

Minutes  
Chapter 24 Meeting  
June 10, 2010  
12:05 PM  
79 Elm Street  
Russell Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Hartford

President Chuck Lee called the meeting to order at 12:08 PM.

**Secretary's Report**

Keith Hill moved to accept the Secretary's Report for the regular Chapter 24 meeting held on April 8, 2010. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed. Keith Hill moved to accept the Secretary's Report for the regular Chapter 24 meeting held on May 13, 2010. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Donna Seresin submitted a written report for April 2010. D. Fox moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2010. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

**President's Reports**

Chapter 24 Bylaws Committee: President Lee indicated that he would like to have the Chapter 24 Bylaws Committee meet to discuss and recommend possible revisions to the Chapter 24 Bylaws. The current Committee includes Keith Hill, Steve Anderson, Bob Hannon, Neal Williams and Marla Butts. President Lee appointed Tracy Lizotte to replace M. Butts. S. Brunelli moved to accept the appointment of T. Lizotte to the Chapter 24 Bylaws Committee. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed. President Lee instructed the Committee to review the recent Chapter 24 elections and report back to the Chapter on potential revisions concerning nomination procedures, district balloting and the election of delegates.

Telecommuting: President Lee indicated that the Telecommuting Bill passed and was signed by the governor making it easier for state employees to telecommute to work. President Lee thanked the many Chapter 24 members that helped to pass this bill.

Labor Management Committee: D. Fox reported that the labor management committee was working on the consolidation of DEP's Western District Field Offices with Tim Barry taking the lead on this effort. D. Fox indicated that the committee also is working on the ability for our

Chapter to send out an email to help verify that all Chapter 24 members were getting union email notifications from CSEA. D. Fox also indicated that the management side has not appointed another member since Pam Adams retired last year. President Lee appointed Sandy Brunelli to the Labor Management Committee. N. Williams moved to accept the appointment of S. Brunelli to the labor management committee. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

P-4 Council: S. Brunelli indicated that at the June 4, 2010 P-4 Council Meeting there was discussion regarding an unlawful motion that was passed by the Council over a year ago. The motion had to do with spending Council money to defend Council Officers that were charged with an offense under the CSEA Constitution and then recovering the money from the member if the charges were unsubstantiated. CSEA legal counsel Robert Krzys, wrote an opinion that this motion adopted by the P-4 Council was unlawful. The President of the P-4 Council appointed a two member committee to look into what action should be taken regarding the unlawful motion. S. Brunelli indicated that the several attempts made to rescind the unlawful motion, failed. S. Brunelli indicated that at the June meeting the committee recommended changes to the wording of the motion so that the motion is now deemed acceptable.

S. Brunelli indicated that a P-4 Nominations Committee had been appointed to accept letters of interest for members wanting to serve as a P-4 Officer, P-4 Delegate to the CSEA Executive Council or as P-4 Council Auditor. The P-4 Nominations Committee includes Chapter 24 members Al Schwentke and Dennis Foran. The Council elections will be held on July 8, 2010. All recently elected P-4 Council delegates are eligible to run for a position.

Chapter 24 Member Involvement Committee: President Lee indicated that Neal Hagstrom (chair) indicated that the committee was still exploring ways to involve members more fully in Chapter 24 activities including voting. The committee is in the process of writing a letter to Chapter 24 Officers asking for clarifications on labor relation issues and relevant laws regarding electronic voting procedures.

#### **Old Business:**

Seating of Alternate Delegates for the P-4 Council and CSEA Convention: President Lee indicated that without member objection, he would randomly select the seating of all elected Chapter 24 alternates to the P-4 Council or to the 2010 CSEA Convention at the end of the meeting. The seating of the alternates to the Council or to the 2010 CSEA Convention would be done by drawing names of alternate delegates from a hat. There were no objections.

**New Business:**

P-4 Council Summer Picnic: President Lee indicated that the P-4 Council summer picnic will be held on July 16, 2010 at the Farmington Club from Noon to 5PM. The ticket price was \$31.00 but the P-4 Council has approved a \$6.00 rebate for all P-4 Council members. A. Schwentke moved to provide an additional \$5.00 rebate for Chapter 24 member tickets. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed. President Lee indicated that Chapter 24 members could purchase their \$20.00 tickets before July 9, 2010 from Chapter Officers or P-4 Stewards (Chuck Lee, Steve Anderson, Dawn McKay, Donna Seresin, Sandy Brunelli, Al Schwentke, Jon Goldman).

Ann Straut-Esden moved to donate \$100.00 to the McCusker Scholarship in appreciation and thanks to the staff of CSEA for helping with Chapter 24 elections. The motion was seconded. Members spoke in favor and against the motion. The motion passed.

**Good and Welfare:**

Neal Williams moved to donate \$100.00 in memory of Chapter 24 member Doug Zimmerman with \$50.00 being donated to Eastern Connecticut State University and \$50.00 being donated to the Woodstock Historical Society. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Karen Zyko moved to donate \$25.00 to the UCONN Foundation in memory of Chapter 24 member Min Huang's dad who recently passed away. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Sandy Brunelli moved to donate \$50.00 to a charity in memory of Chapter 24 member Rob Robertson's sister who recently passed away. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Sandy Brunelli moved to purchase a \$25.00 gift card or basket to Jessica Morgan, a Chapter 24 member who recently had surgery. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Keith Hill moved to purchase a \$25.00 gift card for Mike LaFleur, Debra Tedford and Meghan Morrison, all Chapter 24 members who are out on extended leave. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

**Old Business (continued):**

Seating of Alternate Delegates for the P-4 Council:

President Lee conducted a random drawing for the seating of Alternate P-4 Council Delegates. The seating of alternate Council delegates is as follows:

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| 1. Fred Riese         | 6. Peter Spangenberg | 11. Christopher Malik |
| 2. Dan Biron          | 7. Mike Trahiotis    | 12. Neal Hagstrom     |
| 3. Mike Hart          | 8. Inke Sunila       | 13. Walter Tokaraz    |
| 4. Lou Scarfo         | 9. Tonia Selmeski    | 14. Rob Rocks         |
| 5. Brian Golembiewski | 10. Matt Gates       | 15. Charles Nezianya  |

Seating of Alternate Delegates for the CSEA Convention:

President Lee conducted a random drawing for the seating of Alternate 2010 Convention Delegates. The seating of alternate convention delegates is as follows:

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| 1. Brian Golembiewski | 5. Steve Potter         | 9. Lou Scarfo      |
| 2. Christopher Malik  | 6. Kathy Knight         | 10. Tracy Lizotte  |
| 3. Eric Bedan         | 7. David Lamoureux, Jr. | 11. Tonia Selmeski |
| 4. Mike Trahiotis     | 8. John DeGirolamo      |                    |

A. Straut-Esden moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. McKay

Chapter 24 Secretary