

ASEA LOCAL 52 JUNEAU CHAPTER
MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2009

Officers present: President Stephen Wright, Secretary Christine Lee, Chief Steward Nadine Lefebvre; Members-at-Large: Liz Balstad, Katy Sullivan and John Roxburgh

Meeting was called to order at 12:11 PM by President Wright

After a review of Chapter policy and procedure pertaining to the taking of and web-posting of final meeting minutes, John Roxburgh made the following motion: All minutes would be published on the Chapter website within 10 working days. Motion was 2nd by Liz Balstad. Passed unanimously.

President Wright reported on the teleconference that the Presidents Committee had with the CNC. The Presidents Committee had sent a letter to the CNC proposing they would be willing to take instructions from the CNC and act on them in support of negotiations. While most if not all of the CNC members appeared to welcome the general overture and the proposal was officially accepted by consensus of the CNC, some members seemed defensive and projected an attitude of preferring the presidents not meddle in their decision making, or as one member said: “not drive our train.” A requested face to face meeting with the presidents and CNC members was not granted.

President Wright asked the E-Board members to consider how we will get this information out to the membership. A discussion followed in which it was noted that the Chief Steward would be instrumental in making this happen. Liz Balstad talked about a blog and that it needs to be up and running. John Roxburgh spoke of needing two way communication and that the communications needed to be boiled down to short, easy to read bulletins.

Liz Balstad expressed concern that because President Wright was also on the State E-Board he might not be allowed to participate if we were in opposition to the CNC, or that the Chapter in accepting such instructions might be compromising its interest in taking a future position on a tentative contract agreement. President Wright emphasized these are two distinct processes in place that should not be confused: 1) a proposal adopted by the CNC to designate the Presidents Committee as the entity responsible for assisting to convey instructions from the CNC to the chapter memberships in support of contract negotiations; and 2) the Juneau Chapter’s adopted position on any tentative contract agreement. The CNC would not be expected to issue instructions to chapters to take a position or vote a certain way on any advisory question or ratification of a tentative contract agreement. Instructions passed down by the Presidents Committee are for proactive CNC support measures only in advance of any tentative agreement.

There was a discussion regarding communications from the CNC.

Chapter communications were discussed. Chair John Roxburgh stated he would only be able to allocate one hour a week but would send out a solicitation to members so a committee could be established

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 PM

Christine Lee, Secretary

Stephen E. Wright, President