

MINUTES of OPEIU Local 107

General Membership Meeting

February 19, 2012 Galliano, LA

Call to order: The regular quarterly meeting convened at 6:30 PM with President Pete Catalano presiding and Nathan Stowell as Recording Secretary.

Members in attendance: 61 Members attending: 32 present in GNO + 29 online via Webinar

- 1. Meeting Format:** Pete outlined a new meeting format we will utilize and work to improve.
- 2. Approval of minutes:** Minutes of the Sept. 14, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved for the record without objection.
- 3. Secretary-Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed and approved for the record without objection.
- 4. Safety Committee Report:** Jim Talbot briefed membership on Safety Committee status, stating it is in incipient stages, but members are invited to contact him with any safety issues.
- 5. Grievance Committee Report:** Tim Knight briefed members on one outstanding grievance.
- 6. Communications:** Nathan Stowell discussed monthly NOTAMs and other communications.
- 7. Steward Program:** Tim Knight discussed revitalization of the Steward Program, citing that currently there are 19 stewards: 1 in GLS, 1 in ICY, 3 in ARA, 14 in GNO.
- 8. Website / Webinars:** Pete began and Graham continued with comments about the website, asking for suggestions for content, and then briefed members on Webinar.
- 9. CBA Negotiations:** Ryan Baker discussed current state of Negotiations, fielding questions about the process, previous happenings, current status and future expectations.
- 10. Office Relocation:** Pete briefed members on the E-Board plan to relocate the Union office from New Iberia to Lafayette, citing costs savings & increased efficiency due to proximity.
- 11. Calling in Sick:** Pete mentioned the need to be communicative with Scheduling when missing work, including daily contact regarding when you expect to return.
- 12. HAI Convention:** Pete recognized Chris Bingham, Roy Carraway and Bob Lynch for their voluntary representation of PHPA at the PHPA booth at Heli-Expo in Dallas. PHPA was represented in every conference held at the convention, to include HEMS & safety conferences.
- 13. PHPA Council:** Pete briefed members on PHPA Council meeting, including how it served in place of the PHPA Presidents meeting this year. This led into the impending affiliation of PHPA

with ALPA & IFALPA, about which Ken Bruner offered further details.

14. HAI Pilot of the Year: Pete briefed members on HAI recognition of Jay Slagle as Pilot of the Year and the banquet attended by Jay, Chuck Melton, their wives and others, hosted by OPEIU.

15. Recognition of Ken Bruner: Pete presented Ken Bruner with a plaque and watch.

16. Executive Board Goals: Pete briefly reviewed goals of the new Board and explained that the Board remains open to additions and suggestions from the membership.

17. Opened for Questions: Included wifi at the bases, new Switlik life vests, GNO internet service, and dues & dwindling treasury.

Announcements: Next GMM tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2012, 7:00 PM at GNO.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Recording Secretary

Date of approval

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