

3. Political Report

Paul Vasquez reported on the Congressional campaign of Frank Barbaro, who is trying to unseat incumbent Vito Fassella, and whose campaign Paul is working on. Paul also updated the Board on other CWA-endorsed candidates. Health care needs to be upgraded as an agenda issue.

Phone banking is being conducted at numerous CWA and other Union locations.

Reform of the Rockefeller drug laws is desperately needed, but it still continues to be a political hot potato in Albany.

Reform of the political process in Albany has suddenly gained momentum, and the broad-based support reform now enjoys may finally result in long-needed progress.

The COBRA subsidy bill, which a coalition of unions, including Local 16, has been working on for years, has finally been enacted into law, and may provide a vital benefit for certain members. Contact Secretary-Treasurer Gelber for details, which will also be posted on the Local 16 web page.

4. Training

The CWA-NETT training program, whose details are available through links on the CWA web site (www.cwa-union.org), has been very popular, and includes CCNA courses. Many NABET-CWA members, particularly Local 16 members, are participating in this training.

5. Grievance and Arbitration Report

Grievance Chairman Jim Joyce summarized the upcoming arbitration schedule:

Oct. 12: Arbitration AIO 01-02 Network Layoff-Arbitrator Edelman
Oct. 21: Arbitration AN 04-24 Suspension-Arbitrator Tillem
Nov. 16: Arbitration AN 04-07 Outside Employment-Arbitrator Edelman
Nov. 17: Arbitration AN 04-07 Outside Employment-Arbitrator Edelman
Nov. 18: Grievance Meeting WABC-TV
Nov. 19: WABC-TV SL #48 Meeting
Nov. 22: Network Grievance Meeting
Nov. 23: Network Grievance Meeting

6. New Members

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

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6. New Members – Cont'd

H. Shen	L. Rodriguez	A. Capuano	N. Timberlake	M. German
K. Wise	K. Brenner	M. Farley	D. McDermott	

Moved: Boyarsky

Seconded: Allen

Passed Unanimously

7. Funding Requests

Citizen Action, a broad-based progressive political organization of which Vice-President Joyce sits on the New York City Board, is presenting its “Taste of Democracy” Annual Gala later in the month.

Motion (04-027): To allocate \$500 to purchase a one-quarter page journal ad for the Citizen Action “Taste of Democracy” 2004 Annual Gala.

Moved: Vasquez

Seconded: Gelber

In Favor: Joyce, Gelber, Ciccone, Nolan, Vasquez

Opposed: Bores, Boyarsky

Abstain: Allen

Motion Adopted

8. Officers Cards

The officers’ cards will be updated and included with the mailing of the new calendar books.

9. CWA District One Conference

The annual CWA District One Leadership Conference will be held this year in Atlantic City over November 10-12. Expenses will include 2 nights’ hotel and car mileage and some meals. All three Local 16 officers will attend.

10. October SEC Meeting

The next meeting of the NABET-CWA Sector Executive Council will take place in San Diego later in October. Jim Joyce will attend in his role as Sector Vice-President, and Rich Gelber will attend as Regional Vice-President. The Sector will cover Rich’s leave of absence costs.

