

## NABET-CWA LOCAL 16 EXECUTIVE BOARD

**DATE OF MEETING:** Tuesday, August 12, 2003  
**ATTENDANCE:** **President:** Eugene J. Maxwell  
**Vice President:** James C. Joyce  
**Secretary-Treasurer:** Richard L. Gelber

### Executive Board Representatives:

**Unit #1:** William Bores (late)  
**Unit #2:** Gary Boyarsky  
**Unit #3:** Gregory Ciccone  
**Unit #4:** Dennis Allen  
**Unit #5:** James J. Nolan  
**Unit #6:** Orlando Burgos (vacation)  
**Unit #7:** Paul Vasquez

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

### 1. RMC Request

Local 16 Retired Members' Club Chairman Steve Ciliberto appeared at the invitation of the Board and requested travel expenses to attend RMC events in Chicago on August 22 and 23, held in conjunction with the CWA Convention. Ciliberto also requested that Local 16 provide postage and other help with mailings needed to conduct RMC officer elections.

No action was taken on the Chicago travel request, and the Board by consensus referred the election funding request to President Maxwell.

### 2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The July, 2003 receipts and disbursement reports for Local 16 were distributed and discussed.

### 3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on June 10, 2003, were accepted as submitted.

Moved: Nolan

Seconded: Boyarsky

Passed Unanimously

**4. Grievance and Arbitration Report**

Hearings began in New York on June 26 in the arbitration on the International grievance over the 2001 layoffs. Five of seven New York based grievants testified over two days. The hearings now move to Washington and Los Angeles for testimony from grievants located in those cities.

A check from ABC for \$7000 has been received, for credit to the Scholarship Fund, in settlement of grievances that were the subject of a Sideletter BY meeting.

A pay issue regarding w.d.o.'s and "golden time" for an editor in Net ENG has been resolved.

Upcoming scheduled arbitration dates are September 10 and 25.

**5. Political Report**

Paul Vasquez reported the following:

The NYC Central Labor Council political directors have issued endorsements in the City Council races where primary elections are being held. Primary Day is September 9.

[At this point, W. Bores entered the meeting]

The House of Representatives has voted to roll back the changes to the radio and TV ownership cap rules recently adopted by the F.C.C.

The New York COBRA subsidy bill is still awaiting the Governor's signature.

Although the Working Families Party has thus far co-endorsed candidates running on major party tickets, there is a strong possibility of a City Council candidate running and being elected on a "pure" WFP ticket.

**6. Training Report**

The Tektronix test & measurement event held at Local 11 on June 25 went well. The next BURST event will be a return visit by Adobe on October 8, and after that there will be a Pinnacle event in November.

At the Sector Executive Council meeting in June, the SEC appropriated \$5000 towards initial organizational costs for BURST, contingent on Locals 11 and 16 appropriating \$3000 each. (IBEW Local 1212 has already acted.)

Motion (#03-013): To appropriate \$3000 for start-up and initial operating costs of BURST, pursuant to SEC resolution #45-03.

Moved: Vasquez

Seconded: Nolan

Passed Unanimously



**12. Actuarial Consultant Costs**

The bill for the actuarial consultant hired by the NNC exceeded the original allocation by several thousand dollars.

Motion (#03-014): To pay Local 16's per capita share of the additional cost for the actuarial consultant hired for the Union Trustees of the pension plan.

Moved: Boyarsky

Seconded: Allen

Passed Unanimously

**13. Sector Executive Council Meeting**

J. Joyce and R. Gelber reported briefly on the issues dealt with at the June, 2003 NABET-CWA Sector Executive Council meeting. Some changes were made in Sector expense policies, some local rebate issues were discussed, and an allocation was made for BURST, as mentioned in item #6 above.

**14. Retirement and Death Benefit Committee**

As a result of some problems that have been encountered in administration of the current benefits, President Maxwell is reconstituting this Committee, which will consist of Dennis Allen (Chairman), Bill Bores, and Greg Ciccone.

**15. OPEIU Negotiations**

The expired OPEIU contract was further extended after 2 days of bargaining during July. Additional days are coming up soon.

**16. Verizon Update**

The CWA workers at Verizon have been working without a contract, following expiration of the previous contract on August 2. CWA is mobilizing Union members to switch local telephone carriers if Verizon does not come to terms. More details forthcoming.

**17. ABC Contract Negotiations**

Jim Joyce extensively summarized the terms of the Tentative Agreement with ABC. The ratification ballots will be mailed on September 2, and will be due back on September 25. Membership meetings will be held on or about September 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Gelber

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