

AFGE Local 2578

Minutes: The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:05 PM, Tuesday, September 27, 2011. The monthly meeting was held in room 5220, at Archives II, with audio-conference connections to the NARA facilities at Archives I, Atlanta, Chicago, Fort Worth, Suitland, and Bush 41, Bush 43 and Clinton Libraries. A quorum of members was present. Representatives from Local 1200 (Denver, San Bruno, and Reagan Library) attended as guests.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present were President Vernon Early, Vice President Ted Hull, Secretary Sharmila Bhatia, and Sergeant-at-Arms Mitchell Buffone.

Meeting Minutes: Bhatia read the August monthly meeting minutes of AFGE Local 2578. The minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Hull gave the treasurer's reports (see attached reports) reporting balances and expenses for July and August. Membership stands at 290 members. The reports were approved.

REPORTS:

Health and Safety Committee: Hilary Kaplan reported that the National Committee is working on updating the charter. The sub-committees are working on Health and Safety Week 2012. The next meeting will be on October 20.

Usell Copeland (San Bruno) reported on traffic issues and concerns with moving the mailroom. Hugh Clayton (Archives I) reported that the Archives I committee did not meet when scheduled. Ronnie Haigler (Suitland) reported that the wooden ladders have been removed. Early reported that Security disagrees the panic bars on doors at Archives II should not have a delay before opening.

Legislative Committee: No report.

Communication Committee: Ashby Crowder reported that he and Patrick McCann are working on updating the website. He recommended adding flyers to Facebook.

Organizing Committee: Early reported on recruitment activities at Archives I with 2 members joining so far. We will be recruiting at Suitland on Wednesday and at Archives II on Thursday. Ketina Taylor (Bush 43) reported that they have two members and that Alison Wheelock is the new rep.

Representational Activities: Early reported that he had a case involving a former employee charged with AWOL which was lifted.

Harold Goodman (Atlanta) reported that the process for developing the production standards was a success.

Mark Arguello (Denver) reported employees were not invited to the groundbreaking for the new facility.

Martin Tuohy (Chicago) reported that he is representing a long-time AFGE member from another facility and also met with a Chicago staffer to explain about accretion-of-duty promotions and what constitutes performing work beyond a position description.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

OPM has released the Employee Viewpoint Survey.

Hull noted that there will be detail positions, for four months, on the Records Center Blog. There will be one position from each of the Records Centers.

Comments for the Good of the Local: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of AFGE Local 2578 will be on Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

Respectfully submitted October 17, 2011:

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Secretary

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