

## AGENDA – DIVISION 175 – COUNCIL MEETING

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** 12:15PM, 10-25-12, Hornell SOB

**II. ROLL CALL:** K. Button, L. DeGraff, J. Wildrick-Cole, H. Hoyos, J. Jobson, A. Puleo

**III. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**LAST MEETING WAS:** 09-30-12

**CORRECTIONS:** None

**MOTION to:**

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

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT** – Submitted/Attached

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Standing**

**Audit** - The 2012 Audit has been signed/sealed/delivered/rcvd.

**Budget** - No Report

Communication – **From:** Button, Kathy (DOT)

**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2012 1:45 PM

**To:** Norfolk, Mark (DOT); Storer, Amy (DOT)

**Subject:** Updates on Education and Training Reimbursements

Although the tuition reimbursement program has not yet been reinstated...there is hope

<http://www.pef.org/home/2012/9/13/updates-on-education-and-training-reimbursements.html>

**A. Updates on Education and Training Reimbursements**

Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 12:24PM

Please be advised that as of September 10, 2012, the Workshop Seminar Reimbursement (WSR) Program and the Certification and Licensure Exam Fee Reimbursement (CLEFR) programs have been reinstated for members of the PS&T unit to utilize. These two programs are both retroactive to 1/1/12.

The Nurses Enhanced Workshop Seminar Reimbursement (WSR) Program is also available for members as of September 10, 2012. However, the Nurses Enhanced WSR program is retroactive to 4/1/12. Members should review the guidelines and details of these programs as well as apply online by following this link:

[http://www.goer.ny.gov/Training\\_Development/PEF/index.cfm](http://www.goer.ny.gov/Training_Development/PEF/index.cfm)

PEF is still pursuing the Tuition Reimbursement program. We recently learned that there were over 60 members who contacted PEF inquiring about the Tuition Reimbursement program. We recognize the value of our members' education and professional development and PEF would like to hear from concerned

members who have utilized this program in the past by emailing Paula Hennessy, Director of Education and Training at [PHennessy@pef.org](mailto:PHennessy@pef.org). The PEF Contract Administration Department has filed a statewide grievance directly at Step 3 challenging the State's refusal to provide a tuition program within the constraints of the remaining Article 15 funding. We are awaiting a response from the State.

a) **Internal**

(1) *Website ([www.pef175.org](http://www.pef175.org)) – updated as needed*

(2) *Bulletin Board – updated as needed*

b) **External**

(1) *PAC/PAL – A. Puleo participated in a Labor Walk sponsored by the AFL-CIO promoting Nate Shinigawa on Saturday, October 20, 2012 in Elmira Heights, notable was the fact that many of the contacts made had never heard of Nate and were unaware that Labor was endorsing him. A. Puleo attended an Labor Forum in Corning at the United Steel Workers Hall on the evening of Tuesday October 23, 2012, in which the General Assembly was comprised of members of several different Unions and was addressed by Jim Bertolone, President of the Rochester & Genesee Valley Area Labor Federation, and by Nate Shinigawa. A. Puleo intends to participate in a Phone Bank promoting Nate Shinigawa at the Region 2 Field Office on 29, 2012 with Vanessa Stachowski. An open call to Division 175 soliciting volunteers to participate in Phone Banking or Labor walks is now in play!*

(2) *NASHTU – No Report*

*Steuben/Livingston County Labor Council –*

*Rochester & Genesee Valley Area Labor Federation –*

**Rochester and Genesee Valley Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO**

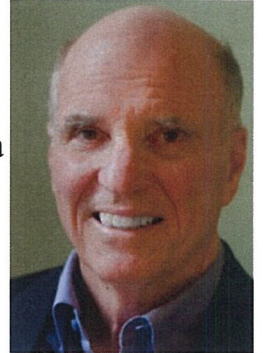




## VI. RIT Hosts Economic Expert on the State of America's Middle Class September 18th talk explains why the country's wealthiest individuals will remain on top (*with panelist Rochester Labor Federation, AFL- CIO President Jim Bertolone*)

The discussion can be heard at dinner tables across the United States: When will the state of America's struggling lower and middle classes improve and why do the rich keep getting richer?

Economist and author Jeff Faux will discuss the findings in his latest book, *The Servant Economy: Where America's Elite is Sending the Middle Class*, during a talk at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, in Webb Auditorium, James E. Booth Hall, Rochester Institute of Technology. A book signing immediately follows. The presentation is free and open to the community. A book discussion will be led by Vincent Serravallo, associate professor of sociology, and William Johnson, distinguished professor of science, technology and society/public policy, both of RIT.



According to Faux, founding president and a distinguished fellow at the Economic Policy Institute, neither political party has a plan to remedy America's unemployment, inequality or long economic slide.

"The U.S. no longer has the means to fulfill the dreams of Wall Street, the Pentagon and the middle class," Faux believes. "At least one dream must die and despite partisan differences, both political parties have agreed to sacrifice the people. An economic recovery will eventually create more jobs but most will no longer pay a middle-class salary. As a result, even if we avoid another recession, real incomes by the year 2024 will be dramatically lower than they are today." However, Faux is certain that he knows the solution.

"To create a different tomorrow, we must today abandon the false hope that the next tax cut, stock market boom or election will bring prosperity. True hope lies in citizens, mobilizing to attack the central source of our unresponsive democracy—the tsunami of money in politics that is flooding out the American Dream. And if the Supreme Court's Citizens United campaign finance decision from 2010 is not reversed, we will drown in it."

Faux is a long-time writer about the global economy for *The American Prospect* and *The Nation*, and has written or co-authored five books including *The Global Class War: How America's Bipartisan Elite Lost Our Future—And What it Will Take to Win it Back* and *Reclaiming Prosperity: A Blueprint for Progressive Economic Reform*.

"Jeff Faux is one of the leading voices of the Progressive movement, and his new book, *The Servant Economy*, is a brilliant analysis of why the economy isn't working for the middle class and why it isn't likely to get any better no matter who gets elected in November," says Ron Hira, associate professor of public policy at RIT. "This book is a must-read for anyone who is wondering what's wrong with America's economy and what people need to know about why so little is being done to correct it."

For more information about Faux, go to <http://www.jefffaux.com/>. For details about the RIT event, contact Hira at 585-475-7052 or [rhira@mail.rit.edu](mailto:rhira@mail.rit.edu).

1. **Grievance** – *Several OOT grievances are in play.*
2. **Local Labor Management** - *See our website for minutes.*
4. **Statewide Labor Management** – *see website for minutes.*

- a) **Membership** - *totals: 150 appx.*
- b) **Social Committee**- *It was reported that this was the best Social Event ever! Meeting attendees concurred.*
- c) **VIP** – *No report*

**B. Ad Hoc -**

- a) **Health & Safety** –
  - (1) **FSS** – *No report*
  - (2) **EAP** – *No Report*

REGIONAL COORDINATOR – *No Report*

**IX. E-BOARD REP** – *No report*

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** –

**XI. NEW BUSINESS** –

*1. Gen Mem. Meeting was held on Sept. 27, 2012 at the Horenll Elks Club. Guest speakers were PEF President Sue Kent, Pef secy/Treasurer Carlos Garcia, PEF Region 2 PAC Vanessa Stachowski, and CNYS 29<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Candidate Nate Shinigawa.*

Sue Kent - Wants to change public image of PEF

- Show the Governor's Zero Growth Plan is not in the best interest of the people of NY.
  - The former head of Civil Service is now working for PEF
- Other items discussed were the creation of an grievance Clearinghouse, OOT's , L/M issues, and understaffing.

Carlos Garcia - PEF is now able to make a difference

- It is time to make changes and make a difference

Nate Shingawa – Opens with commending the service of all State Workers. Spoke on Student Loan Debt, Knocks the Paul Ryan budget w/vouchers, Medicare gone for those under 55. Also favors renegotiating the Fair Trade Agreement.

Amount: \$146.00  
Made out to: Hornell Elks Club  
60 Broadway Mall  
Hornell, NY. 14843

**2. Steward Training & Dinner**

*Tuesday Evening, October 2nd – 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at:*

*THE VILLAGE TAVERN – HAMMONDSPORT*

*5:30 PM – 7:00 PM - Steward Training – “DISCIPLINE & DISCHARGE”*

*w/PEF President Sue Kent, PEF Secy/Treasurer, Carlos Garcia, PEF Region 2 Field Rep. Lisa Quarles & PEF Region 2 Secy Valerie Barrile-Jones*

*Lisa Quarles presented the Steward Training. This was engaging and informative. Afterwards a round robin conversation with PEF President Sue Kent occurred with subject matter ranging from Public Image issues, ( a local newspaper is posting NYS Pension amounts and citing Unions as the problem), it was noted that several of the Highest NYS Pension recipients were actually from Union Free School Districts on Long Island.*

**X. OPEN FORUM** – *Proceeded in confidence.*

**X1. ADJOURNMENT**

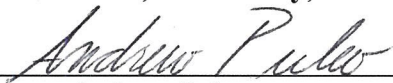
**MOTION TO ADJOURN & Pay Expenses:**

**Second: AP**

**Approved: KB**

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR: SOB Rm. 365, Thursday, November 29, 2012**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

  
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Andrew Puleo  
October 25, 2012





# Treasurer's Report 10-25-12

PEF Division 175  
Kanakadea Park

PEF Social Leave  
October 12, 2012

Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

## Costs

### Shelter

Pavilion rental-SC DPW	\$23.00
Tent Rental-AOH	\$100.00
	<b>\$123.00</b>

### BBQ

Coyote BBQ	<b>\$860.00</b>
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### Gifts

Amazon Kindle	\$214.92
Lowes Gift Certificate	\$100.00
Marino's Gift Certificate	\$50.00
Kendrick's-small gifts	\$130.16
	<b>\$495.08</b>

### Supplies/Food/Beverage

Wegman's	\$402.10
WalMart	\$29.83
Maple City Discount Liquors	\$38.86
	<b>\$470.79</b>

### Clean Up Crew

RBI's	<b>\$60.00</b>
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## **GRAND TOTAL**

**\$2,008.87**

Minus Keg Deposit Returned

-60.00

**\$1,948.87**

