

Approved as of 12/14/09 General Membership Meeting

**American Federation of Teachers – Local 1839
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**General Meeting, AFT Local 1839
Monday, November 9, 2009
3:00PM – A. Harry Moore, Main Auditorium**

Meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by J. Moskowitz, President.

Motion to adoption the proposed agenda:

C. Camrody-Arey, seconded by L. Baskin. M. Caufield moves to amend the agenda and move election by-laws to the top, seconded by B. Calathes. Motion Carries.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended carries.

Election By-Law Committee:

J. Moskowitz asked H. Hoch to chair the meeting during the by-laws discussion: Discussion lead by H. Hoch. Motion made by M. Caufield that speakers be limited to 2 minutes, seconded by S. Kirvan. R.

Overton makes an amendment that no one speak a second time until everyone wanting to speak once has had a turn. Motion approved.

Article VII, Recommended Changes , Item #2:

J. Moskowitz made a motion to change February to March of an election year. Motion seconded by I. Steinberg. R. Vohra makes a motion to call the question. Motion to call the question passes. Motion to change February to March passes (31 in favor) and is adopted.

Article VII, Recommended Changes , Item #5:

J. Moskowitz made a motion to amend to “by the February membership meeting.” Seconded by C. Carmody- Arey. Motion carries (31 in favor).

Article VII, Recommended Changes , Item #6:

A motion is made to change four Vice Presidents to “five.” Motion carries and is adopted (39 in favor).

Motion: To change the wording of Article VII. Item 6. Position H. to state: Union Reps & Alternates

Amendment: To change the wording of Article VII. Item 6. to state: Union Reps and **Two** Alternates.

Proposed by: J. Moskowitz Seconded by: R. Vohra

32 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion passes

Motion: To change the wording of Article VII. Item 6. Position J. to state: Delegates and Alternates to the Hudson County Central Labor Council.

Amendment: To change the wording of Article VII. Item 6. Position J. to state: Delegates and **One** Alternate

Proposed by: J. Moskowitz Seconded by: R. Vohra

30 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion passes

Motion: To change the wording of Article VII. Item 7. to state: 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**)

36 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion passes

Motion: To replace the wording of Article VII. Item 8. with 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.

34 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion passes

Motion: To change the wording of Article VII. Item 9 to state: Should vacancies occur in office between regular elections, they shall be filled by the candidate with the highest number of votes from those present at a General Membership meeting. Notice of such a vacancy and impending vote will be made to the entire membership at least 30 days prior to the election. The Executive Committee can fill an office on an acting basis, but the office must be filled on a permanent basis by the candidate with the highest number of votes from those present at the next General Membership meeting and within 75 days of the vacancy. Ties will require a run-off election.

Amendment: To change the second sentence of the motion to: Notice of such a vacancy and impending vote will be made to the entire membership at least **20** days prior to the election.

Proposed by: J. Moskowitz Seconded by: R. Vohra

36 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion passes

Motion: To change the wording of Article VII. Item 2. Subparagraph C to state: The Elections Committee shall have five members in good standing, selected by the Executive in November of the year preceding an election from member volunteers solicited from the membership of the Local. Members of the Election Committee cannot run for office in the election they superintended.

Amendment: To change the wording of the motion to state: The Elections Committee shall have five members in good standing, selected by the **Membership by December** of the year preceding an election from member volunteers solicited from the membership of the Local. Members of the Election Committee cannot run for office in the election they superintended.

Proposed by: J. Moskowitz Seconded by: R. Vohra

31 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion passes

Motion: To change the wording of Article III. Item 5. to Option #2 from the Election By-Laws Committee which states: For the purposes of voting and holding office, members are in good standing if either of the following criteria is met:

- a. Currently is a full dues paying member (not agency member) and not 60 days in arrears. Dues paying membership requires signature of an Authorization to Withhold Union Dues card.

- b. In January of the election year, on behalf of the Election Committee, the Local will send out a notice to all members regarding elections for that academic year. This notice will inform adjunct faculty and part time members they must pay union dues for the spring semester in order to vote or hold office.

Proposed by: R. Overton Seconded by: C. Carmody-Arey
22 in favor, 8 opposed
Motion passes

Motion: To adjust agenda to go back to the President's Report, as the rest of the By-Laws documents need to be adjusted before they can be voted on to reflect the votes taken earlier

Proposed by: J. Moskowitz Seconded by: C. Carmody-Arey
21 in favor, 3 opposed
Motion passes

Jack Egan: "Let the minutes show that the votes of this meeting are binding."

Motion: To implement Holiday Gift with \$30,000 threshold

Proposed by: H. Singer Seconded by: T. Guerriere
Amendment: To change the threshold to \$40,000 or less
Proposed by: A. Lamar Seconded by: S. Kirven

Motion: To have a closed vote

Proposed by: Z. Shuster
Motion defeated

Vote on Amendment

18 in favor, 8 opposed

Amendment passes

Vote on Main motion

19 in favor, 6 opposed

Motion passes

Silberman Scholarship & Robert A. Arey Award Breakfast

Motion: To accept the following as the fees for the Silberman Scholarship & Robert A. Arey Award Breakfast:

Union Members:	\$7.50
Union Members (Patron):	\$15.00
Non Union:	\$25.00
Non Union (Patron):	\$35.00
Student:	\$5.00

Proposed by: R. Overton Seconded by: Q. Gibson
22 in favor, 0 Opposed
Motion passes

Motion: To amend the agenda so that C. Twomey's item on Online Evaluation is next.

Proposed by: C. Carmody-Arey Seconded by: E. Prosen
Motion passes

Motion: To adjourn.

Proposed by: J. Egan
Motion passes

Seconded by: E. Prosen

Meeting adjourned at 5:02pm