

NABET-CWA Local 16 EXECUTIVE BOARD

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, August 4, 2004
ATTENDANCE: **President:** Eugene J. Maxwell
Vice President: James C. Joyce
Secretary-Treasurer: Richard L. Gelber

Executive Board Representatives:

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on July 21, 2004, were approved as amended.

Moved: Joyce Seconded: Bores Passed Unanimously

2. Executive Session

The Board discussed, in Executive Session, matters of interpretation of certain Sector By-Laws.

3. New Members

The following members were accepted into membership contingent upon payment of initiation fees, dues, and verification of application:

S. Thiam M. Burgess

Moved: Nolan Seconded: Bores Passed Unanimously

4. Grievance and Arbitration Report

Vice-President and Grievance Chairman Jim Joyce reported that there are continuing problems at the soap opera studios regarding knockdown schedules and the new “1-hour cutback” rule. Further discussions with the Company will follow, but one grievance has been filed for now.

A grievance will be filed over the Company’s failure to assign a Technical Director to the Democratic Convention pickup in Boston, and ABC will be urged to assign one to the Republican Convention in New York.

“OTE” problems (opportunities to eat) have already arisen at both Network and WABC-TV News.

The first Sideletter “DC” (semi-annual) meeting to be held in several years has been scheduled for October.

The next available arbitration date is August 24.

5. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

Secretary-Treasurer Gelber presented the July, 2004 financial report and the cumulative totals for the current fiscal year to date (October, 2003 through July, 2004). As of the end of July, due to the large surplus in July as a result of local dues collections, the fiscal year to date deficit is down to approximately \$62,000. Also, at the end of July, income was at 84.3% of budget, and expenses were at 78.8% of budget.

We will try to schedule Finance Committee meetings in early September.

6. Political Report

The minimum wage increase that was enacted by the legislature just before the previous meeting was vetoed by Governor Pataki. There are enough votes available to override the veto in both houses, but the issue now depends on State Senate Majority Leader Bruno’s willingness to allow the override vote to come to the floor.

Paul Vasquez attended the recent CWA District One Political Directors’ meeting, which included an AFL-CIO “Voice at Work” presentation.

CWA-sponsored “get out the vote” bus trips may be coming up.

Jim Joyce mentioned that our annual COPE Drive is coming soon, and that Local 16 has qualified as a CWA “COPE Honor Local”.

7. Training Report

Paul Vasquez reported that BURST is pursuing making discounts available on products and publications produced by Focal Press.

BURST is in discussions with CWE (Consortium for Worker Education) for using their facilities for training classes.

Jim Nolan showed copies of training manuals for the CISCO “A+” and “CCNA” courses, available at very deep discounts through CWA-NETT.

8. Organizing

Local 16 has decided not to pursue formal involvement in Local 11 Secretary Gene Garnes’ organizing proposal. However, Brother Garnes will continue to help Local 16 with specific organizing projects whenever requested.

9. Republican National Convention – Madison Square Garden

The Board discussed a number of issues pertaining to the Republican Convention, including jurisdictional matters, safety, and Company transportation policy.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Gelber
Secretary-Treasurer

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