

AGENDA – DIVISION 175 – COUNCIL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER: *Thursday, MAY 31, 2012, 12:00 PM, SOB, 107 BROADWAY, HORNELL*

II. ROLL CALL: *Andrew Puleo, Jerry Jobson, Kathy Button, Pauline Burnes, Chuck Houser*

III. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: *n/a*

LAST MEETING WAS: *March, 27, 2012*

CORRECTIONS: *N/A*

MOTION to:

ACCEPT: SECOND: APPROVED:

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT – *available total \$2448.43 Available Credit - \$1112.35*

MOTION to:

ACCEPT: A. Puleo SECOND: K. Button APPROVED: all aye

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Standing

1. **Audit** - *not available – Due in July*

2. **Budget** - *Submitted by Kathy Button,*

Motion to Accept Budget: *A. Puleo*

Second: *K. Button*

Approved: *All*

3. **Communication** – *see PEF175.org (website) (Note: constitution to be added)*

From: Gail Arno (NYSDOT Region 4)

Sent: Tuesday May 08, 2012 2:20 PM

To: dot.dl.r04.all

Cc: Mendel, Annette (DOT); Coonley, Suzanne (DOT); dot.sm.mo.travel

Subject: Employee Travel and Expense Reimbursement

Although travel expense claims are still entered into our Expense Anywhere system, they are now (after 4/16/12) being paid through State Financial System (SFS). This may change the way you receive reimbursement for Travel expenses. Instead of a paper check, you may be reimbursed via direct deposit.

If your payroll check is designated as a "balance", "excess", or "100%", your travel Reimbursement will be direct deposited into that account. You will NOT be notified by the state when a direct deposit for travel reimbursement is posted to your account. Your financial institution determines how the direct deposit information will be displayed on your bank statement. So, you will need to proactively review your bank register if you are anticipating a travel reimbursement via direct deposit.

Other types of reimbursements may also be direct deposited in the same manner . . . like employment related expenses (safety shoes, and voucher method reimbursement of work clothing or tool allowance, etc.)

a) Internal

(1) Website (www.pef175.org) – updated as needed

(2) Bulletin Board – updated as needed – Please note: any printing needed for postings on the bulletin boards should be done at the PEF Field office.

b) External

(1) PAC/PAL – no report, Representatives are Vanessa Stekowski @ Alfred State and Ruth Harr @ NYS DOT.

(A) NASHTU – A. Puleo attended this years NASHTU Conference along with PEF members: P. Gendron, E. Lucas, and J. Carrol. A full report will be posted on the PEF175.org (website)
(B) Special attention should be paid to Wisconsin's special recall election on 6/5/12 for recall of Gov. Scott walker.
(C) There have been 11 extensions on Safety Inspection legislation.

(2)

Steuken/Livingston County Labor Council –
Steuken Livingston Labor Council, AFL-CIO, Executive Board CSEA
Unit - meeting May 31, 2012. A. Puleo planning to attend in Bath at the CSEA Hall.

Rochester & Genesee Valley Area Labor Federation –

(Aron Reina resigned)

4. **Constitution** – *no report. It was noted that a constitution rewrite has been in process for 3 years. Pauline Burnes will take the initiative to check and tentatively set a working meeting for 6/21/12.*

5. **Grievance** – *all are still in process, various stages. A. Puleo will check with Valerie for an update.*

6. **Labor Management** –

a) **Local** – **Re: Local L/M Meeting**, next meeting 6/6/12

b) **Statewide** – *Statewide Labor Management Agenda building meeting will be held in Binghamton on June 6 & June 7, 2012. Andrew Puleo is scheduled to attend.*

c) **Membership** - *totals: 149, New TCI recruitments? Jerry Jobson will follow-up on new TCIs.*

d) **Social** – *no report*

e) **VIP** – *no report*

B. Ad Hoc -

a) **Health & Safety** –

(1) **FSS** – *no report*

(2) **EAP** – 6/6/12 – *Grant money available*

VI. REGIONAL COORDINATOR – *IWS Colloquium Series*

A. Puleo attended, “Are Public Sector Unions Inconsistent with Good Government?”

Thursday May 10, 2012, at The Cornell Club, 6E 44th St. New York

Traditionally pro union states, such as New York, are engaged in various levels of conflict with private sector unions. Is this a good thing, and what is the proper place, if any, of public sector unions in a democracy? Labor and employment arbitrator and mediator Martin F. Scheinman and the Manhattan Institute’s Daniel DiSalvo took opposite sides of the debate. See PEF175.org for report.

VII. E-BOARD REP – *Note: TCI’s, or any employees to leave state service, and cash out of the State Retirement System will lose their current Tier status and return as Tier 6. They can still back their time.*

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – *An open call to all members to serve on any Division 175 Committee remains in effect.*

IX. NEW BUSINESS – **Rhode Island Pension Cuts set Chilling Precedents**

<http://labornotes.org/2012/04/rhode-island-pension-cuts-set-chilling-precedents>

X. OPEN FORUM –

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Pauline Burnes

Second: Andrew Puleo

Approved: all aye.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR: 7/19/2012

Upcoming Meetings: 8/16/2012, 9/20/2012

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Andrew Puleo

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