

A.F.S.C.M.E. LOCAL 2627
NYC Electronic Data Processing Personnel
Membership Meeting
May 16th, 2006

Agenda: Minutes
Treasurer's Report
President's Report
New & Unfinished Business
Good & Welfare

President Hysyk called the meeting to order at 6:16 PM.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the March 21st, 2006 General Membership Meeting were distributed and reviewed. A correction was made to the minutes as follows: Page 2, line 2: "4th" changed to "5th". Julie Leibowitz made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and corrected. John Reyes seconded the motion and it carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Financial Statements for February 2006, March 2006 and the cumulative report for Jan. 1st thru March 31st were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made by Gilbert Sambolin to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Charlie Michaels seconded the motion and it carried.

President Hysyk commended Treasurer Bruce Heigh on getting the American Arbitration Association to reduce the cost of the Local 2627 run-off election by \$1000.

President's Report:

President Hysyk introduced speaker Gloria Tominelli who works in the administrative office of the DC 37 Health and Security Plan. She talked about the changes in the DC 37 Prescription Drug Plan that will begin on July 1st, 2006. She said that Innoviant Inc. has been selected as the new prescription benefit administrator for the Plan. The mandatory mail order for maintenance drugs will be eliminated. A new program (Retail 90 Rx) will provide members with a 90-day supply of medication at the local pharmacy for 3 co-payments. The Plan will still maintain a voluntary mail order program through Innoviant Rx for 2 co-payments for a 90-day supply. Gloria said that new prescription cards along with booklets describing all the changes will be mailed out to members during the 1st week of June. She added that two PICA drugs (injectibles and chemotherapy), will still be administered by Express Scripts because the City chose to still use Express Scripts for this program. The City will be sending out new PICA cards to all members in June. An arrangement has been made with Innoviant and Express Scripts to transfer any existing open refills that members have. A new voluntary program called Half Tab Rx identifies certain medications that can cut your co-payment in half with tablet splitting.

President Hysyk introduced Austin Childs who will represent Local 2627 in Research and Negotiations. He said that Moira Dolan has moved on to policy-making projects. Ed added that when it comes to talking about the Local's unit bargaining issues, Austin Childs will be the Local's representative. Austin then announced that the City will be issuing the 2007 fiscal year exam schedule on July 1st. He also stated that the City has approved 4 certified titles for the competitive class. The 4 titles are: Certified IT Administrator LAN, Certified IT Administrator WAN, Certified IT Developer Applications, Certified IT Administrator Database. DCAS has not issued any exams for these titles as of yet. Members can be placed in the titles provisionally if they meet the qualifications. The City can only hire 200 employees in the non-competitive class for this group of certified titles. There are no hiring limits in the competitive class.

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President Hysyk gave a status report on the holiday tssue pertaining to DOE employees who were involuntarily transferred to DoITT. He stated that the issue involves Local members in addition to Local 375 members. The problem is that both locals have to be in agreement in order to arrive at a settlement with the City. Ed said that he would speak with Dennis Sullivan, director of DC 37 Research & Negotiations Department, to find out whether the five Local 2627 members could settle separately with the City.

President Hysyk talked about the certified titles. He said that under state law, the City could hire up to 200 non-competitive people using the certified titles. He said that presently the City is getting close to the 200 limit. He said that since the City needs the skills that these titles offer, the titles were made competitive. He said that anybody who is hired after the 200 limit has been reached would be hired in the provisional status and would eventually have to take an exam. Currently people who are in the non-competitive class do not have to take an exam in order to become permanent. After serving 5 years in the title, non-comp employees become permanent. After one year of being in the non-competitive title, employees become entitled to due process rights. Provisionals serving in the competitive class get due process rights after serving 18 months in the title.

President Hysyk gave a status report on bargaining. He spoke about the Union's demand to expand EO75 releases. Employees who are released under EO75 are released from their City jobs in order to work at the Union. These employees are still required to submit their timesheets to their respective agencies. Ed said that he and Gary Goff are released under EO75. There are about 300 employees released under EO75 city-wide. The City wanted to do away with EO75. At the last bargaining session the Union removed its demand to expand EO75 and the City removed its demand to get rid of EO75.

The City offered the Union 3.15% for the 1st year and 2% each for the second and 3rd years compounded. The wants 4% for the 2nd and 3rd years of the contract. Another bargaining session will be scheduled.

The City was asked to give a Supervising Computer Service Technician exam and a Computer Systems Manager (Prom) exam. CUNY exams will be coming up in July. These exams will be on-line.

DoITT claims that some of our members owe them money. The Local says that the members don't owe DoITT any money. Some members in DoITT who have signed on to arbitration now owe money while some individuals will have money returned to them.

1st Vice President Robert Ajaye stated that members need to submit all receipts and paperwork in order to get tuition reimbursement from the Local. Members who are in the non-competitive titles do not get tuition reimbursement from DC 37. They will have to submit all required paperwork to the Local in order to receive reimbursement for computer courses. The on-line CUNY computer exams will take place from July 17th through September 1st. The tests will be given for Information Systems Specialist, Information Systems Associate, Information Systems Assistant and Information Systems Aide. Grades are returned within 24 hours.

2nd Vice President Gary Goff said that NYCHA has finally agreed to put in double-paned windows at the 90 Church Street building where city workers are employed. This was brought about by the 90th Street Coalition who rallied for double-paned windows due to the air pollution and hazardous particles emanating from construction work at ground zero.

Peter Jablin talked about the Lobby Day. He talked about various bills that are before the state legislatures. Members should contact their state lawmakers to urge them to support the bills that affect workers.

President Hysyk gave a report on what actions were passed at the March 7th Local 2627 Executive Board meeting. He said that the Executive Board reauthorized the Local's Education fund for the period of April 1st 2006 through March 31st 2007. He also stated that the Executive Board authorized the evaluation of the Local's office computer equipment. He said that he was moving forward with the possibility of a lawsuit against DoITT to address the issue of discrimination in promotion and hiring practices. It is being assigned to a DC 37 lawyer for study.

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President Hysyk said that between the April 4th and the May 2nd Executive Board meetings, the Board authorized \$1200 for the Local's Asian Heritage affair which was held on May 4th at DC 37.

At the April 4th Executive Board meeting the Board authorized the purchase of one \$50 ticket to the Commission on Health which is a commission that's trying to keep HHC's hospitals open. Robert Ajaye attended the affair for the Local.

At the May 2nd Executive Board meeting, the Board formally authorized the Asian Heritage expenditure up to \$1200. The Board also authorized the purchase of a fax machine cartridge for \$210.

President HYSYK talked about the various employee recognition programs.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Keith Trader stated that DOE is not allowing any promotional opportunities for those members who work in the schools. He said even though members have passed exams for Computer Associate (SW) and Computer Specialist (SW), the agency will not pick members up from the list even though they qualify for the jobs. Keith said that he would like this issue brought up at unit bargaining. President Hysyk agreed that this should be brought up during the unit bargaining with the agency.

Good & Welfare:

Ariel Pride's (DoITT) son is going to graduate from West Point.

Ira Niditch (HRA) recently got married.

Bruce Heigh's (HRA) daughter is graduating from SUNY.

Peter Jablin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Dunn seconded the motion and it passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cody Childs
Secretary