



February 21, 2017 – FINAL  
WFSE Local 443  
General Membership  
Meeting  
WSLC Building  
6:00 – 9:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm. President Imelda Ang presiding.

**Roll Call of Local 443 Executive Board:** All present, except: Carmyn Shute and Lana Brewster, excused.

**Obligation of New Members:**

- Kati Thompson, ESD and Chris Friedly, L&I.

**M/S/P** To adopt the agenda.

**M/S/P** To approve the January 17, 2017 General Membership minutes.

**PEOPLE:** \$42.63

**Guest Speakers:**

- Denny Johnston, RPEC Chapter 2 President, Nancy Headley and Charlene Goodrich.
  - RPEC is currently fighting for a COLA for PERS 1 and TERS 1 as well as Retiree medical premiums. They have a staffed help line for retirees with questions related to their PEBB coverage.

**President's Report:**

- Bargaining Unit Visits. Attended ESD's 640 building on 2/1, SPSCC on 2/8 and Secretary of State on 2/10.
- Equity Rally. "We deserve a fully funded education system AND the full funding of other critical state services....We must not fund our education system by defunding other services."
- Upcoming Events: IAWP Annual Conference/Crab Feed and Thurston County Democrats Champagne Brunch are being held on 2/25/17. Washington Democrats Crab Feed is being held on 3/5/17.
- WSLC Path to Power. For members who are interested in becoming candidates now or in the near future. This workshop is being held on 3/24-3/25/17.
- Question: What is the status of the Right to Work bill? Did it pass out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee? Yes, it did pass out of the committee and could be heard by another committee or on the floor of the Senate.

**Special Order of Business:**

- Election Committee Report.
  - Uncontested Races:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Ginger Bernethy
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Wendy Conway
    - Secretary: Nikki Butler
    - Treasurer: Carmyn Shute
    - Sergeant at Arms: Ken Grubb
    - Political Action Chair: Kodi Gaddis

- Communication Chair: Linda Erickson
- Member at Large, position 2: Jean Edwards
- Member at Large, position 3: Sarah C Wilson
- Trustee, position 1: Talia Mazzara Oates
- Contested Races:
  - President: Imelda Ang
  - Organizing Chair: Ingrid Hansen
  - Member at Large, position 1: Deborah Brookshire

**M/S/P** To accept the election committees report.

**Local 443 Executive Board sworn in by Judy Kushel, Council 28 Vice President.**

**M, ruled out of order** That the validity of the protest be sent to the membership body (by mail).

**M/S/P** That we accept the election committee's recommendation to find the results valid.

**M/S/P** To excuse the election committee.

- Nomination of Local 443 Bargaining Unit Representatives.
  - Committee: DeFrance Clarke, chair; Deborah Brookshire, Chris Friedly.
    - Nominees:
      - DES: Bing Bristol
      - DOT: Georgina Willner

**M/S/P** To elect Bing Bristol as the DES Bargaining Unit Representative and Georgina Willner as the DOT Bargaining Unit Representative by acclamation.

- Nomination/Election of Delegates/Alternates to Council 28 Policy Committees.
  - Nominees: Kati Thompson, ESD.

**M/S/P** To elect Kati Thompson to ESD Policy by acclamation.

**M/S/P** To dismiss the election committee.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- WSECU Checking
- WSECU Savings
- United Business Bank
- CDARS (CDs)



**M/S/P** To accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Staff Reports:**

- Lisa Goldschmidt. We had a great lobby day on Monday. We are running out of time, please get out there and lobby. Start getting active, we are in for a fight. We are anticipating they will go until the 6/30/17 deadline.

**Committee Reports:**

- Political Action. WSLC and AFL-CIO are sponsoring Path to Power to elect labor friendly candidates. For more information contact David Carpio at [dcarpio@aflcio.org](mailto:dcarpio@aflcio.org) or Gabe Gonzalez at [ggonzalez@aflcio.org](mailto:ggonzalez@aflcio.org).
- Scholarship. We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:05 pm. Our plan is to award six scholarships between the Elsie Schrader and Barb O'Neill scholarships. The committee will contact each applicant to inform them whether or not their documents are complete. Flyers will be available soon.
- Communications. We meet on the last Wednesday of each month. At our last meeting we discussed the Council 28 website pilot. We are requesting ideas from the membership on what you are looking for, what you cannot find, and etc. regarding our website. Email those suggestions to Linda Erickson at [communications.chair@wfselocal443.org](mailto:communications.chair@wfselocal443.org).
- Organizing. Our next meeting is on 3/9/17. LD22 Breakfast meet and greet is on 3/13/17 at 7:30 am here on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business: None**

**Good and Welfare:**

- Joanne McCaughen, DES. Friend and union member, George Barner lost his home to a fire. If interested, please donate to his GoFundMe page: [gofundme.org/georgebarnerfirerelieffund](http://gofundme.org/georgebarnerfirerelieffund).
- Ken Grubb, L&I. FYI, the new Rosie the Riveter posters have a visible tattoo which is both political and profane. This was an oversight and it was removed from the bulletin boards. Please pull them if they are still up on your boards.
- Andrew Poultridge, DOT. Piefest is on 2/25/17 from 1:00-3:00 pm.
- Judy Kushel, C28 Vice President. A member at Rainier School was assaulted at work and passed away in his sleep after the injury. There will possibly be a Go Fund Me page. A homicide investigation is currently underway.

**Discover Pass:** Rick Champagne, ESD and Barbara Sarhan, DSHS.

**Door Prize:** Don Cline, L&I.

**M/S/P** To adjourn at 8:32 pm.