

Minutes
Chapter 24 Meeting
September 9, 2010
12:05 PM
79 Elm Street
Russell Room, 3rd Floor
Hartford

President Chuck Lee called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M.

Secretary's Report

Sandy Brunelli moved to accept the Secretary's Report for the July 8, 2010 Chapter 24 meeting. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Donna Seresin gave the July 2010 report. K. Knight moved to accept the July Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

President's Report

Telecommuting: President Lee reported that Chapter 24 was asked to provide comments regarding the DAS guidelines for telecommuting to the Office of Labor Relations. K.C. Alexander, D. Seresin and S. Brunelli all commented on differences between the former policy guidelines and the new version. S. Brunelli encouraged members to contact a member of the Labor-Management Committee, a P-4 Steward or Chapter 24 Officer with issues that may arise as members utilize the new guidelines.

Labor-Management Committee: President Lee reported that the LMC toured Western District Headquarters. President indicated that the conditions at the facility were a concern for P-4 employees and that the condition of the building has been a long-standing issue with the Agency. The Management side of LMC is still missing member since the retirement of Pam Adams last spring (each side has five) and it is hoped that a manager from the environmental conservation side of the agency will be appointed soon.

Chapter 24 Officers: President Lee reported that the Chapter 24 Officers met with Chapter 24 members that work in the Department of Agriculture in the aquaculture program located in Milford. Chapter 24 members working at the facility spoke about their respective work at the facility. Chapter 24 Officers discussed the P-4 Contract and other union matters with the members.

P-4 Tuition Reimbursement: President Lee explained that Union Leaders from P-4, CSEA and the state met to discuss the problems with reimbursing members from P-4. There is a backlog of reimbursements. In addition, the money allocated for reimbursement has been over utilized each year. At the meeting between the union and the state a short-term solution was agreed upon by the parties. And members that are waiting for reimbursement will most likely be paid soon. However, a long-term solution is still needed and members should be cautious about enrolling in the tuition reimbursement program for the upcoming years if they are relying on the reimbursement to afford taking the classes.

P-4 2010 Elections: President Lee reported that Chapter 24 members Dawn McKay and Steve Anderson were elected to P-4 Secretary and P-4 Alternate Delegate to the CSEA Executive Council, respectively. President Lee thanked all the P-4 Delegates and Alternates for coming to the Elections and staying through the lengthy balloting process.

Democratic Primary for the Governor's Race: President Lee reported on the success of CSEA and their endorsement and subsequent victory by Dan Malloy and Nancy Wyman in the August Democratic Primary. President Lee thanked Chapter 24 members for participating in phone banking to CSEA members during the campaign. President Lee indicated that CSEA was organizing members for phone banking and canvassing for the November 2 general election. CSEA continues to endorse Dan Malloy and Nancy Wyman as well as other candidates selected by the CSEA Legislative Action Committee. President Lee encouraged Chapter 24 members to get actively involved in these important political events. Contact a Chapter 24 Officer or Steward to get involved in this important activity.

Committee Reports

By-Laws Committee: R. Hannon indicated that the Chapter 24 By-Laws Committee met once to look at ways to improve the Chapter 24 voting process. B. Hannon reported that it has been difficult to find common meeting dates that accommodate members schedules. They will continue to work on finding times to all meet.

Old Business

None

New Business

CSEA Convention: President Chuck Lee reported that the CSEA SEIU Local 2001 Convention is September 24, 2010 at Connecticut State University in New Britain, Connecticut. He reported that at the CSEA Convention, delegates elect a President and Secretary/Treasurer for CSEA SEIU Local 2001 and also consider changes to the Constitution. Vice President Steve Anderson briefly summarized the five amendments that will be considered at the CSEA Convention. The amendments include proposed changes to procedures of the charge and trial provision of the Constitution, an addition of a method to sub-divide councils, changes in procedures for representative elections for the CSEA Convention and changes to the auditor provisions of the Constitution. Vice President Steve Anderson reported that the Chapter President received copies of the amendments. Chapter Officers are meeting with the Chapter 24 Convention Delegates and Alternates to discuss the amendments. Vice President Steve Anderson reported that the cost is \$35 per Chapter 24 delegate or alternate to attend the CSEA Convention. S. Brunelli reported that Ms. Patrice Peterson (current CSEA Secretary/Treasurer) has announced her intentions to run as CSEA President. S. Brunelli indicated that Ms. Cathy Osten (current CSEA President) is retiring from state service. S. Brunelli reported that Paige Fraham (President of P-3 B Council) may seek the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

S. Brunelli moved that Chapter 24 provide payment to CSEA for all Chapter 24 delegates and alternate delegates that attend the CSEA Convention on September 24, 2010. The motion was seconded. There was brief discussion. The motion passed (with 1 abstention).

Good and Welfare

K. Hill inquired about plans for a Chapter 24 Holiday Party and Chapter 24 involvement in the Holiday Turkey Drive and Coffee Fundraiser for Campaign for Charitable Giving held in the Agency. A brief discussion ensued with members speaking in favor of being involved. President Chuck Lee appointed Keith Hill, Katie Knight, Sandy Brunelli and Dawn McKay as a subcommittee to look into options for a Chapter 24 Holiday Party and to organize Good and Welfare activities for the Holiday and Charitable Giving Campaign season. A. Straut-Edsen moved to accept the appointment of the subcommittee. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

D. McKay moved to reimburse Chapter 24 President Chuck Lee for mileage fro the recent Chapter 24 Officers to meet with members in Milford. The motion was seconded. S. Brunelli indicated that the GSA was 50 cents per mile. There was no further discussion. The motion was passed.

S. Brunelli moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

The motion was adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn M. McKay
Chapter 24 Secretary