

**NABET-CWA LOCAL 31
Executive Board Meeting**

October 12, 2010

Minutes

Location: NABET-CWA Local 31 Office

Time: Meeting opened 6:30 PM

Presiding: J. Carl Mayers, President

Present: Rich McDermott, Vice President

Connie Sims, Treasurer
Maurice Thomas, III, Secretary
Richard Guastadisegni, WJLA
Stephen Johnson, HRS
Rory Reese, ABC
Stu Rushfield, NPR
Barbara Krieger, MCT
Judy Washington, PBS
Tom Thornton, Freelance, Daily Hires
Darryl Moment, ABC Member
Larry Jackson, SRS (by phone)

1. **Approval of Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting** held on August 9, 2010, as amended and corrected. Please amend the attendance report to the Minutes for August 2010.

**2010-10-01 MOTION MAKER: Guastadisegni SECOND: Reiss PASSED
ABSTAIN: Thornton, Krieger, Jackson, and Rushfield**

Vice President's Report

1. **New Activists' Training** – National Labor College. There were 40 members attending. For three and a half days, this training focused on NABET Sector issues for those who wish to be more active in the Union. Rich McDermott and Chip Catherine attended for Local 31.

Secretary's Report

1. **Correspondence** - none. Mike Queen resignation as NBC Representative.
2. **Web Page** - Working well
3. **Computers** - Working well
4. **Merger with Harrisburg, PA Local 213.** President Mayes and Secretary Thomas met with nine members of NABET-CWA Local 213 in Harrisburg, PA, to discuss the possibility of a merger with this local. Various factors were discussed as well as legal procedures. Their

membership needs to discuss this further and vote to merge. This item will be presented to the Executive Board after Local 213 has taken action.

5. **COPE.** Once again, we are reminding members of the importance of political activism to reinforce our goals as a union and the need to contribute financially to the COPE Fund.

6. **CWA Pediatric Aids Foundation:**

2010-10-02 MOTION To authorize approximately \$863 for CWA Pediatric Aids.
MAKER: Johnson **SECOND:** Reiss **PASSED**

7. **CWA Diaz Union-to-Union Fund:**

2010-10-03 MOTION To authorize approximately \$86.30 for CWA Diaz Union-to-Union Fund.
MAKER: Thornton **SECOND:** Rushfield **PASSED**

8. **Appointment of Alternate Executive Board Member for SRS.** – Scott Edwards, Alternate Executive Board member for SRS resigned. Robert Becker was the only nomination received and was declared the replacement Alternate Executive Board member for SRS.

9. **One Nation Rally:** Held on the National Mall, October 2, 2010. President Mayers and Secretary Thomas attended along with Sector President Joyce and several other NABET-CWA members. There was excellent attendance by CWA and allied unions.

Treasurer's Report

1. **Financial Reports for August and September 2010:** There were a number of significant questions on these reports, including an extended discussion of our over-all financial position.

2010-10-04 MOTION TO APPROVE -07 to approve Financial Reports for August and September 2010, pending reconciliation and corrections.
MAKER: Jackson **SECOND:** Reiss

2010-10-05 MOTION TO TABLE
MAKER: Sims **SECOND:** Thomas **PASSED**

2. **2010-2011 Budget.** After considerable discussion, and in light of the previous discussion of the financial health of the local, next year's budget was determined to be too complex for immediate consideration. The matter was tabled until next meeting. In the interim, present budget figures will be used.

3. **New Members:** in the packet.

2010-10-06 MOTION TO APPROVE new members as listed:
MAKER: Jackson **SECOND:** Washington **PASSED**

President's Report:

1. Political efforts are being made to move the CNN case forward before the NRLB. Motions were filed last week.
2. Efforts to locate a new office are speeding forward. We will attempt to move to smaller offices with lower rent early next year.
3. The 15% premium pay for negotiators may have to be reconsidered in light of our budgetary position as well as a significant reduction in the number of union leave paid negotiators.
4. The NBC contract negotiations have become protracted and endless.
5. The Juan Ureta censure motion will be abandoned.
6. Obviously there has been a significant reduction in dues income to the local, due to reductions in full-time staff and members' work. This will have budget implications that must be addressed.
7. Our members at ABC have suffered as a result of arbitrary application of Sideletter HH buy-outs. ABC members are very frustrated and see this as a failure of process.

Staff Reports

1. Union Leave Report distributed, not for publication
2. Member Packages distributed, not for publication
3. No Work List distributed, not for publication

Old Business

1. Change By-Law 4.53, Alternate Shop Stewards, on second reading was passed and will be submitted to NABET-CWA Sector for approval. (See August 2010 Minutes for text).

New Business: Executive Board Members' reports will be included in the published minutes.

1. **Date of Next Executive Board Meeting** will be Monday, December 13, 2010, at 6:30 PM at the Union Office. Without objection.
2. **ABC Affairs** – report submitted
3. **Citadel/WMAL Affairs** - no report. No new talks to date.
4. **Freelance Affairs** -
5. **HRS Affairs** – report submitted
6. **MCTV Affairs** – report submitted
7. **NBC Affairs** – report submitted
8. **NPR Affairs**
9. **PBS Affairs** – report submitted
10. **SRS Affairs**
11. **TVS/CNN Affairs**
12. **WHUT Affairs**
13. **WJLA Affairs**
14. **WRC Affairs.**
15. **WSVN Affairs**

MOTION 2010-10-08 to ADJOURN Executive Board meeting - 9:46 PM.

MAKER: Reiss **SECOND:** McDermott **PASSED**

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM

Respectfully submitted;

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