

**A.F.S.C.M.E. LOCAL 2627
NYC Electronic Data Processing Personnel
Membership Meeting Minutes**

March 21st, 2006

**Agenda: Minutes
Treasurer's Report
President's Report
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Good & Welfare**

1st Vice President Robert Ajaye called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM. President Hysyk was not able to attend the meeting.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the January 31st, 2006 General Membership Meeting were distributed and reviewed. Corrections were made as follows: Page 1, 3rd paragraph, line 1: "e" changed to "he"; line 9: "benerefit" changed to "benefit". Cynthia Cox made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and corrected. Tom Devicki seconded the motion and it carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Financial Statements for December 2005, Calendar Year 2005, and January 2006 were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made by Florence Smith to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Cynthia Cox seconded the motion.

Treasurer Bruce Heigh said that the biggest expense for the month of December was the \$8000 that was paid to the American Arbitration Association for the cost of the second election. Andrea Bobrow wanted an explanation of the Quality of Work Life expense. Treasurer Heigh explained that QWL is made up of many committees such as AWS and Employee Recognition Committees. He said that the expenses for the committees are shared equally by the City and the union. Discussion ended. The motion to accept the Treasurer's report was voted upon and it carried.

1st Vice-President Robert Ajaye asked the members to give a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of Sally Wilkinson, wife of former 1st Vice President Jim Wilkinson.

Robert introduced representatives from the National Income Life Insurance Company. He said that the company paid for the meeting refreshments and also paid for the cost

of this month's membership mailing. Members gave them a warm reception. The representatives then gave the members a presentation on the various services that their company could provide to Local 2627 members.

President's Report:

1st Vice President Robert Ajaye stated that the filing period for the Computer Aide Exam would run from April 5th to April 25th, 2006. The Local, in conjunction with D.C. 37, will hold classes for the exam in early April.

Robert said that President Ed Hysyk met with DCAS about converting the certified titles into competitive titles. He also announced that there will be a true E & E on-line examination scheduled by the City for February 2007. This on-line exam will be a first for the City and the Local. The exam will be for the new certified titles.

There was a contract bargaining session with the City on March 14th. Robert Ajaye said that Ed will give the members an update on the latest in the bargaining talks at the next meeting.

1st Vice President Robert Ajaye stated that there will be no Early Retirement Incentive (ERI) at the local or the state level.

He stated that there were very few positions available for candidates on the Computer Specialist Operations list.

The Local 2627 Executive Board approved the extension of the Local's Education reimbursement program for another year.

Peter Jablin talked about AFSCME Lobby Day which was held on March 6th.

Cynthia Cox urged members to become members of the PEOPLE program.

1st Vice President Robert Ajaye said that President Hysyk wanted him to mention that within the next 3 years there will possibly be a \$3.50 to \$5 dues increase from AFSCME.

The DC 37 Prescription Drug program will be getting a new vendor, replacing Express Scripts.

Robert announced that Gilbert Sambolin successfully completed the advanced Shop Steward training course in addition to the Grievance handling course.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

2nd Vice-President Goff said that there will be a Health and Safety walk-through for members of the Transit Authority at 2 Broadway on Friday morning, March 24th. He added that TA members who would like to participate should call him at the office.

Andea Bobrow stated that the November 2005 membership meeting minutes have not been added to the Local's website. 2nd Vice President Gary Goff said that he did not have an electronic copy of the minutes to upload to the Local's website. Secretary Cody Childs said that a disk copy of the minutes was submitted to President Ed Hysyk at the January 2006 general membership meeting so that the minutes could be posted on the Local's website. Gary said that maybe President Ed Hysyk has it but he was never given the minutes. He added said he will see if he can locate the disk copy of the minutes.

Artie Kellam wanted to know when the listing of the motions that were passed by the Local 2627 Executive Board would be posted on the Local's website. He also wanted to know when would members get a report from the Local's DC 37 delegates on what was voted on and discussed at the delegate meetings. 1st Vice President Robert Ajaye said that they will make it a point of updating members about the delegate meetings.

2nd Vice President Gary Goff said that the delegates should give a report at the next general membership meeting. 1st Vice President Robert Ajaye stated that any member could attend a DC 37 delegate meeting but that member would not be allowed to have any input. 2nd Vice President Gary Goff responded to Artie Kellam's first question by stating that Executive Board motions are to be read to the members at the membership meeting but they are not going to be posted on the Local's website. Artie Kellam disagreed and said the motion should also be on the Local's website. Gary said that any member who wishes to view the Executive Board minutes, should call the office to make an appointment

Andrea Bobrow asked if members could sit-in on the Local's Executive Board meetings. Robert Ajaye answered no.

Artie Kellam wanted to know the status of the motion made by the membership at the November 2005 General Membership Meeting to have the \$2400 in legal fees returned to the Local by the affected Executive Board members. 1st Vice President Robert Ajaye said that President Hysyk will have to give an update on the status of the motion. Artie Kellam wanted to know why it was taking so long for the Executive Board members to abide by the motion. Robert Ajaye said that this is something that Ed will have to handle.

Keith Trader talked about the effect of outsourcing on members at DOE. He said that members are not being treated fairly in respect to promotions when contractors are being hired to do computer work. Another member at DOE echoed the same sentiments. He said money is being spent on using the services of contractors rather than promoting and hiring Local 2627 members to do the job.

Peter Jablin talked about the “Accountability and Contracting Out” bill that is being deliberated at the state and local levels of government. He said that as of last fall, the bill has been stalled in committee. He urged members to contact their state leaders to get the bill passed..

Good & Welfare:

None.

Keith Trader made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cynthia Cox seconded the motion and it carried. The

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.