

Minutes  
Chapter 24 Meeting  
October 14, 2010PM  
79 Elm Street  
Russell Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Hartford

President Chuck Lee called the meeting to order at 12:06 P.M.

**Secretary's Report**

K. Knight moved to accept the Secretary's Report for September 9, 2010. D. Fox seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Donna Seresin gave the August Treasurer's Report. S. Brunelli moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. D. Fox seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

**President's Report**

2010 General Election Update: President Chuck Lee introduced special guest Dawn McKay CSEA SEIU Local 2001 Member Leader Action Organizer. Dawn McKay reported that she was on unpaid leave from her DEP position to work on the CSEA SEIU Local 2001 member to member campaign for the 2010 November 2, 2010 General Election. Dawn McKay reported on the Union's efforts to contact all active and retired members of CSEA SEIU Local 2001. She thanked all Chapter 24 members that had already volunteered to help with the campaign. She encouraged others to join in the phone banking efforts to make sure the Union's endorsed candidates were successful.

Health Care and Pension Questions President Chuck Lee reported that he had received questions from a Chapter 24 member on Health Care and Pensions. President Lee asked if members were interested in having a Chapter 24 Special Meeting with CSEA SEIU 2001 Executive Director Robert Rinker to discuss health care and pension issues. Members spoke in favor and against a special meeting before the November 2, 2010 election. S. Brunelli moved to allocate up to \$250.00 towards food for a Chapter 24 Special Meeting with guest speaker CSEA SEIU 2001 Executive Director Robert Rinker to talk about important issues with Chapter 24 members. N. Williams seconded the motion. There was brief discussion concerning when the meeting would occur. The motion passed.

**Committee Reports**

Chapter 24 By-Laws Committee:

Vice President Stephen. Anderson reported that the bylaws committee had not met.

Chapter 24 Social Activities Committee:

Kate. Knight reported that the social activities committee had not met.

P-4 Council Delegate Report:

Vice President Stephen Anderson reported that at the last P-4 Council meeting CSEA SEIU Local 2001 Executive Director Robert Rinker spoke on the Anthem vs. Hartford Medical group dispute over reimbursement rates. This conflict will not directly impact state employees because our medical plans

require all hospitals to be in network. Anthem and Hartford Medical Group have until November 1, 2010 to resolve the dispute.

Mr. Rinker also spoke regarding tuition reimbursement for members that completed college course work in 2009 and 2010. Members that were waiting to be reimbursed for courses taken in 2009 should be receiving reimbursement from the Comptroller's Office soon. Member's waiting for reimbursement for college courses taken in 2010 must wait until the problem is fixed with a bill introduced in the next session of the General Assembly that will move funds from the P-4 conference & workshop account to the tuition reimbursement account.

Vice President Stephen Anderson reported that Political Education Director Danny Medress spoke to the P-4 Council regarding the member to member campaign for the 2010 General Elections. Mr. Medress reported on the success of this program designed to reach all active and retired members of CSEA SEIU Local 2001 with our message.

Vice President Stephen Anderson reported that Carl Grodotzke reported on the progress of the P-4 Objective Job Evaluation Committee. Mr. Grodotzke was waiting for a list from the Department of Administrative Services regarding the job classifications that would be re-evaluated this coming year. Department of Transportation engineering classes and information technology classes would not be re-evaluated this time through OJE as they were covered under a separate agreement. S. Anderson reported that this P-4 Committee was planning to attend P-4 Chapter meeting to explain OJE, the process that would be followed and how members should work with the OJE questionnaires to maximize points to pay for changes in duties within the classifications.

Vice President Stephen Anderson reported that the P-4 Health and Safety Committee was accepting suggestions for health and safety improvements using money allocated in the P-4 contract. Project ideas could be forwarded to P-4 members on the Committee (Tim McGuane, Nate Jenkins, and Nelio Rodrigues). The Health and Safety Committee had not met recently because the management side was not fully appointed. Stephen Anderson reported that DEP Director Kim Hudak and Assistant Director Peter Zak (alternate) were recently appointed to the management side of this committee so now it can conduct business.

#### Labor Management Committee:

President Chuck Lee reported that at the last Labor Management Committee meeting they discussed the appointment of Kim Hudak and Peter Zack to the P-4 Health and Safety Committee as well as the refilling of a Health and Safety officer at DEP. President Lee reported that discussions were continuing on the Western District Office inadequacies. President Lee reported that Matt Fritz was appointed to the Labor Management Committee for the management side.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

D. Fox moved to change the Chapter 24 Thursday November 11, 2010 meeting to Wednesday November 10, 2010. K. Knight seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

## **Good and Welfare**

Secretary Dawn McKay read a thank you note to Chapter 24 members from Megan Morrison.

S. Brunelli moved to donate \$25 to honor the DEP Hurricanes Soccer Team as part of the Campaign for Charitable Giving. D. Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer Donna Seresin moved to participate in the DEP Coffee Fundraiser for the Campaign for Charitable Giving. K. Knight seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion regarding past participation and how to proceed with helping with this charitable event this year. The motion passed.

D. Fox moved to donate \$400.00 to the CSEA SEIU Local 2001 Turkey Drive that was being held in November. D. Seresin seconded the motion. President Chuck Lee asked members that wanted to help with the distribution of turkeys to let him or Kate. Knight know so that UBL could be requested from the P-4 Council. The motion passed.

K. Knight moved to donate \$25 in memory of Michael LaBickas' mom who recently passed away. S. Brunelli seconded the motion. The motion passed.

S. Brunelli moved to adjourn the meeting. D. Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. McKay  
Chapter 24 Secretary