

# **Pennsylvania Federation of Injured Workers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

11/11/09

**Call Meeting to Order** 11:11 AM

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**

**Moment of Silence** – For our troops and those injured or lost their lives in a workplace accident.

## **Roll Call of Board Members**

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| 1. Mike Kerstetter  | 2. Carl Judd     | 3. Mike Pron      |
| 4. Ronald Stabinsky | 5. Dennis Straub | 6. Pete De Pietro |

## **Minutes from 09/09/09 meeting submitted by Mike Kerstetter**

1. Motion to accept – Dennis Straub
2. Motion to 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ron Stabinsky
3. Vote – carried

## **Financial Report submitted by Mike Kerstetter**

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2. Motion to 2<sup>nd</sup> – Carl Judd
3. Vote - carried

## **REPORTS FROM CHAPTERS**

1. Berks County Chapter:
  - a. Election of Chapter Officers
    - i. Nominations were open till the vote
    - ii. No change the officers are the same
  - b. John Donato almost died
    - i. John is still in the hospital
  - c. Guest speaker at the last Chapter meeting was Bob Cullen and the Chapter voted him onto their panel of Attorneys
  - d. 2010 membership drive is underway
  - e. The Chapter is sending back the Pitney Boals stamp machine
  - f. Legislators may want the Chapter to get a different office space for the grant money
2. Dauphin County Chapter:
  - a. No progress beyond getting permission to have Chapter meetings at the ASFME building
3. Delaware County Chapter:
  - a. No word or contact from John Kennedy
4. Lehigh Valley Chapter:
  - a. Bingo is coming along
  - b. Membership drive is underway
    - i. Calling old members to try and get a membership renewal
  - c. Giving away turkey dinners
  - d. No Christmas party for children this year
  - e. The December meeting will be a covered dish Christmas Party after the meeting

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Grants – Carl Dillinger
  - a. No report Carl was not present at the meeting
2. New Chapters
  - a. No Progress
  - b. Pete will call the old Chapter Presidents in western PA to see if we can get any contact information
3. Agreement for Panel of Physicians – Kate McCarney
  - a. No report Kate was not present at the meeting
4. Labor Councils & PFIW

- a. No cooperation yet
- 5. Bond Issue – Pete De Pietro
  - a. The insurance company would bond anyone that signs checks for \$100.00 a year
  - b. Liability insurance for the entire Board of Directors would cost at a minimum \$350.00 a year
  - c. Pete will contact State Farm to see if we can get a better price on premiums
- 6. Bylaw Changes
  - a. Changes:
    - i. John Donato made a motion that three representatives from the Board of Directors do a yearly financial audit with 1 copy of each chapters financial information (Bank Statements, Meeting Minutes with Treasurers Reports and Bank Receipts for Deposits & Withdrawals) during the last meeting of the year for the Board of Directors
    - ii. Second to the motion: Pete De Pietro
    - iii. Discussion by Ron Stabinsky and the motion was amended to include any Board member that wanted to do an audit could participate
    - iv. Vote: carried
    - v. The motion was further amended to state that an audit will be done in January and September
      - 1. This was approved by the majority of Board members
  - b. The motion for the changes to the Bylaws for an audit and audit procedures was voted on for the second time and passed and will be added to the Bylaws
- 7. Audit (To be done after the meeting)
  - a. Audit will be done today after the meeting
- 8. Report on the Governors Health & Safety Convention
  - a. Injury at the convention
  - b. No resources were available to help the injured employee
  - c. We received a letter from the convention explaining they would do better for future conventions
- 9. BOD Membership
  - a. Letters were not sent to Doug Gruber & John Kennedy, this will be done for the next meeting
    - i. It was suggested that the letters be sent registered to insure delivery
  - b. A motion to make Bill George and Joe Lurie Emeritus Board Directors was made by Dennis Straub
  - c. Motion to 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mike Pron
  - d. Vote – carried
  - e. A letter will be sent to Joe Lurie to ask him to become active on the Board and to inform him that the Board voted to make him an Emeritus Board Director
  - f. A letter will be sent to Bill George to inform him of the Board vote to make him an Emeritus Board Director

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Plan for 2010 Activities/Campaigns
  - a. PA Injured Workers Memorial Day Event on Wednesday, April 28, 2010
    - i. We will coordinate with the Labor Councils again
    - ii. Reserve the Rotunda Gallery at the Capitol in Harrisburg
  - b. We will get hand out materials ready for upcoming events
  - c. Workers Compensation Convention
  - d. PA Governors Health & Safety Convention
- 2. Website
  - a. Add something so that speakers from the PFIW can be scheduled to speak about workers compensation
- 3. Former Board of Directors
  - a. The bank account for the previous B.O.D. may still be active and have funds in it
  - b. Pete asked anyone that has contact information for the previous B.O.D. to submit it to him

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

- 1. Open the meeting to the floor for discussion
  - a. John Donato
  - b. A motion was made by Dennis Straub to send John Donato a \$20 gift certificate from The Olive Garden in a get well card
  - c. Motion to 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ron Stabinsky
  - d. Vote – carried
  - e. Hospital address:
    - i. St. Joseph's Hospital  
Critical Care Unit 3

2500 Burntville Road  
Reading, PA (no zip code)  
610-378-2000

2. Date of next BOD meeting – January 13, 2010. The meeting location will be at the Berks/Schuylkill County Chapter meeting location at the Teamsters Local 429 Bldg., 1055 Spring Street, Wyomissing, PA 19610.
  - a. The host Chapter will pay for the lunches.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by – Mike Pron**

**A 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion to adjourn was made by – Ron Stabinsky**

**Vote - carried**

**The meeting for the PFIW Board of Directors adjourned at 1:13 PM**

*Note: PFIW B.O. D. did a financial audit after the meeting*