

Delegate Assembly Minutes
February 16, 2016
At Atrium Amphitheater, NYCCT

Present:

BOWEN	EC	BARNETT	C	HUTCHISON	MCC
COHEN	EC	ABDALI	CLT	MOORMAN	MCC
COLON	EC	GRAHAM	CLT	OFFENHOLLEY	MCC
DELUTRO	EC	JEU	CLT	CRAWFORD	MEC
DIRAIMO	EC	SHERMAN	CLT	ALBANY	NYCT
FABRICANT	EC	BUTT	GS	CERMELE	NYCT
GRONOWICZ	EC	ELLIOTT-NEGRI	GS	CUORDILEONE	NYCT
KISSACK	EC	GLICK	H	DOUGLAS	NYCT
LEBERSTEIN	EC	BERNARDINI	HCC	MACDONALD	NYCT
LONDON	EC	PIMENTEL	HCC	MASON	NYCT
MAJUMDAR	EC	NELSON	HEO	O'HALLORAN	NYCT
PEARLMAN	EC	ROBERTS	HEO	VAN LOON	NYCT
PERSINGER	EC	RODRIGUEZ	HEO	GERWIN	Q
TYNER-MULLINGS	EC	WINTER	HEO	ZEVIN	Q
VASQUEZ	EC	CLARKE	JJ	BALMUTH	RET
WASHINGTON	EC	MAMELI	JJ	DISALVO	RET
HASHMI	B	NELSON	JJ	GREENBAUM	RET
MANLOW	B	CALLY	KCC	KOTELCHUCK	RET
WILLS	B	FARRELL	L	MCCALL	RET
KOLOZI	BCC	TANANBAUM	L	PERLSTEIN	RET
TREGLIA	BCC	EGGER-SIDER	LGCC	SHEARIN PATTERSON	Y
UTAKIS	BCC	FREAS	MCC	SHEIDLLOWER	Y

Guests:

Jay Arena (CSI), Judith Barbanel (RET), Megan Behrent (NYCT), Harry Cason (RET), Kadidiatou Diallo (ME), Joseph Entin (B), Ian Hansen (Y), Carole Harris (NYCT), Angela Loguercio (NYCT), Marcia Newfield (MCC)

Staff:

Ahmad, S.	Gabriel, B.	Munoz, A.
Bell, D.	Graf, B.	Pfordresher, K.
Bergen, D.	Herst, J.	Powell, E.
Brill, D.	Lasher, R.	Stan, A.
Cheng, I.	Lewis, S.	Young, P.

I. Approvals

A. Agenda

MOTION: To accept the agenda (Motion: S. Sheidlower; second: S. Calley) **APPROVED.**

B. Minutes

MOTION: To accept the January minutes (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: S. Sheidlower) **APPROVED.**

II. President's Report and Discussion

- Thanks to all Delegates for attending tonight, in spite of the change of venue. Many Executive Council members spoke at the Brooklyn Borough hearing up the street and represented PSC perspectives on issues facing us very well.
- **New Delegates** – Ian Hanson (York, Alternate)
- Cecelia McCall will receive the Sandra Feldman “Not for Ourselves Alone” award at the NYSUT RA in April.
- A number of important cases before the Supreme Court represent a direct attack on working people, including the Friedrichs case which is of the greatest concern to PSC. Justice Scalia’s death means either there will be a tie vote and the Appeals court ruling against the plaintiffs will stand, or the Court could rule to have it reargued next session. There are other cases in the pipeline which can undermine working people’s rights to build power, so we must continue to reach out to non-members to join the union.
- **Contract Update** – CUNY filed for impasse in bargaining, and the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) moved quickly to assign a mediator and schedule sessions. We all know the issue is money; we are close on many non-economic issues. If a mediator can help us make progress, fine, but, to be effective, a mediator has to be able to persuade CUNY, the City and particularly the State to provide adequate funding for a fair contract. PSC does not want to end up in a year of fact-finding which is the next step if mediation fails to achieve an agreement. That is why heightened activism around funding for CUNY in the State budget is so important.
- **Strike Authorization Vote Organizing** – Now that the semester has started, one-on-one conversations about the strike authorization vote are ramping up. Hundreds of members have been trained to hold them. It’s very important to submit contact sheets (which can be done online) about the conversations, as well as signatures on the Pledge. PSC will also be conducting a randomized phone survey of a sample of members through the NYSUT phone center.
- **PSC Secretary Nivedita Majumdar** reported that sign-on letters are available for 1) department chairs to express that they will not retaliate against workers who sign the Pledge to support the strike authorization vote, and 2) students who want to express support. She will send them to Delegates electronically.
- **Legislative Report** – Mike Fabricant reported that delegates who want to participate in lobbying on Feb. 25th can go up to Albany and back in one day on the student buses. There is still room to participate in the Committee of 100 lobbying March 7 & 8.

III. Treasurer's Report – S. Persinger

Monthly Financial Report – December

Summary of Financial Report for the month:

Income: \$1,471,000 Expenses: \$1,542,000 Deficit: (\$71,000)

Summary for the year-to-date (4 months)

Income: \$6,247,000 Expenses: \$6,088,000 Surplus: \$159,000

Year-to-date (3 months)

A \$30,000 deficit was budgeted for four months. The financial statement shows an actual four-month surplus of \$159,000. Over four months, the union spent \$187,000 less in expenses than budgeted and received \$2,000 more income than anticipated. This resulted in a favorable bottom line of \$189,000.

MOTION: To accept the December financial report (Motion: A. Sherman; second: A. Pearlman) **APPROVED.**

IV. Administrative Items

Executive Director's Report – D. Bell

Nominating petitions for chapter elections are due back to the PSC Office by 5:00 on March 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn (Motion: A. Pearlman, second: R. Cermele) **APPROVED.**