

## **AFGE Local 2578 Minutes**

The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:05 PM, Tuesday, November 25, 2014. The monthly meeting was held in room 5220, at Archives II, with audio-conference connections to NARA facilities at Atlanta, Ft. Worth, Lenexa, Suitland, and the Clinton, Kennedy, and Ford Libraries. A guest from Denver attended. A quorum of members was present.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present were President Vernon Early, Vice President Mitchell Buffone, Sergeant-at-Arms Harold Goodman, and Secretary Jeremy Schmidt.

Meeting Minutes: Schmidt read the October 2014 monthly meeting minutes of AFGE Local 2578. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Buffone read the November 2014 Treasurer's report. The membership stands at 329. The report was approved.

Safety and Health Committee: Buffone raised issues with welding aluminum ladders (welders must be certified), and indicated that the procurement of standard-size aisle ladders continues to be delayed. He also encouraged awareness of the quality of replacement parts on ladders. Fold-down shelves on ladders may also be introduced more widely. The deadline for the National Safety Trophy is November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Legislative Committee: Joe Byrnes reported that he continuing resolution remains in effect until December 11<sup>th</sup>, and a shutdown does not appear likely. There is a possibility of pension employee contribution increases. The 1% pay increase seems likely.

Organizing Committee: Schmidt and Buffone briefed on the recruitment incentives that will start today. When recruiting, remember to inform prospective Members that they must remain within the Union for at least one year.

Representational Activities: Buffone mentioned that this is the performance appraisal season.

Communications Committee: Byrnes reported on the teleconference training. There are plans for additional sessions in January and February.

Buffone encouraged Members to submit items for inclusion in the Local's newsletter. The deadline is December 5<sup>th</sup>, with a release expected in January.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LOCAL: President Early is recovering well following his surgery and is looking forward to traveling on behalf of the Union next year.

MOTION: Buffone motioned to cancel December 2014 meeting. Motion seconded and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of AFGE Local 2578 will be on January 27, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted, December 3, 2014

Jeremy Schmidt  
Secretary  
AFGE Local 2578

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