

**SPEEA Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, June 5, 2008
SPEEA Headquarters**

Attendees: Cynthia Cole, Jimmie Mathis, Sharon Moats (by phone), Walt Ditlefsen, Larry Marrell, Bill Hartig (arrived at officers' reports)

Excused: Earl Carter

Council: Steve Spyridis, Carl Luedke, Donna Castaneda, Joel Funfar

Guests: Keith Neal

Staff: Ray Goforth, Robin Fleming, Bob Rommel (by phone), Dorit Radzin, Phyllis Rogers (by phone), Stan Sorscher

President Cynthia Cole called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Cynthia moved: **TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA APPROVING THE MINUTES FOR THE May 15, 2008, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.** Larry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

It was requested that the following e-motions be read into the minutes.

Wednesday, May 21, 2008. Bill moved: **TO APPROVE A RENTAL CAR FOR ONE DAY FOR JIM SINGLETARY TO USE AS TRANSPORTATION TO PORTLAND TO SUPPORT RETENTION APPEAL MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS.** The motion passed unanimously.

Wednesday, May 28, 2008. Bill moved: **PER A REQUEST FROM THE SPEEA L&PA COMMITTEE, THE BOARD APPROVES THE ATTACHED "SPEEA'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON OPT - OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING" WHITE PAPER AS OUR "OFFICIAL POSITION" FOR THIS H-1B VISA ISSUE.** The motion passed unanimously.

Wednesday, May 28, 2008. Jimmie Mathis moved: **THAT THE SPEEA EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMEND KEITH NEAL AS THE SPEEA REPRESENTATIVE TO SOUND ALLIANCE TO THE NORTHWEST COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR THE 2008 CALENDAR YEAR.** The motion passed unanimously.

Thursday, May 29, 2008. Jimmie moved: **THAT THE SPEEA EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVES THE ADVANCE OF THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (NINETEEN DOLLARS EACH) PLUS S&H FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF 20 TICKETS FOR TO THE SEATTLE STORMS JULY 12, 2008 GAME. THESE TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT COST TO BUILD OUR SOLIDARITY.** The motion passed unanimously.

Tuesday, June 3, 2008. Jimmie moved: **THAT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AUTHORIZE UP TO FIVE (5) INDIVIDUALS WITH REASONABLE AIRFARE, LODGING, EXPENSES AND SPEEA PAID TIME TO ASSIST WICHITA REPRESENTED MEMBERS.** The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Action Items: The Board reviewed the action item list.

Identified Issues List: Bill Hartig was given the action item to purge the Identified Issues list.

NEW BUSINESS

Washington State Labor Council Executive Board At-Large Position: Sharon moved: **THE EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMEND STAN SORSCHER TO FILL THE REMAINING TIME OF THE POSITION WITH MARK SLACK AS BACK UP.** Larry seconded, and the motion passed with the following vote:

FOR: Walt D., Sharon M., Larry M.

AGAINST: Jimmie M.

ABSTAIN: None

Communication Motions: Jimmie moved: **THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AUTHORIZE SPEEA COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A 24 X 48 INCH DIMENSIONAL LOGO FOR THE LOBBY AT SPEEA HEADQUARTERS, NTE \$800.** Larry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Jimmie moved: **TO AUTHORIZE THE SPEEA COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A FLAT PANEL DISPLAY WITH CD PLAYER FOR THE LOBBY AT SPEEA HEADQUARTERS, NTE \$1,000.** Larry seconded, and the

motion passed unanimously.

Jimmie moved: **TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING NEW ITEMS [balsa airplanes, frisbees, and whistles] AND REPLENISH THE IN-HOUSE SUPPLIES OF SUMMER VISIBILITY ITEMS, NTE \$4400.**

Larry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Voter Registration Drive: Stan said Boeing is having a drive to encourage employees to vote and letting them know about registering to vote on-line. Stan asked if the Board was ok with us signing a letter for the drive. The Board agreed to go ahead.

Sound Alliance: Keith Neal gave an update to the Board on Sound Alliance. He was also requested to give an update to the Council.

Seattle Vocational Institute Advisory Committee: Cynthia moved: **THE EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMEND THERYL JOHNSON TO THE NORTHWEST COUNCIL OFFICERS TO BE A LABOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SEATTLE VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE ADVISORY BOARD.** Walt seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Wichita Request: Ray said IFPTE 17 offered to donate one of their staffers to work in Wichita; she is an experienced organizer. Ray said they paid for her airfare and he is asking the Board to pay for her hotel while there.

Jimmie moved: **TO PICK UP THE LODGING AND MEALS FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM OTHER UNIONS THAT ARE SUPPORTING SPEEA.** Larry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

SPEEA Council Officer's Report: Steve said the Council meeting on June 6th will start at 3:15 p.m. He said we have two pre-meeting speakers, James Mills and Donna Castaneda.

Steve said he and the Everett staff are discussing having a hotdog feed on July 2nd in front of the Twin Towers in Everett to get people thinking about negotiations. He said they also plan to do this again in September.

Midwest Council Officer's Report: Written report attached.

Northwest Council Officer's Report: Carl said the Hearing Board has concluded and it's now time to form a new Hearing Board. It was requested that this item be on the next agenda.

Treasurer's Report: Jimmie said there won't be a normal report since it is early in the month. He said he expects the bills to be high again this month.

President's Report: Written report attached.

Executive Director's Report: Ray said the Steering Committee had a follow up meeting to the December meeting. He said we are continuing our efforts in Wichita.

Other Executive Board Report: Bill said we have been using the organizing software in Wichita; it is a nice product.

Council Officer Meeting Representative: Larry agreed to attend the June 30th meeting.

Future Meeting Dates: June 19, 2008

The meeting went into closed session at 5:33 p.m., then back into open session at 5:45. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



Bill Hartig, Secretary

6/19/08
Bill Hartig, Secretary Approved

Notes by Robin Fleming