

**SPEEA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 19, 2022
Virtual**

Attendees: Ryan Rule, Dan Nowlin, Shaunna Winton, John Dimas, Deena Hougham, Chris Streckfus, Mike Arrington
Council: RMatthew Joyce, Byron Henderson, David Garrett, Jeff Forbes, Byron Henderson, Peter Goodfellow
Guests: Jimmie Mathis, David Fritz, Daniel Peters, Frank Wiesner
Staff: Ray Goforth, BJ Moore, Steve Spyridis, Rich Plunkett, Robin Fleming, Pauline Tamblyn, Brandon Anderson, Matt Kempf

President Ryan Rule called the Executive Board meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Secretary Shaunna Winton certified a quorum with 6 of 7 present.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board requested the minutes from May 5, 2022, meeting be recorded as approved.

It was requested the following e-motions be written into the minutes:

Monday, May 9, 2022, Secretary Shaunna Winton moved: **THE SPEEA EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVE AIRFARE AND UP TO 16 HOURS COMPENSATED TIME FOR SPEEA IFPTE VICE PRESIDENT R MATTHEW JOYCE TO ATTEND THE BLUESTEM KANSAS AND KVI RECEPTION WITH IFPTE ON MAY 19, 2022.** The motion passed with the following vote:

FOR: Shaunna W., Dan N., Deena H., John D., Mike A.
AGAINST: Chris S.

Friday, May 13, 2022, MW Vice President Chris Streckfus moved: **THE SPEEA EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVE THE MW COUNCIL REQUEST FOR \$500 FOR THE 'FLAGS FOR FREEDOM'. \$500 SPONSORSHIP LEVEL INCLUDES 10 FLAGS HONORING VETERANS AND ADVERTISING IN THE WICHITA EAGLE AS A PROMOTION OF SPEEA.** The motion passed with the following vote:

FOR: Shaunna W., Dan N., Deena H., John D., Mike A., Chris S.
AGAINST: None

OLD BUSINESS

Action Items: Reviewed

Information Share: Reviewed

MEMBER FEEDBACK/INQUIRIES

NEW BUSINESS

WSLC Election: Secretary Shaunna Winton moved: **THE SPEEA EXECUTIVE BOARD ADOPT THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS FOR THE ELECTION PROCESS.** Dan seconded, and the motion passed with the following vote:

FOR: Shaunna W., Dan N., Deena H., John D., Mike A., Chris S.
AGAINST: None

WSLC Election Background:

- **Union Nominations:** Each candidate for WSLC President or Secretary-Treasurer must receive nominations from at least 10 union affiliates in order to appear on the ballot.
- **Voting:** Ballots will be mailed to each WSLC affiliate union.
- **Voting strength:** Each qualified local union is entitled to a number of votes that equals the average monthly number of members for whom per capita tax is paid during the base period.
- **Election ballots:** On or before October 20, the secretary-treasurer will prepare and mail an official ballot to all affiliates entitled to vote in the election. Each ballot will identify the number of votes the affiliate is entitled to cast.
- **Affiliate voting:** Each affiliate will determine the time, place, and method of casting its ballot.

WSLC Election Timeline

- Aug 1: Nominations forms available and nominating period begins
- Sept 15: Nominations from 10 unions postmarked
- Sept 25: WSLC notifies candidates (Not later than)
- Oct 20: WSLC mails ballots, Union casts ballots
- Dec 3: Ballots must be postmarked

DRAFT WSLC Nomination and Election Process

The SPEEA Executive Board shall establish a panel made up of Executive Board members, Northwest Council Officers, Washington State Labor Council (WSLC) delegates, the WSLC At-Large VP, SPEEA's IFPTE VPs, and the Legislative Director to determine SPEEA's nominations and to cast our union's ballot for the WSLC's 2022 leadership elections. Decisions will be made by a majority of panel members with each regular member having an equal vote. *Associate members and the Legislative Director will be active non-voting members of the panel. The Executive Board will support the implementation of the panel's recommendations.

The panel is charged with:

- Conducting interviews with candidates for WSLC President and WSLC Secretary-Treasurer.
- Selecting candidates to nominate for the WSLC President, WSLC Secretary-Treasurer, and WSLC Regional Vice-Presidents.
- Determining how SPEEA's ballot will be cast during the WSLC's 2022 election.

***SPEEA Constitution 3.4.1. Membership Vote**

Only Regular Members of SPEEA in good standing may vote on issues that affect the membership as a whole. Such issues include but are not limited to affiliation, merger, constitutional and membership referendums, and elections.

Associates Members and Reciprocal Members do not have voting rights.

***SPEEA Governing Documents**

SPEEA Associate Members are encouraged to participate in SPEEA Council committees. While the right to vote on matters before the committee is reserved to SPEEA Members, committee members are encouraged to recognize the value of input from Associate, Members.

Portland CR/AR Meeting: Treasurer Dan Nowlin moved: **THE SPEEA EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVE AIRFARE, HOTEL, PER DIEM NOT TO EXCEED \$500 AND 16 HOURS OF SPEEA PAID TIME FOR DAN NOWLIN TO ATTEND MEMBER MEETINGS IN PORTLAND, OR.** Chris seconded.

NW Vice President John Dimas moved: **TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE SHAUNNA WINTON, MIKE ARRINGTON, AND JEFF FORBES TO ATTEND THE PORTLAND MEETINGS.** Chris seconded, and the motion passed with the following vote:

FOR: Dan N., Shaunna W., John D., Deena H., Mike A., Chris S.
 AGAINST: None

The vote for the amended motion passed with the following vote:

FOR: Dan N., Shaunna W., John D., Deena H., Mike A., Chris S.
 AGAINST: None

Mike and Shaunna noted that they prefer to drive to Portland.

COPE Convention: Brandon said Stan Sorscher is unable to attend the COPE Convention and John Dimas would like to take his place. The board consented to send John in Stan's place.

COUNCIL OFFICERS REPORT

Midwest Council Officers Report: MW Treasurer RMatthew said he has been named by IFPTE Board to attend the AFL-CIO conference as an alternate. He is requesting SPEEA time, airfare, hotel and per diem to attend. The board said this was discussed at a previous meeting that SPEEA would not send others to attend.

Northwest Council Officers Report: NW Council Chair Jeff Forbes said our last meeting had good discussions on moving forward with council meetings.

NW Council Treasurer Peter Goodfellow said the Women's Advocacy committee will be using some of their budget to subsidize Storm tickets.

Jeff said that 3-4 council reps met the area rep challenge.

SPEEA Council Officers Report: SPEEA Council Officer RMatthew Joyce said the meeting is June 2nd and he will have a speaking part on Saturday. He said with the amendment coming we will need to have more area rep sign ups.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Dan said we still have LM-2 worksheets coming in.

President's Report: Ryan reported that he stopped by the SPEEA office to drop off the signed Ed Wells Trust paperwork. He shared some of the mail which was addressed to him at the office. The Seattle Labor Chorus sent a thank you note for our donation last year along with a request for \$550 in support this year. He said he also received a letter from someone expressing concern about newspapers in a broken dispenser at a bus stop. Ryan also noted the Labor Law and Labor Arbitration Conference is coming up in Las Vegas and is a good conference, but he does not recommend sending anyone until the event is held in Seattle.

Executive Director's Report: Ray also commented that when Labor Law is in Seattle it is a good to send someone.

Other Executive Board Report: Mike said he had a senior manager in Auburn reach out to him of a member in Everett that need representation. He thanked Dan for his help.

John said he attended the Ed Wells 2022 Community Event and they talked about ACE. Ryan said he was invited to attend but was not able to do so. He is glad it was a good event.

Joel said MLKCLC reached out to Alaska Pilots and gave them a letter of support.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE:

- Executive Board **June 16, 2022, July 7, 2022**
- Representative to Council Officers Meeting – July 5, 2022 – Deena H.
- Executive Board Report at Council Meeting – June 2, 2022 – Ryan R.

The meeting went into closed session at 5:36 p.m.

The meeting went back into open session at 6:23 p.m.

In closed session the board denied a member's request.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Shaunna Winton, Secretary

Notes by Robin Fleming



6/16/2022

Shaunna Winton, Secretary

Approved