

MINUTES

Board/Staff Present:

John White, Cris Sanders-Porter, Jef Morgan, Frank Coppa, Bruce Senkow, Scott Leigh, Tracy Dompeling, Walter Evans, Bob Murphy, Jeff Kasper, Brian Penner, Toni Bocci / Doug Swanson, Peggy Wilcox,

John White called the meeting to order 4:20 PM

- I. President's Report – Contract Negotiations/Ratification
 - Ballots for Ratification of Proposed Contract due May 10.
- II. Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Investment Portfolio
 - John White reported approved budget is well within spending limits and money is left over on most if not all line items.
 - Current Investments are doing okay.
 - White opens discussion up to Regional SU Presidents for Comment. Nothing additional to report on the matter.
- III. Business Staff Report/Dues Increase – Discussion
 - Cris Sanders-Porter Opens discussion on Dues Meeting
 - Peggy adds; many employee Reps and Negotiating team members may need to be briefed on status due to their recent involvements with Contract Negotiations.
 - Doug mentions that there is a mailer out to all members concerning the increase. Encourages all in attendance that over the next few days and weeks, to engage all members concerning the recent negotiations and to encourage members to vote.
 - Doug reminds everyone that at this year's Caucus the dues increase was discussed. Doug has available information for distribution to help explain to members the reasons for an increase; including graphs. Before the ballots go out, there will be a cover page provided to members explaining the increase.
 - Doug states individual locals must engage their members as much as possible.
 - Contract Ratification requires 50% of all returned votes plus 1 to pass.

IV. New Business

- Peggy reports that if the employee contracts are ratified by the Lt. Governor, the Governor still must sign.
- John states that all unions must discuss the new oil tax reform bill. There is a public petition going around for the bill to be repealed.
- AO37 and its legality is being questioned by the AFL-CIO and the Municipalities own lawyer. SU union has issued a check in support of AFL-CIO effort.
- John will poll members to better gage the support of SU members.
- John feels there is opportunity for the SU to open a second investment account with some left over funds from a previous account. Additionally, the SU leave withdrawal account should be looked at. The SU Board will be approached with details and all information. The Flex Fund account is at \$800k. SU net worth sits at \$2 million.
- John would like Peggy to organize at the annual meeting with a Presidents overview concerning the current By-laws.
- Scott opens for discussion the support of the SU scholarship program. States that APEA/AFT have their own scholarship but this one directly helps SU members by directing funds to SU members' children. There may be possibility to open the scholarship to a broader base but the original intent was to start a program to help first year college students. Scott will work on this issue again with Byron polling the membership. John in support of keeping the current pay structure at 10-\$1000 winners and 10- \$500 winners.
- John mentions that the By-Law Committee meetings were a long time ago and there are still issues that need to be addressed.
- John announces that Board Trainings will be offered with the needs of the Membership in mind.
- John states, Pete Ford would like to talk to all about the "Wage Free Take Back" in Ketchikan and Seward. ACOA people lost their Differential. Supervisors were dropped and others were froze. The Geo-Dif was taken away from Supervisors. Discussion is to include possibility of a Grievance. Doug and Pete are scheduled to inform the membership.

IV. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.