

AGENDA – DIVISION 175 – COUNCIL MEETING

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *3-30-11, 12:00pm, Regional PEF office*

II. **ROLL CALL:** *Andrew Puleo, Kathy Button, Matt Biswanger*

III. **READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

LAST MEETING WAS: *December 9, 2010 PEF Regional Office Hornell, NY.*

CORRECTIONS: *None*

MOTION to:

ACCEPT: *AP* **SECOND:** *KB* **APPROVED:** *All*

IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - *Treasury on hold as we wait to reestablish funding and elect new treasurer.*

V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **Standing**

1. **Audit** *no report*

2. **Budget** *no report*

3. **Communication**

a) **Internal**

(1) *Newsletter - no report*

(2) *Website – updated as needed*

(3) *Bulletin Board – updated as needed*

b) **External**

(1) *PAC/PAL - no report*

(2) *AIM - Comptroller DiNapoli Statement on NYC Consultants*

"The City's decision to reduce its use of consultants makes sense. There's a time and a place for outsourcing projects, but it seems that time and time again, we've seen that using consultants drives the price up and the quality down.

"Government policy should not be driven by the profit margins of a private sector consultant, especially when there are qualified public employees who often can do the job better and cheaper. My office has done a number of studies that have

consistently found overuse of consultants for state contracts. We've reduced the use of consultants in the Comptroller's office, and I'm encouraging other state agencies to review their policies regarding consultants.

"In-sourcing should be considered before outsourcing."

(3) Steuben/Livingston County Labor Council – no report

(4) Rochester & Genesee Valley Area Labor Federation – The 2011 RGFALF, AFL-CIO Annual meeting will be held Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the Radison Hotel in Corning. Registration is 8:00AM, Program commences at 9:00AM, lunch at 12:00PM. Featured guests include Dr. Richard Levins, author of: "Middle Class Union Made", and co-author of "Getting America Back to Work". All union members are encouraged to attend this event. Please RSVP to Erin Moody 585.2634671- The RSVP must be: "by 5:00PM April 5, 2011"

4. Constitution - no report

5. Grievance – several OOT grievances pending

6. Labor Management.

a) Local - The Last meeting was held on 3-2-11 and meeting minutes are available. Next Meeting is scheduled for 6-16-11.

b) Statewide – The last L/M meeting was Wednesday January 26, 2011 @ PEF Headquarters. Items discussed included:

1. Civil Service (Information)
2. DOT implementation of Chapter 500 of the Laws of 2009

(Information)

3. Overtime Waivers (Information)
4. Work Schedules (Action)
5. Manual of Administrative Procedures (Information)
6. Tappan Zee Bridge Financing (Information)
7. Civil Engineer 2 Minimum Qualifications (Information)
8. Retention/Succession Planning (Information)
9. Layoff Decisions (Information)
10. Morale (Information/Action):
11. Emergency Response Duties; Staffing Emergency Operations Centers by PEF Members (Information/Action)"

The next S/W L/M Agenda building meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2011 at Binghamton, A. Puleo intends to attend.

7. Membership

- a) **Employee** - *no report*
- b) **Social** – *committee is considering options and waiting for funding.*
- c) **VIP** – *no report*

B. Ad Hoc

- a) **Health & Safety** - *The last quarterly meeting was held on 2-17-11 and minutes from the meeting can be viewed at:*

<http://www.pef.org/storage/health-and-safety/conferencebrochure2011.pdf>

The next Division 175 H&S Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2011 from 10-11 am in the Design Conference Room.

- (1) **FSS** - *no report*

- b) **SEFA** - *no report*

- c) **EAP** - *The last EAP committee meeting was on March 3, 2011. Meeting minutes are available. The next EAP committee meeting will be on June 2, 2011.*

VI. REGIONAL COORDINATOR – *Email from Bonnie Wood dated 3-30-11:*

I had a good talk with Cathy Button at the Health Conference. I think she is going to be an asset for your Division. Congrats on getting two new stewards!!! I will be in the PEF Office Friday April 1st to go over the agenda for the April 5th region #2 meeting with Liz/ I hope your new stewards are planning to attend the steward training at 4pm at the The Crystal House. The region meeting is scheduled to follow the training from 5-7/ while we eat dinner.

VII. E-BOARD REP – *Jerry Jobson not present; no report at this time.*

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a) *Kathy Button and Matt Biswanger were elected as Stewards in recent special election.*
- b) *Committee Building is continuing.*

IX. NEW BUSINESS –

a) *Motion to: Elect Kathy Button as treasurer - AP*

Second: MB

b) *Motion to: Elect Matt Biswanger as secretary - AP*

Second: KB

X. OPEN FORUM - *special election for a fourth steward will be waived due to lack of interest.*

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN: *AP*

Second: *KB*

Approved: *all*

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR: *April 20, 2011 – Regional PEF office*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Matthew M. Biswanger