

## **AFGE Local 2578 Minutes**

The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:03 p.m., Tuesday, June 26, 2012. The monthly meeting was held in room 5220, at Archives II, with audio-conference connections to Archives I, Suitland, and NARA facilities at Atlanta, Chicago, Fort Worth, Lee's Summit, New York, the Clinton Library, the Ford Library, the JFK Library, and Bush 43 Library. A quorum of members was present. Guests from Local 1200 in Denver and San Bruno were also connected by audio-conference.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present: Vice President Mitchell Buffone, Treasurer Nancy Fortna, Secretary Ashby Crowder, and Sergeant-at-Arms Harold Goodman.

Meeting Minutes: Crowder read the May monthly meeting minutes of AFGE Local 2578. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Fortna gave the treasurer's report reporting balances and expenses for May. Membership stands unchanged from May at 320. The report was approved.

### **REPORTS:**

Health and Safety Committee: No report.

Legislative Committee: No Report.

Organizing Committee: Buffone reported on the recruitment event taking place on the day of the meeting at Archives II.

Representational Activities: Representatives in the field reported on cases. Discussion took place about job classification.

Communication Committee: Crowder reported that he and Patrick McCann are coordinating to keep website information for Local 2578 up-to-date. Buffone reported that there are lessons to be learned from particular cases that are more appropriately addressed in confidential settings.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: Jesse Wilinski mentioned the possibility of having a credit union Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) installed. Discussion took place about the parties that would need to be consulted and involved in investigating this possibility.

**NEW BUSINESS**: Goodman inquired about the Union membership status of employees who are on worker's compensation. Early, who arrived at the meeting at 12:25, stated that an employee in

this situation remains a member in good standing during the period in which dues are not being deducted because of worker's compensation status.

Early, who recently toured the Suitland facility, reported on a health & safety issue involving asbestos. Early reported that the asbestos found in mechanical pipes is not a health and safety hazard unless it is disturbed, and that this has not happened. The asbestos discovery will affect only employees working in the classified vault, who will be present as classified records escorts during asbestos abatement. Employees present for the abatement may be fitted with proper protective gear. This will take place during non-work hours.

Discussion took place about compensation and duty status for employees present for the abatement, and about any asbestos that may have become attached to FRC containers transferred out of the facility. Early reiterated the findings that no release of asbestos fibers has taken place. Buffone read a letter about asbestos removal plans from the Field Support Office.

A discussion took place about the procedures and policies for taking records center ladders out of commission.

Crowder encouraged members of the Local to consider becoming involved with established committees, and to explore the creation of new ones if they so wish.

Comments for the Good of the Local: Crowder asked Union representatives to consider donating annual leave to Local 2578 member and Council 260 Treasurer Nkenge Poindexter, who is very ill.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of AFGE Local 2578 will be on Tuesday, July 31, 2012.

Respectfully submitted July 21, 2012.

Approved as Corrected on July 31, 2012.

Ashby Crowder  
Secretary  
AFGE Local 2578