

## NABET-CWA Local 16 Executive Board

**DATE OF MEETING:** Wednesday, September 14, 2005

**ATTENDANCE:**       **President:**               Eugene J. Maxwell  
                          **Vice President:**       James C. Joyce (Sector business & remote svc.)  
                          **Secretary-Treasurer:** Richard L. Gelber

### Executive Board Representatives:

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm.

### 1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on August 10, 2005, were approved as amended.

Moved: Vasquez

Seconded: Bores

Passed Unanimously

### 2. Old Business

#### a. Newsletter (Scene-16)

President Maxwell will contact editor Brendan Black with NABET-CWA Sector Conference and CWA Convention Local 16 delegation information and to discuss the publication schedule.

#### b. Communications Committee

Appointment recommendations are pending from Executive Board members.

### 3. New Members

None ready for approval (some application form omissions pending).

**4. Grievance and Arbitration Report**

Vice-President and Grievance Chairman Jim Joyce reported on the Arbitrator's decision in the William Stallone discharge case. The Arbitrator ordered Brother Stallone's reinstatement.

A Network grievance meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, September 21.

Grievances have been filed regarding outside contractors' installation work at B.O. &E.

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

No report was distributed due to late receipt of various bank statements and the Secretary-Treasurer's surgery several days ago. The August monthly reports will be mailed to the Executive Board members next week.

Secretary-Treasurer Gelber reported that August will turn out to be a negative month due to the late receipt of part of the July dues rebate from the CWA and the large legal bill approved at the last meeting, but that September is anticipated to be a positive month and that he still anticipates the deficit at the end of the fiscal year to be below the originally budgeted amount.

**6. Political Report**

Paul Vasquez reported on the results of the September 13 primary elections.

Both CWA and WFP (Working Families Party) had a very good day. Scott Stringer, currently the New York State Assembly member for the Upper West Side district covering both Local 16 and ABC, won the Democratic primary election for Manhattan Borough President in a crowded field that included the well-financed Eva Moskowitz, currently the City Council member representing the East Side, who has steadily attacked the Teachers' Union and shown herself to be no friend of labor at all. Stringer was endorsed by CWA, Local 16, WFP, and Citizens Action.

President Maxwell reported on the election day work he did along with Vice-President Jim Joyce and E-Board rep. Bill Bores on behalf of Scott Stringer at the request of CWA District One.

On the WFP side the major victory was in the 41st City Council District in Brooklyn. Darlene Mealy, a long time community activist but first time candidate, won an amazing victory. She received 47% of the vote in a 10-person field including the father of current, but term-limited, Council Member Tracy Boyland. Darlene is a member of TWU Local 100 and was supported by a large number of unions in addition to the WFP.

**7. Training Report**

Paul Vasquez reported on the BURST Committee's activities at the NABET-CWA Sector Conference and CWA Convention. BURST made a presentation to the NABET Conference and



**10. Pension Plan – Cont'd**

means that the Fund's earnings are compensating for the negative cash flow (Company contributions less benefits paid out).

**11. Good and Welfare**

President Maxwell reported that four members who were on Long Term Disability have returned to work under the "right to return" extension that he negotiated in 2004. That extension has now expired.

**12. NABET-CWA Sector Conference and CWA Annual Convention**

The 2005 First Triennial NABET-CWA Sector Conference and CWA Annual Convention took place at the end of August in Chicago. Local 16 was represented by Gene Maxwell, Jim Joyce, Rich Gelber, and Paul Vasquez as delegates, and Jim Nolan as alternate. Gene also served the CWA Convention as Chairman of the Constitution Committee. Due to Gene's responsibilities to this Committee, Jim Nolan served in his place as delegate at the Sector Conference one afternoon.

During the Sector Conference, NABET-CWA Sector President John Clark was re-elected without opposition (John Alarid of Local 53 having withdrawn his candidacy), and Jim Joyce was re-elected overwhelmingly as Sector Vice-President over Leroy Jackson, also of Local 53.

Other highlights of the Sector Conference were a safety presentation with visuals given by Local 16 Safety Director Steve Barerres, and a presentation on broadcast industry labor history by ABC Associate Director Dennis Mazzocco, who is also on the faculty of Hofstra University. Mazzocco was invited to the Conference on the recommendation of Rich Gelber. Both presentations were enthusiastically received by the assembled delegates and guests.

A Sector By-Law amendment concerning qualifications for membership in NABET-CWA that was submitted by Local 16 (and originated by Bill Bores) passed without significant opposition, and an amendment regarding open Sector Executive Council meetings eventually passed after protracted debate and proceedings.

The CWA Convention spent much time debating concepts for the future restructuring of the Union.

At the Convention, a donation of \$4 million to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts was approved unanimously.

As mentioned above, Local 16 President Maxwell served as Chairman of the CWA Convention Constitution Committee, which considered and reported on several proposed amendments. An extremely well-produced video presentation on the CWA-NETT training program prominently featured Jim Nolan.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Gelber

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