

Minutes
AFT Local 1839 Election By-Laws Committee (ad hoc)
June 10, 2009
R-115A

1. Meeting was opened by Dr. Collins, chair at 10:07am on June 10, 2009.
2. Committee members present:
 - a. Dr. Calathes
 - b. Dr. Caulfield
 - c. Dr. Collins
 - d. Dr. Hoch
 - e. Dr. Moskowitz (ex-officio)
 - f. Dr. Weiner
3. Committee members excused/dual commitment
 - a. Prof. Cinotti
 - b. Dr. Overton
4. Previously distributed Minutes from the April 27 & 30 meetings were reviewed and approved; motion by Dr. Hoch seconded by Dr. Weiner, and then approved (As previously recommended, the Committee left the previous minutes alone and used these minutes to reflect edits from the last document.)
5. The committee continued discussion and collaboration using the Election and Campaign Rules from the DOL Guide (aka Figure 2) as a template.
6. Items 4 - 7 of Figure 2, led to a refinement of previous work and the Committee in the April 27 & 30 minutes (See attached).
7. Item 4 of Figure 2, led to discussion that Article VII of the Local Constitution needs to be revisited and was the continued impetus of this meeting. Changes are highlighted below:
 - a. Article VII. Item 1. The Elections Committee provided for in (Article IX) shall be entirely responsible for conducting the voting for officers, chairpersons of standing committees, elected delegates, and **union** reps. **Elections will be conducted in accordance with the local Constitution, By-Laws, and federal election and campaign rules.**

- b. Article VII. Item 2. The Elections Committee shall seek and receive nominations and present nominations received to the membership at the **March General** membership meeting.

(Subparagraphs c. through i. are not used in these minutes; see previous minutes for final version of those items.)

- j. Article VII. Item 7. Only members in good standing may vote. *(second sentence deleted)* The Election Committee shall have the authority to decide cases of questioned voters or ballots. *(fourth sentence deleted – required by law and independent professional organization must comply).*

- k. Article VII. Item 8. *(DELETE existing narrative and replace with the following :)*

Any member in good standing may challenge a local union officer election by filing a protest in writing with the Election Committee within 10 days after election results are posted.

- l. Article VII. Item 9. Should vacancies occur in office between regular elections, they shall be filled **using the same procedures as in Article VII. Item 4.** In emergencies between membership meetings, the Executive Committee can fill an office on an acting basis, but the office must be filled on a permanent basis **within 75 days.**

8. Items 4 - 7 of Figure 2 were refined and the DRAFT By-Laws are taking shape. (See attached) The remaining items will be completed at the next and planned final meeting.
9. All agreed the Election By-Law Committee's work will be shared with the members, **prior** to presentation at a General Membership meeting. Toward this end, the fifth set of approved minutes will be posted on the Local's website.
10. For the next meeting, consensus was to continue final work on June 17, 2009 from 10:00am – until complete, in Room R-115A. Arrangements are being made for a working lunch.
11. Dr. Collins adjourned the meeting at 12:50pm to attend an emergency meeting of the Local at 1pm.