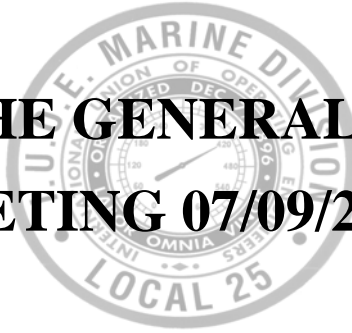


MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 07/09/2007



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP I.U.O.E. LOCAL 25, MARINE DIVISION

After all Membership Cards were inspected and qualified Members admitted, the General Membership Meeting was opened by President/Business Manager Ernie Whelan at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in East Windsor New Jersey in accordance with opening ritual.

Minutes

Reading of Minutes of the Previous Meeting was read by Scott Winter, Recording Secretary, a motion from the floor to except the minutes as read was made by Macolm Oldham and seconded by Doug Smith.

Membership Death Announcements

President and Business Manager Ernie Whelan sadly announced that the following members pasted away:

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	MEMBER SINCE
Roger Sizemore	06/08/2007	06/08/2007
Guy W. Sharpe	06/23/2007	07/30/2001
William F. Taylor	03/10/2007	07/15/1950
John Maude	11/10/2005	07/14/1941

Pension Announcements

President and Business Manager Ernie Whelan announced that the following members applied for pension benefit:

NAME	DATE RETIRED	INITIAL CHECK	MONTHLY CHECK
Harold Burch	06/01/07	\$219.60	\$219.60
Judith McDevitt	06/01/07	\$196.47	\$196.47

THE PER CAPITA & INITIATION TAX

President and Business Manger Ernie Whelan reported the following Per Capita and Initiation Fee Tax was paid to the International Union of Operating Engineers for February 2007:

Per Capita Tax: \$10,980.75

Initiation Fee Tax: \$1,750.00

BUSINESS AGENTS, TRAINING DIRECTOR, PLANS ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

- Jerry Abell, Vice President and Financial Secretary gave a report on employment opportunities in the Southern District.
- Scott Winter, Recording Corresponding Secretary gave a update on the completed Welder Certification Course.
- George Sullivan gave a report on employment opportunities in the Northern District.
- Scott Reeves gave a report on employment opportunities in the Northern District.

PRESIDENT AND BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT:

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

- Mr. Whelan thanked the rank and file for coming out in large numbers in support of their local union for the General Membership Meetings and expressed his appreciation for the professionalism of the candidates, their prospective nominators and for those members who were requested to take part in making motions for the electoral process.

EXECUTIVE BOARD / ELECTION COMMITTEE

- Mr. Whelan congratulated the Executive Board for their unopposed reelection for their prospective offices and acknowledged Alan Walker, Frank Malta and Ed Whitehurst of the Election committee for the amount of time they collectively volunteered in the pursuit their duties, the excellent job the did and the integrity they demonstrated.
- Mr. Whelan stated that the nominations for elective office was a real learning experience for the administration, the Election Committee and all involved and was satisfied with the outcome of the proceedings.

BY-LAWS

- Mr. Whelan stated that the By-Laws were recently modified and approved by the Executive Board and General Membership for the Nominations and Elections of Officers, however there are still some revamping that is needed in other Articles, Sections and Subsections. A complete review and recommendations for modifications will be submitted for vote in the near future.

BALLOT MAILING

- Mr. Whelan stated that the ballots were mailed out on Friday. He stated that every attempt was made to create fairness in the design of the ballots and procedures for mailing and receiving them back and were agreed upon and overseen by the Election Committee and both parties and their appointed representatives.

HORIZON OFFSHORE PIPELINE PROJECT

- Mr. Whelan stated due to the outstanding job performance of our 70-plus union members on the Horizon Offshore Project, that this project is proceeding ahead of schedule and the first phase of the pipeline project is now complete.

1ST WELDING COURSE COMPLETED

- Mr. Whelan stated that all of our welders who attended the 1st Local 25 Welding Course have successfully passed the welding practical examination in the following disciplines; American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), American Welding Society (AWS) and American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Certifications. Furthermore Ernie stated that the Welders received a 10-hour OSHA Construction Safety Course and an 8-hour Welder Safety Course. Ernie stated that the Examiner stated that out of all the different trades he has examined throughout the years, Local 25 welders were at the very top in their skill level for their welds. Ernie stated that those words are a real testament to the skill level of our membership. He thanked Scott Winter for the hard work that went into developing the program and the excellent job at instructing the course.

ROAD TRIP IN THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION

- Mr. Whelan stated that he and Jerry had the opportunity recently and completed a lengthy road trip throughout the Southern Jurisdiction.

MANSON DREDGING

- Mr. Whelan stated that a meeting is scheduled with Manson Dredging on July 12, 2007 with the possibility in the near future of signing a Master Agreement / Southern Addendum. Ernie stated that in the past we have had Project Labor Agreements with Manson and due to our excellent history with providing exceptional labor for their dredging projects in the Southern District, we stand a good chance negotiating a full Collective Bargaining Agreement.

AVAILABILITY OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Mr. Whelan stated that at the present time and in the near future, the availability of employment opportunities in our industry is at a low point, however with the upcoming possibility of the Delaware River Project being put out to bid in the not so distant future, work should once again pick up sometime in the upcoming year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next regularly scheduled General Membership Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in East Windsor New Jersey on August 14, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

- Being nothing further to come before the General Membership, and without objection, the Meeting was adjourned by Ernie at 8:05 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Scott A Winter
Recording Corresponding Secretary