

NABET-CWA Local 16 Executive Board

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, April 5, 2006
ATTENDANCE: **President:** Eugene J. Maxwell
Vice President: James C. Joyce
Secretary-Treasurer: Richard L. Gelber

Executive Board Representatives:

Unit #1: William Bores
Unit #2: Frank Schiraldi
Unit #3: Gregory Ciccone
Unit #4: Dennis Allen
Unit #5: James J. Nolan
Unit #6: Orlando Burgos
Unit #7: Paul Vasquez

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m.

1. Unit #7 Shop Stewards

Unit #7 Executive Board Representative Paul Vasquez posted Shop Steward election notices at WABC-TV that split the Studio group into three parts and create a separate RF group, in order to follow the Company's posted vacation groups. According to the Local 16 By-Laws, these changes can only be made by the Executive Board.

The incumbent WABC-TV Studio Steward, Henry Plimack, appeared before the Board at the invitation of President Maxwell. Plimack stated to the Board that he believes the change to his group was politically motivated and explained why he believes he can represent the entire current Studio group effectively.

Motion to go into Executive Session

Moved: Gelber

Seconded: Nolan & Burgos

Passed Unanimously

5. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Gelber presented the March receipt and disbursement reports and year-to-date summaries for the first half of the current fiscal year. Income and expenses are both running very close to budget.

6. Political Report

Paul Vasquez reported on the CWA Annual Legislative Conference in Washington and distributed associated handouts. 2006 is a busy political year and more member involvement is sorely needed.

The Board discussed several prospective challengers to Rep. Fossella's House seat, the possibility of a bill on a single-payer health care system, and a universal health care bill that was passed yesterday by the Massachusetts legislature.

Jim Joyce met with numerous Senators and Congresspersons from our region during the Legislative Conference.

Several of the state-wide elections coming up in New York State will have Democratic primaries.

7. Pension Update

Dennis Allen reported that the Pension Plan ended March with an unaudited total of \$629 million after the second consecutive "flat" month. The Fund needs \$580 million for the June 30 "pop-up snapshot" date, before which it is scheduled to pay approximately \$5 million in benefits and receive \$1 million in Company contributions.

8. Training Report

Paul Vasquez reported that the BURST website development project is making progress.

9. New Members

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

C. Brozyna M. Chiora N. Ferdonsi A. Green M. Lissain

A. Smith M. Strungis

Moved: Gelber

Seconded: Nolan

Passed Unanimously

