

## NABET-CWA LOCAL 16 EXECUTIVE BOARD

**DATE OF MEETING:** Wednesday, September 8, 2004  
**ATTENDANCE:** **President:** Eugene J. Maxwell  
**Vice President:** James C. Joyce  
**Secretary-Treasurer:** Richard L. Gelber

### Executive Board Representatives:

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

### 1. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Gelber presented the August, 2004 financial report and the cumulative totals for the current fiscal year to date (October, 2003 through August, 2004). Interest and dividends figures for July and August are estimated due to statement delays. The fiscal year to date deficit is down to approximately \$40,000. The first Finance Committee meeting will take place Monday, September 13, 2004.

### 2. Retirement Gift and Death Benefits

Secretary-Treasurer Gelber requested an increase in the current budget for the Local 16 Death Benefit so that several pending benefits can be paid.

Motion (#04-026): To increase the Local 16 Death Benefit budget to \$25,000.

Moved: Boyarsky

Seconded: Allen

Passed Unanimously



**7. Political Report**

Paul Vasquez reported that CWA-sponsored bus trips to Pennsylvania and Ohio for getting out the vote are coming up at the end of the month.

“Phone banking” is already underway at several area local union locations - - anyone interested in participating contact Paul Vasquez.

**8. Organizing Report**

Local 11 has won the representation election held at Bronx Community Television. Gene Garnes and everyone participating are to be congratulated for a successful campaign.

**9. Jobs With Justice Contribution Request**

New York Jobs With Justice, which helped Local 16 considerably during the 1998-99 lockout, has requested a \$200 contribution. It has been a year and a half since we contributed last.

Motion (#04-027): To contribute \$200 to New York Jobs with Justice

Moved: Joyce

Seconded: Vasquez

Passed Unanimously

**10. CWA Convention Report**

Local 16 was represented at the CWA Annual Convention that was just held in Anaheim, California, by delegates Gene Maxwell, Jim Joyce, Rich Gelber, and Steve Barreres. NABET-CWA delegates in general were well represented on the Convention’s various committees. Gene Maxwell served on the Constitution Committee. An informal NABET-CWA Sector meeting was held among all the NABET delegates, which featured updates on training and safety, including a presentation by Local 16’s Steve Barreres.

Well-received political speeches were delivered by Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA).

A CWA Committee’s report recommending a decrease in the frequency of Conventions from every year, to every three years, was rejected by the delegates. (The three-year cycle for NABET-CWA Sector Conferences, held in conjunction with that year’s Convention, is unaffected.)

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**11. Calendar Books**

It is time to order our traditional calendar books, which are available at approximately the same unit cost as last year. The Board decided by consensus to place the order in the usual manner; the actual cost will be included in the forthcoming budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Gelber

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