

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
EXECUTIVE BOARD  
OF  
SEIU LOCAL 721**

**November 4, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Schoonover called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum was present: Bob Schoonover, Tony Bravo, Linda Williams-Dent, David Green, Omar Perez, Arnella Sims, Harold Sterker and Doris Fletcher. In attendance via video conference in Ventura: Shannon Abramovitch and Angela Portillo; via video conference in Riverside: Cheryl Elam Collins; and via video conference in Santa Ana: Joaquin Avalos.

Excused absences: Rosie Martinez, Grace Corse, Greg Hagans, Catherine Eide-Nelson and Dave Mulvey.

Members/Staff: Erma Hall-Wood, John Tanner and Christina Rodriguez.

M/S/C to adopt the meeting agenda with the addition of the Lavender Caucus report under Committee Reports.

M/S/C to approve the October 2009 Executive Board minutes.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT – see attached.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT/FUNDING REQUESTS**

- M/S/C to approve the financial report ending September 2009.

*Approved expenditures.*

- \$500.00 to the City of Monterey Park Employees' Christmas Luncheon.
- \$5,000.00 community support contribution to the Dolores Huerta Labor Institute.
- \$450.00 contribution to LCLAA's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser and Scholarship Awards Presentation November 8, 2009.
- \$500.00 contribution to the 2009 Turkeys and Toys fundraiser campaign sponsored by the Labor Community Services.
- \$5,000.00 inter-union contribution to SPT – SEIU Local 1996 to help mobilization effort to stop the layoffs of over 20,000 public service workers in Puerto Rico.
- \$250.00 union public relations donation to the City of Hemet Christmas Parade.

- *\$2,700.00 contribution to co-host “A Night of Celebration with Wall Las Memorias to educate, build support and solidarity for the union movement in the LGBT community.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Harold Sterker gave the Lavender Caucus report.

Tony Bravo reported that the Social Workers Conference was well attended and they had a surprise visit by SEIU Vice President Anna Burger.

Doris Fletcher gave the 721 Senior Association report. Erma Hall-Wood participated in the SEIU demonstration in Chicago to demand an end to greedy Wall Street practices.

Joaquin Avalos thanked everyone who came out to the Santa Ana demonstration in an effort to stop city subcontracting.

Gerry Vaughan gave the monthly COPE report and reviewed the November 3rd election results for municipalities represented by SEIU Local 721. M/S/C to approve the proposed COPE expenditures and recommendations.

Mike Garcia, President of United Service Workers West, briefed the board on the history behind the dispute between the SEIU/Workers United and UNITE/HERE and discussed SEIU's efforts to mitigate a resolution that was passed by the L.A. County Federation.

Lisa Dolan, Human Resources Director and 721 Ethics Liaison, reported that all 721 staff and e-board members are required to take the interactive on-line training and test by December 31; otherwise the Local will incur cost.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The annual 721 Membership Holiday event will take place at the Bonaventure Hotel Friday, December 18.

Our next executive board meeting/video conference is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION began at 1:00 p.m. and ended at 2:15 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

All business being concluded, M/S/C to adjourn meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Christina Rodriguez, Executive Assistant*