

June 12 – Executive Council Meeting at NYSUT, Latham, minutes and action items recorded by PEF Staffer Cassandra Toro.

June 13 & 14 E-board meeting at the Desmond. Met with Anti-Privatization Committee members K. Wilke, K. Ferro and President Spence and approved funding for a Go-Public Campaign Float to be used for three parades in late August and early September (African-American, Caribbean and Labor Day) , so as to maximize exposure for our members in NYC area.

June 16 – SW PAC Meeting. Suggested that interested persons should consider attending next year's NASHTU Convention. Picked up PEF Yard Signs for Region 2 distribution. Minutes available.

June 17 – AT PEF HQ. Met with Kim Loccisano regarding 2018 FE Test Prep Training. She will update me on progress of same. Met with Joe Cocci regarding posting Region 2 Organization Chart on PEF Website. Met with Kevin Lawyer regarding PEF Region 2 audit.

June 20 – Attended d175 interrogation wherein our member was asked to resign before the interrogation began. Article 35 Violation.

June 26 – Met with City of Hornell IDA President James Griffin to discuss digital sign for PEF Region 2 Field Office. Mr. Griffin remains interested in such a sign but sign design and exact placement remain unresolved issues. Forwarded member retirement issue to PEF HQ.

June 29 – Attended d175, NYSDOT, Council Meeting. Asked all present to take pictures of PEF Yard Signs and send same to me for posting on PEF's Facebook page.

July 12 – SW PAC Mtg. at PEF HQ. Worked on review/revisement of Federal Legislative Agenda, to be presented to eboard.

July 13 - PEF Town Hall Luncheon at Hornell Elks Club with President Spence. & Town Hall Dinner Meeting at Elmira Correctional Facility.

July 14 – Open House Luncheon at PEF's new and improved New York City Field Office at 100 William St.

July 19 - Divisions Committee Mtg at PEF HQ. Acted as Committee Chair for (1) election appeal item. Committee determined no violation of PEF Policy had been presented, appeal denied.

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July 20 - Filed Article 35 Contract grievance against NYSDOT Director of Employee Relations Bureau, Chuck Giantasio, regarding June 20th interrogation cited above. Region 2 PAC member Karen Patterson d1754, and I worked the Indivisible/PEF Coalition Con-Con Booth at the Allegany County Fair on this evening. Karen also worked the booth on the following Friday night, *after work no less*...Special Applause Please!

July 23-28 – Final week of Cornell/AFL-CIO Union Leadership Institute with VP Adreanna Adams, and RC Mike Blue. Worked on coalition building strategies, presented final project report, go to <http://www.pef.org/region-information/>, and click on Region 2. PEF President Wayne Spence and NYS AFL-CIO President Mario Cilento attended the Graduation Ceremony on July 28.

August 1 – Luncheon meeting with Field Rep Ellen Coyne. Discussed current grievances and plans for August 10th meeting at Hill Top Inn in Elmira as called for by President Spence.

August 4 - Luncheon Meeting with d175 Council Leader John Eddy, discussed current grievances. Also discussed CS Appeals Committee meeting and current developments stemming from results of same.

August 7 – Rcvd. unfavorable Step 1 decision in regard to d175 member for Non-Contract Grievance charging mgmt. with violation of their Positive and Productive Workplace Policy. Met with Region 2 Secy Valerie Barille in regard to finalizing Yearbook page.

August 10 – Region 2 Membership Empowerment meeting at Hilltop Inn, Elmira. PEF Staffers Mike Farrell, Director of Statewide Field Services, Ellen Coyne, Region 2 Field Rep., presented to with Steve Drake, DOCCS SW LM Chair and myself on topics ranging from grievance filing mandatory overtime, and the value truly engaged members bring to PEF. This meeting was attended by members from DOCCS, (Southport and Elmira), DOT, DOH, OMH, & DOL, with Council leaders Lauren Pepper d370, & Mike Singleton d359, and stewards Mark Bay, d370, and Chuck Whitford Ryan Woodward, both from d222.

August 15 – The grievance I filed on behalf of PEF against NYSDOT Director of Employee Relations Bureau, Chuck Giantasio, was heard this day at Hornell State Office Building by Ray LaMarco, Asst. Commissioner for NYSDOT Administrative Services. We rejected a settlement offer wherein his office would issue a reminder of Article 35 to NYSDOT mgmt. in return for us withdrawing the grievance. WE now await his written decision.

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Work in Progress: Continue to forward pictures of members Region 2 yard signs to Public relations Dept. for posting on PEF's Facebook page. Look forward to more pictures from other Regions. Have preliminary plans in motion for Luncheon in Binghamton with Randi Weingarten and small group of stewards on August 29. d175, DOT which was recently granted a second ½ day of Social Leave from Commissioner Driscoll will be holding its' first 2017 Social Leave on Thursday, August 31, I have reminded them to invite membership Benefits. Will be sharing PEF Foil results of VPP's, Vendor Placed Pavement, with both the Anti-Privatization Committee and the NYSDOT SW/LM Team. Working on PEF Region 2 Audit. Working on OMH push-back of our win in regard to our efforts to schedule a Local LM meeting at their Seneca falls Facility. Regional PAC member Karen Patterson has been putting much effort into getting our Allegany County Employees unit members more involved. Our plans are to schedule a dinner meeting close to their workplace in late September as the last meeting there did result in good turnout. Had my PEF mailbox size temporarily increased due to what I claim is too many people emailing me.. but MIS claims I am not deleting fast enough, lol.



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Karen Patterson & Andrew Puleo at the Allegany County Fair, No Con-Con Booth.
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