

AFGE Local 2578 Minutes

The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:32 p.m., Tuesday, November 6, 2012. The monthly meeting was held in room 5220, at Archives II, with audio-conference connections to Archives I and NARA facilities at Atlanta, Chicago, Fort Worth, Lee's Summit, Philadelphia, the Bush 43 library, and the Ford Library. A quorum of members was present. There were audio-conference connections to guests from Local 1200 in Denver and San Bruno. The meeting was originally scheduled for October 30, 2012, but was rescheduled because the Washington DC area offices of NARA were closed that day on account of Hurricane Sandy.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present: Secretary Ashby Crowder and Sergeant-at-Arms Harold Goodman. Vice President Mitchell Buffone joined the line from Philadelphia shortly after roll call, as did Treasurer Nancy Fortna from Archives I.

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

Treasurer's Report: Fortna read the report of balances and expenses as of October 26. Local membership stands at 325. The report was accepted.

REPORTS:

Safety and Health Committee: Hilary Kaplan reported on the activities of the National Safety and Health Committee and the state of the committee's charter. The committee is fully staffed, recent vacancies having been filled. However, vacancies are expected to open soon, so anyone interested in serving should contact Hilary Kaplan. Kaplan reported that the committee is developing value statements and metrics.

A discussion took place about ladder use and SOPs.

Buffone and Martin Tuohy reported on the status of some health and safety concerns in Chicago.

Legislative Committee: No report.

Organizing Committee: No report.

Representational Activities: No discussion.

Communication Committee: Crowder reported on the ICN rollout to all staff.

Benevolence Committee: Members of the benevolence committee presented some changes to the request form. A discussion took place about the dollar amounts in which grocery gift cards should be distributed and the purchases for which the cards may be used.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Crowder reported on correspondence with agency officials and officials from a federal credit union on the question of adding a credit union ATM to the Archives II lobby.

NEW BUSINESS: Buffone discussed an upcoming “dry run” visit by officials from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

The membership considered an expenditure request for Local President Vernon Early and Vice President Buffone to visit Chicago to assist with recruitment and representational matters. The request was approved.

Crowder asked for volunteers to assist with Local 2578’s second annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, in partnership with the Capital Area Food Bank, to be held at Archives II.

Comments for the Good of the Local: Crowder reminded members to vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of AFGE Local 2578 will be on Tuesday, November 27, 2012.

Respectfully submitted November 26, 2012.

Approved as read November 27, 2012.

Ashby Crowder
Secretary
AFGE Local 2578