for most, if not all, of the engineers. The Board discussed these issues at some length. Orlando also expressed concerns over the placement of new security cameras in the ENG editing transmission area.

President Maxwell brought to the Board’s attention claims of sabotage raised by ABC management concerning a switcher in N.R. Cameras to monitor entrances and exits from operating areas are being installed in corridors. Local 16 will continue to discuss these serious issues with management and strongly protest all unsubstantiated claims of sabotage.

5. ABC Negotiations & Mobilization

The second round of negotiations took place over two weeks in Chicago, and ended on June 1. CWA President Larry Cohen joined the negotiating committee on the final day to present to the Company the Union’s dim view of ABC’s intolerant attitude towards union representation of its employees.

5. ABC Negotiations & Mobilization – Cont'd

During this round ABC presented its modified seniority proposal, which would split the current lists to create numerous new lists organized by operating groups in all areas. The Union and its members would find the effect of this change devastating, since there would be practically no remaining job security at all.

[Dennis Allen exited the meeting.]

The Board discussed the Company's proposals at some length. The Company's original proposal for an unpaid lunch hour now calls for a paid lunch that would not count towards the daily eight-hour schedule, so any ninth hour would be paid at straight time.

The third round of negotiations is tentatively scheduled to begin on August 20th.

On Thursday, June 14, a NABET & Writers Guild forum is scheduled for the 47 West 66th St. cafeteria. ABC upper management personnel have been invited to attend.

6. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The May, 2007 income and disbursement reports, and the fiscal year-to-date totals, were distributed to the Board by Secretary-Treasurer Gelber. Some unusual items were discussed and our budget continues to proceed generally as projected, although some budget lines may have to be increased at the next meeting to cover mobilization and negotiation expenses.

7. Funding Requests

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

Motion (#07-09): To allocate \$200 for two tickets and a Memory Book message for a retirement luncheon to be held on June 27 for CWA Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer Carmine Turchi, a long-time friend of Local 16.

Moved: Nolan

Seconded: Ciccone

Passed Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Gelber