

AGENDA – DIVISION 175 – COUNCIL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER: *12/16/11, 12:00pm Texas Cafe*

II. ROLL CALL: *Andrew Puleo, Kathy Button, Chris Jordan, Brian Nisbet, Pauline Burnes, Matt Biswanger*

III. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

LAST MEETING WAS: *11/16/11, PEF Regional Office*

CORRECTIONS:

MOTION to:

ACCEPT: SECOND: APPROVED:

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT – *Available total: \$2,361.58 Available credit: \$1,219.75*

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. *Standing*

1. **Audit** - *no report, none due at this time*

2. **Budget** - *not active, meeting in spring (Ed Johnston)*

3. **Communication**

a) **Internal**

1) **Website (www.pef175.org)** – *updated as needed, materials scanned and posted as requested*

2) **Bulletin Board** – *updated as needed*

b) **External**

1) **PAC/PAL** – *We are currently in a holding pattern. The calendar for next year's activities just came to the coordinators. Decisions on endorsements will be made next. Until then we deal with who we have now. The legislative Agenda will not be out until February. Once we have the Agenda we will be asked to make visits to our representatives. – Report submitted by Ruth Hart*

1) **NASHTU- AP** posted:

Consulting Engineers Show Their Cards:

The Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee passed a new two-year, \$109 million Surface Transportation Authorization (STA), but not before consulting engineer interests attempted to insert an amendment to encourage State DOTs to "utilize private engineering firms to the maximum extent possible." Senator John Boozman (R-AR) actually claimed that using private sector engineering firms will save money and create "private sector" jobs. Since this amendment will likely surface again, please contact your United State Senators immediately and share with them the excessive cost of outsourcing engineering services. NASHTU has drafted a letter that you can customize and e-mail or fax to your senator. Please visit <http://www.nashtu.us/> to learn more.

- 2) **Steuben/Livingston County Labor Council** – A. PULEO ATTENDED THE SLCLC HOLIDAY PARTY ON DECEMBER 1, 2011, IN CORNING NY.
- 3) **Rochester & Genesee Valley Area Labor Federation** – AP to attend meeting in Rochester on 1/18/12

4. **Constitution** – Council has not yet acquired volunteers to participate to committee (Ed Johnston)

5. **Grievance** – See new business

6. **Labor Management** -

a) **Local** – Matthew Biswanger has resigned from this committee. Transition of Subcommittee Chair person from Mathew Biswanger to Pauline Burnes. A. Puleo acted as L/M chair at the 12/13/11 meeting. Minutes of this meeting will be posted at PEF.175.org. The next Local L/M meeting is scheduled for 3/14/2012. We need to elect new Local L/M Chair person.

1) **Kathy Button** motioned to elect Andrew Puleo as local L/M chair, Matt Biswanger seconded and all accepted.

b) **Statewide** – A. Puleo was elected Secretary of the S/W L/M committee at the December 7, 2010 S/W L/M agenda building meeting held in Syracuse NY. Minutes of that meeting should be posted soon at PEF175.org. The next S/W L/M meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18 2012, in Albany NY.

c) **Membership** - totals: 149(est)

d) **Social** – no report

e) **VIP** – Recruiting replacement for MB for April event in Cooperstown. MB has a possible replacement in mind or will nominate an alternate if allowed.

B. **Ad Hoc** -

a) **Health & Safety** – next meeting on 2/21/12

1) **FSS** –addressed at L/M meeting, see minutes from 12/13/11

2) **EAP** – next meeting on 12/21/11

VI. **REGIONAL COORDINATOR** – no report

VII. **E-BOARD REP** – no report

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** –

A. An open call to all members to serve on any Division 175 Committee remains in effect.

B. New officer report to be filed with PEF- filed, executed and to be mailed immediately.

IX. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. It has come to our attention that basic services which we all believed PEF was providing in good faith have in fact not been provided. Specifically, several OOT, Out of Title, grievances submitted to PEF for immediate processing were never mailed out, and some OOT grievance denial letters were never forwarded to our members. These events do severely impact our members negatively and all the ramifications of these events are not yet know. The question is now raised: What other basic services are not being performed? The PEF Region 2 Field Office is currently being staffed and tasked with the goal of working to organize their filing system so as to provide Division 175 with a comprehensive status report regarding all grievances in play which are applicable to Division 175.*
- B. AP and KB discussing next divisional meeting*

X. OPEN FORUM –

- A. Pauline Burnes brought up the SAGE Commission and questions surrounding their actions. It appears that local management is not in the know but AP discussed the Regional Economic Council's website as a potential source of information.*
- B. New York Legislature passed design build legislation. (Does that also include no bid contracts?)*
- C. AP invited committee members to join council as the secretary or in the vacant steward position.*

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN (and pay expenses): MB

Second: AP

Approved: all

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR: 1/27/12

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Matthew M. Biswanger