



**Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
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**2. Old Business – Cont'd**

b. Scott Devitte

Secretary-Treasurer Gelber reported that Brother Devitte is on vacation and will be called to appear at the September meeting.

c. CIGNA Problems

An e-mail has gone out to the membership soliciting reports about problems with CIGNA. This will be followed-up with a conventional mailing.

d. Special Election – Unit #1 Executive Board Representative

Acting Elections Committee Chairman Schiraldi reports that Brendan Black was elected Executive Board Representative for Unit #1 without opposition. Brother Black will be sworn-in at the next meeting.

e. OPEIU Contract Negotiations

The tentative settlement with OPEIU has still not been sent out for ratification. No further information is available.

f. Picnic

All checks received for picnic attendance were returned immediately upon cancellation of the picnic. The forfeited deposit of \$2250 was the only expense to Local 16.

**3. New Members**

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

R. Nuez

G. Millen

K. Morey

J. Montgomery

M. McCusker

D. Stowens

R. Tredanari

M. Lichtenstein

Moved: Ciccone

Seconded: Nolan

Passed Unanimously

**4. Grievance and Arbitration Report**

Vice-President and Grievance Chairman Joyce reported that the arbitration over prorated 2006 vacations for members who returned from LTD during 2005 was unsuccessful.

The following grievances were filed during the past month:

“Slid” lunch in TV-17 without Tech. Manager approval

A member’s suspension at WABC-TV due to equipment damage

Changes in operation in TV-23 due to hand-held cameras and workload

A grievance is pending regarding overtime payments for some of the crew assigned to the NBA finals (an “ESPN time-buy” series).

**5. Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

Secretary-Treasurer Gelber presented the July receipt and disbursement reports and year-to-date summaries. The anticipated positive cash flow during July of \$80,000 has reduced the fiscal year's accumulated deficit to approximately \$31,000. Rather than increase the legal budget once again, the current legal bill was submitted for approval of payment.

Motion (#06-020): To approve payment of the bill submitted by Local 16 General Counsel Weissman & Mintz of \$3,567.99 for June, 2006.

Moved: Gelber

Seconded: Nolan

Passed Unanimously

The Finance Committee will have its initial meeting for the new fiscal year's budget on August 28.

**6. ABC Negotiations**

The NABET-CWA ABC Negotiating Committee will hold its next meeting in San Francisco beginning on October 15.

**7. Political Report**

Jim Joyce distributed a report prepared by the CWA on Congressional voting records.

Paul Vasquez reported that the Working Families Party has hired Peter Hatch as Director of Congressional Repo. Operations to manage the New York Congressional races. Paul will attend the New York State AFL-CIO COPE convention in Albany later this month.

**8. Pension Update**

Pension Trustee Dennis Allen reported that the Pension Fund's actuary confirmed yesterday that the "pop-up" can be adopted at the maximum figure of 1.68% as anticipated. The actuary's report was distributed to the Executive Board members and thoroughly discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. at the recommendation of building security due to flooding.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Gelber

