

ASEA/AFSCME LOCAL 52 JUNEAU CHAPTER
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2010

Board members present: President Stephen Wright, Secretary Christine Lee, Members at large Larry Owen, John Roxburgh, and Bob Piorkowski

Meeting was convened at 12:10 p.m.

Convention Alternates

President Wright called for E-board confirmation of his appointment of Biennial Convention delegate alternates Vanessa George and David Petree. There were no objections, so both were confirmed. At this point we are now awaiting confirmation from ASEA Local 52 Headquarters that both members are in good standing.

Meeting Minutes

The matter of meeting minutes was address by President Wright. He proposed a 3 day time frame for draft minutes to be presented. When asked if this was possible Secretary Lee responded that this was not a doable timeframe. John Roxburgh proposed a 5 day turn around. The E-board would then have 3 days to review and comment on the draft and the minutes would be posted to the web site within 10 days.

President Wright commented that this is a high profile issue due to missing or incomplete minutes in the Anchorage Chapter that were found to be a violation of AFSCME Financial Standards Code by the AFSCME Judicial Panel late last year. President Wright also said the Anchorage Chapter minutes issue has contributed to the perception of the Statewide Treasurer that there is a need for a statewide audit of chapter finances early this year. Given the possible repercussions we need an ongoing, complete and accurate record.

Central Labor Council

Secretary Lee reported that the major item from the Central Labor Council (CLC) meeting that affected our members was the census. It is important that our members respond to the census as the results may lead to redistricting, which could result in a loss of seats for Southeast if we are undercounted.

President Wright followed with a short history of the CLC and the fact that this is the first time the Juneau Chapter has been involved. The chapter now has 3 representatives on the board, including Secretary Christine Lee, Chief Steward Nadine Lefebvre and President Stephen Wright.

Contract Negotiations

There was a discussion of the state's latest contract offer on monetary terms and its response to the CNC's position on proposed geographic differential schedule changes. The state proposed making no changes to the schedule until the legislature changes the schedule for non-covered personnel in state statute. Assistant Business Manager and Legislative Lobbyist Fate Putnam noted that the legislature is not obligated to take up the geographic differential.

President Wright had contacted Fate and Business Manager Jim Duncan regarding what actions Juneau Chapter members could take concerning our interest in advancing geo diff study recommendations. Fate commented that members should not contact legislative members, as the Union is in process of negotiating with the Administration. It would be an unfair labor practice for the Chapter to approach the legislature or the legislature to approach the Administration during negotiations. After the contract is turned over to the legislature for funding, they could be approached.

Bob Piorkowski commented that members were encouraged to contact legislative members at the ADF&G work site meeting yesterday. He wondered if we should contact these people so they know this is not appropriate. Larry Owen offered to send an e-mail to those members and said he would work with Business Manager Jim Duncan on this. President Wright asked what the Chapter could do to support the proposed geo diff increase for Juneau. Fate said to work with the CNC. President Wright responded that the Chapter has already been doing that and that this is a major issue for the Chapter.

Next Wave / Communications Committee

Vanessa George stated that she would like to create a Next Wave Chapter Committee to deal with communications and get involved. She noted that many Next Wave members have become stewards. They have already been brainstorming ways to get people involved: Facebook, Twitter, event/survey to identify needs, bowling, dinner-and-a-movie.

President Wright would like to establish a Next Wave committee with Vanessa as chair. John Roxburgh suggested that we use the existing Chapter Communications Committee. A discussion followed as to whether or not this would leave out the older members or reflect the Communications Committee responsibility to all members since the Next Wave is focused primarily on its issues. Bob Piorkowski suggested we establish it as a subcommittee of the Communications Committee. President Wright supported that idea with Vanessa as chair. There were no objections. Ms. George will report to Communications Committee Chair John Roxburgh.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.