

**AFSCME Local 2627**  
**NYC Electronic Data Processing Personnel**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**May 17, 2005**

**Agenda**

Minutes  
Treasurer's Report  
President's Report  
Nomination of officers, delegates, etc.  
New & Unfinished Business  
Good & Welfare

President Ed Hysyk called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the March 15, 2005 General Membership Meeting were distributed and reviewed. Charles McClain made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Charlie Michaels seconded the motion and it carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Financial Statements for February 2005, March 2005, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2005 (Jan. 1 – Mar. 31) were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made by Peter Jablin to accept the Treasurer's Report. Gilbert Sambolin seconded the motion and it carried.

**President's Report**

President Hysyk said that provided that he had members' permission, he was going to ask Moira Dolan, assistant director of Research and Negotiations, to give an update on civil service issues. He said that after Moira's update, the meeting would proceed directly to the Nominations. He then turned the meeting over to Moira Dolan who gave the May 2005 report. She reported the following:

- Computer Aide: there's been no change in the appointments.
- Computer Associate (Operations): Total number of appointments is 91 (which is up 14 from the previous report, the 14 includes 9 promotionals and 5 open-competitives).
- Computer Associate (Software): Total number of appointments is 123 (which is up 8 from the previous report, the 8 appointments are from the O.C. list. - 574 eligibles.
- Computer Programmer Analyst: 37 appointments (no change) from 462 eligibles.
- Computer Service Tech: 130 appointments from 286 eligibles, which is up 27 from the previous report, the 27 appointments are from the O.C. list.
- Computer Specialists (Operations): 72 appointments from 249 eligibles, up 17 from

previous report, the 17 appointments include 10 open-competitives and 7 promotionals.

- Computer Specialist (Software): 268 total appointments were made, the 268 appointments include 75 promotions and 193 O.C. appointments.

This list is different from the previously reported list so comparisons cannot be made. Moira then ended her report.

### **Nomination of Officers, Delegates, etc.**

President Hysyk announced that the meeting would proceed with the nominations part of the agenda.

He said that he had suggested the nomination of Charlie Michaels to be the Chair of the Election Committee and that the Executive Board had approved of his choice. President Hysyk said that as a tradition with this Local, the Election Committee Chair will ask for volunteers to serve on the committee.

President Hysyk then said that the nomination process will be run by the Chair and whoever volunteers for the committee. He then said that Charlie Michaels has experience, is a long-term member of the Local, and also has experience with community boards, and various community organizations. He added that Charlie Michaels is also familiar with Robert's Rules of Order and the process that's involved.

President Hysyk announced the names of DC 37 staff who were in attendance at the meeting. He introduced Hector Coto, DC 37 associate director of the Professional Division, Tyler Hemingway, DC 37 representative, and Alan Brown, DC 37 attorney. He said that DC 37 Attorney Brown was assigned to this evening's meeting to answer any questions or problems having to do with the nomination process. President Hysyk said that attorney Brown met with Chair Charlie Michaels and DC 37 rep Tyler Hemingway. President Hysyk said that he was not present at that meeting.

President Hysyk then turned the meeting over to Chair Charlie Michaels.

Charlie Michaels asked for 2 volunteers to be on the Election Committee. John Brennan of DOT and Muhammad Zamen of ACS volunteered. Hector Coto asked if the nominations could be delayed for 5 to 10 minutes in order to see if they could acquire the adjoining room in order to provide more seats for members.

Chairperson Michaels asked the membership if there were any objections with delaying the nominations for 5 to 10 minutes. Some members objected.

President Hysyk said that with the membership's permission, he would explain what he knows about the rules. He went on to explain the rules to the membership. He said that a member could nominate himself/herself for a position and that nominations don't require a second. He also said that a member could nominate someone who isn't present assuming that the nominee will accept the nomination unless he/she declines in writing. He added that in order to be an officer of the Local you have to be a member of this Local in good standing for a period of 1 year, meaning a

dues-paying member, not an agency shop fee payer. President Hysyk then asked Attorney Alan Brown if anything was left out in what was said. Attorney Brown answered that there are many rules.

President Hysyk then asked the membership if there were any specific questions regarding the nomination process. He said that Mr. Brown was present to answer questions since he is the attorney.

Artie Kellam of HRA stated that he had a question in reference to the item dealing with how the ballot is going to look, whether it will be different than it was in the prior election. President Hysyk stated that it will be discussed at the end of the nomination process. He said that the attorney has decided that this is the way it is going to be handled, with the Chair in agreement. President Hysyk then asked DC 37 attorney Alan Brown and Chairperson Michaels if what he said was correct. They both agreed with the President's answer to Artie Kellam's question about the ballot. President Hysyk said that it was their decision. President Hysyk said that nominations and the ballot are 2 separate issues. He stated that nominations are for officers. He added that Artie Kellam was talking about how the candidates appear on the ballot or in what order they appear. He said those questions will be addressed. President Hysyk then asked if he could return to the President's Report. Members agreed with no objections.

President Hysyk said that he was working with Lennie Shryer on the Computer Specialist Operations lawsuit.

President Hysyk said that a letter was written requesting voluntary recognition of the Computer Specialist Operations title at the Department of Education. Members from DOE were given a chance to view a copy of the letter.

President Hysyk stated that some DOE members, mainly those in the mainframe area, were transferred to DOITT. Those members were involuntarily transferred and therefore cannot lose any rights or privileges that they had in the previous agency. President Hysyk said that DOE members have additional holidays that members in the mayoral agencies do not enjoy. Meetings are being held with DOITT, DOE and the Office of Labor Relations in order to come up with a compromise that will allow the DOE transferees to be given additional hours of credit for the extra holidays.

President Hysyk stopped his civil service report and turned the meeting back over to Election Committee Chair Charlie Michaels.

Charlie Michaels announced that all nominees must fill out a nomination form. He said that whatever name a candidate puts down for himself/herself on the nomination form is the way it will appear on the ballot.

Charlie Michaels then started the call for nominations.

#### Nominations for President

Ed Hysyk

Stanley Cates - declined

Keith Trader

Nominations for 1st Vice President

Robert Ajaye  
Stanley Cates  
Cynthia Cox

Nominations for 2nd Vice President

Gary Goff  
Charles McClain  
Steve Weiner

Nominations for Treasurer

Bruce Heigh

Nominations for Secretary

Peter Jablin  
Cody Childs

Nominations for four Executive Board positions

Celeste Council  
Portia Perkins  
Fred Liu  
Robert Fishburne  
Artie Kellam  
Andrea Bobrow  
Gilbert Sambolin  
Frances Reyes

Nominations for Trustee

Leslye Simmons

Nominations for 7 Delegates to District Council 37

Bruce Heigh  
Frances Reyes  
Peter Jablin  
Susie Yuen  
Les Hurd  
Steve Weiner  
Gilbert Sambolin  
Julie Leibowitz  
Gary Goff  
Fred Liu  
Artie Kellam  
Earl Jeffers - declined  
Leslye Simmons

Robert Ajaye  
Portia Perkins

Nominations for 3 Delegates to the NYC Central Labor Council

Andrea Bobrow  
Peter Jablin  
Cynthia Perkins  
Bruce Heigh  
Cynthia Cox

President Hysyk returned to giving the President's Report.

Ed said that the Local has begun the process of representing Computer Specialists at the Transit Authority. The exams for Computer Programmer Analyst and Computer Associate (SW) have been given. There will be no other tests given this fiscal year.

President Hysyk asked the Controller's Office to move the promotional Computer Associate Operations list. He also asked the Housing Authority to move several lists which included the lists for Computer Specialist, Computer Associate (SW), and Computer Associate (Operations). He said that Bill Thompson's deputy called him and stated that they will move the promotional list in the month of May.

The CUNY contract was signed. Pay dates have not been scheduled yet. CUNY never pays promptly. Arrangements will have to be made with the city, CUNY, and the state in order to solidify pay dates.

Lillian Roberts is still meeting with the City concerning the 1%. She has submitted documentation that shows that DC 37 members deserve the additional 1% raise including retroactivity.

Lillian has met with the Mayor concerning housing for union members. The mayor has agreed to set aside 5% of City's new city housing for union members.

The PICA drug program has been saved. Co-payments have increased in order to keep the program financially solvent.

President Hysyk stated that Transit Authority has restored leave to 1000 employees who couldn't get to work during the 2-day blackout in August 2003. President Hysyk said that Alan Brown, the attorney who was just here, was responsible for doing the arbitration. He added that as a result of Mr. Brown's arbitration, 1000 members of DC 37 who worked for the TA will have their leave restored. President Hysyk went on to say that he wished Mr. Brown did not leave the room because he deserves a round of applause. The members applauded.

President Hysyk urged members to submit contract demands that they would like to see in the next City Contract. Demands should include suggestions for: length of contract, type of raise, amount of increase to monies given to Health and Security, lump sum payment for terminal leave, increase in 15-year longevity, etc. Members should fax their suggestions to the Local at 212-815-7690.

There will be a forum for all mayoral candidates on Thursday, May 17, in Rooms 1 through 4. Tickets for the event were offered to 6 members who went up to Albany for Lobby Day. Tickets were also offered to Executive Board members. Ed said that any member who would like to attend the forum should see Gary Goff for any remaining tickets.

President Hysyk talked about the 25/55 re-opener and tier equity. These issues were raised in Albany during Lobby Day.

A NYPD civilianization rally will take place on May 31 at City Hall. A NYPD civilianization meeting is held every two weeks on the Thursday before payday at DC 37 at 3:30 p.m. NYPD members should attend.

President Hysyk discussed the overtime cap.

Ed talked about the Local's Shop Steward Activist Conference. He said the conference had excellent speakers.

The Local's Asian Heritage program will be held on May 31 at 6 p.m.

The DC 37 Jewish Heritage Committee is holding its program on June 30 at 6 p.m.

### **Unfinished Business**

None.

### **New Business**

Gilbert Sambolin stated that there would be construction going on while members are working in the area. He said that members are concerned about losing their lunchroom and about the dust and powder that will be generated from the construction that will be taking place. President Hysyk said that he will look into having a labor-management meeting with DOE to address the issue of worker safety and the issue of the lunchroom.

Artie Kellam stated that he thought that President Hysyk said that DC 37 attorney Alan Brown was going to stay at the meeting to go over the ballot and how it is supposed to appear. President Hysyk stated that Mr. Brown was supposed to still be at the meeting. He said that he doesn't know if he is still in the building.

### **Good & Welfare**

Ira Niditch of HRA had a hip replacement. He is recovering.

Stanley Cates' wife is in the hospital. The Local wishes a speedy recovery.

Celeste Council's daughter gave birth to a healthy baby girl.

Gary Goff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Portia Perkins seconded the motion and it passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cody Childs, Recording Secretary (5/21/2002 - 6/21/2005)