**Andrew Puleo November 20, 2015**

**PEF Region 2**

**S/W PAC Report**

**October 8 –** A 132nd Assembly District Reception Honoring Assemblyman Phil Palmesano, held at the Pleasant Valley Wine Company, Hammondsport, 5:30 – 7:30PM, was attended by PEF member T. Alimossy PE., and A. Puleo. Mr. Palmesano was provided with PEF’s legislative questionairre and apprised of the PEF’s disappointment with NYSDOT’s surprise announcement that appointment criteria for Civil Engineers 1, was being changed without the benefit of PEF’s input. Also discussed, and repeatedly so, was PEF’s abhorrence of tax dollars wasted on consultants. NYS Senator Tom O’Mara was present at this event, recall he voted in favor of Tier 6, and that he ran unopposed in his last election. The flyer for this event was forwarded to Val O’Dell with a request that a contribution check in the amount of $100.00 be provided to “Friends for Palmesano”.

**October 15** – The Chemung County Democratic Committee Fund Raiser, held at 5:30 – 7:30PM at the Hill Top Inn, in Elmira, was attended by Division 175 Treasurer Kathy Button. The Keynote Speaker was John Plumb (D), Congressional District 23, Candidate. Ms. Button reported that she did provide Mr. Plumb with PEF’s Federal Candidate questionnaire and that PEF is looking forward to future meetings with him. Mr. Plumb will be running against Republican incumbent Tom Reed. Mr. Reed has one of the worst voting records in regard to labor issues in New York State, yet for some reason, Organized Labor in the 23rd Congressional District has been unsuccessful in making that fact common knowledge. It may be time for a billboard, which is funny ‘cause it’s true! The flyer for this event was forwarded to Val O’Dell with a request that a contribution check in the amount of $75.00 be provided to “Chemung County Democratic Committee”.

**October 22** - I **r**eceived an invitation from Assemblyman Palmesano to the Steuben County GOP Fall Dinner on 10-29-15, at the Corning Country Club. The keynote speaker was Congressman Chris Gibson whom has announced that he will not seek re-election to his congressional seat. However, he is contemplating a run for New York State Governor. Unfortunately no PEF Region 2 members reported out that they attended this event**.**

**October 29 –** I attended a Rochester & Genesse Valley Area Labor Federation funded reception dinner for John Plumb (D), 23rd Congressional District Candidate and spoke at length with Mr. Plumb regarding *H.R 1692 – Safety, Efficiency, and Accountability in Transportation Projects Through Public Inspection Act of 2015*, as sponsored by Donna Edwards (D) Maryland. Coincidentally, Mr. Plumbs attending staffer, Nathan Doherty is a constituent of Ms. Edwards. Mr. Doherty did inquire of PEF to contribute to Mr. Plumb’s campaign and was informed that any such donations would have to approved by the Regional PAC. Also in attendance was Leslie Dank-Burke, who shared her intent to announce her candidacy for New York State Senate District 58, which covers Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben and Yates counties, and a portion of Tompkins County (the city and town of Ithaca, and the towns of Enfield, Newfield and Ulysses. Both Mr. Plumb and Ms. Dank-Burke were advised that the PEF Region 2 PAC would be willing to have them address PEF members in concert with efforts by the Rochester & Genesse Valley Area Labor Federation, and its’ Labor Councils. Copies of a 2015 WDI, Workforce Development Institute, publication titled, “Working Stories”, with a foreword authored by NYS AFL-CIO President Mario Cilento, was provided to all attendees of this event.

NOTE: To date HR 1692,

**Official Title as Introduced: “**To require public employees to perform the inspection of State and local surface transportation projects, and related essential public functions, to ensure public safety, the cost-effective use of transportation funding, and timely project delivery”, has the following (10) Sponsors.

| **Cosponsor** | **Date Cosponsored** |
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| [Rep. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]\*](https://www.congress.gov/member/eleanor-norton/N000147) | 03/26/2015 |
| [Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-7]](https://www.congress.gov/member/michael-capuano/C001037) | 04/14/2015 |
| [Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]](https://www.congress.gov/member/grace-napolitano/N000179) | 05/21/2015 |
| [Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]](https://www.congress.gov/member/judy-chu/C001080) | 06/03/2015 |
| [Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-17]](https://www.congress.gov/member/michael-honda/H001034) | 06/11/2015 |
| [Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]](https://www.congress.gov/member/jared-huffman/H001068) | 06/16/2015 |
| [Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]](https://www.congress.gov/member/john-garamendi/G000559) | 09/10/2015 |
| [Rep. Hahn, Janice [D-CA-44]](https://www.congress.gov/member/janice-hahn/H001063) | 09/11/2015 |
| [Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]](https://www.congress.gov/member/julia-brownley/B001285) | 09/16/2015 |
| [Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]](https://www.congress.gov/member/william-keating/K000375) | 10/21/2015 |

**November 16 – Region 2 PAC met in Corning NY.**

AGENDA

Review WIP PAC Report

Distribute Vets Buyback Bill Update per Jim Carr, PEF Retiree’s President.

Discuss Pol. Contribution Rules – Greg Amorosi was present and addressed questions.

Action Item – Invite (2) members of each Region 2 Division to attend the Steuben Livingston Labor Council Annual Meeting in Corning on 12-3-15. Discuss initiate a contest for contacts, discussed renew PAC-PAL program.

Open Forum – Discussed Freidrichs, & the Convention Organizing Workshop

Schedule Next Mtg. – January 2016

A scheduled legislative Meet & Greet Luncheon, to be held in Hornell on November 24 2015, was cancelled by the staff of John Plumb on November 16 2015 due to their own late scheduling conflicts. We look forward to rescheduling soon.

In closing, please note a collaboration between PEF, and the IUEC, International Union of Elevator Constructors, has been in play since August 2015. Mr. Terence Carr, a IUEC Regional Director, contacted me with a request that PEF support the Elevator Modal Safety Bill. Scott Lorey has researched this bill and reported out to Chris Leo with a recommendation that we confirm no PEF titles would be negatively impacted by this bill. The bill calls for the licensing of persons engaged in the design, construction, operation, inspection, maintenance, alteration and repair of elevators and other automated people moving conveyances and creates the New York state elevator safety and standards board and the elevator and related conveyances safety program account. In the meantime, I have requested from Mr. Carr that the IUEC offer their support to (1) of PEF’s Federal Legislative priorities, that being, *H.R 1692 – Safety, Efficiency, and Accountability in Transportation Projects Through Public Inspection Act of 2015,* and have been advised that the IUEC will support this bill. They await our determination regarding whether or not we will support the Elevator Modal Safety Bill. If no negative impacts on PEF titles are a factor, and after hearing Mario Cilento, President NYS AFL-CIO, present at Convention, I believe it would be good form for PEF to move forward in this collaboration with IUEC.