

AFGE Local 2578 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:01 PM, Tuesday, May 26, 2020. The monthly meeting was held via audio-conference connections to NARA telework locations.

A quorum of members was present.

President Ashby Crowder called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present were President Ashby Crowder, Executive Vice President Kimberlee Ried, and Secretary Daniel Dancis.

Meeting Minutes:

Dancis read the April meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was given by Crowder on behalf of the Treasurer for the Months of March and April.

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's report as amended by Kimberlee Ried. SECONDED by Myron Fleming. The motion was APPROVED by voice vote.

Representational Activity:

Crowder reported that most staff continue to be on telework or weather and safety leave and provided updates on the MOU's related to recall and reopening.

Crowder reported that an upcoming arbitration in Atlanta will be handled by video meeting. However, an arbitration scheduled for Kansas City in September will be postponed until it can be done in person.

Crowder reported that the outstanding R arbitration is assigned to an attorney but no hearing date is set yet.

Safety and Health Committee:

Myron Fleming reported that the Department of Labor is reviewing COVID-19 related claims.

Legislative Committee:

Crowder reported about pending legislation affecting federal employees that is intended for inclusion in the next COVID-19 bill.

Organizing Committee:

Crowder reported events continue to be on hold. The option to do a virtual organizing event will be considered by board.

Communications Committee:

Ried reported that the Local is still awaiting to hear back from AFGE about the website and will follow up.

Ried reported on a check-in call with AFGE that she attended. NARA is moving at a more cautious speed to reopen in comparison to other agencies.

Women's and Fair Practices Committee:

No report.

Ad Hoc Election Committee:

Miriam Kleiman reported that the election is delayed but will be going ahead. The committee has been in touch with AFGE National and will try to do nominations by email. This will be a test case for AFGE, and possibly will occur in June.

Crowder reminded staff to update their personal contact information so that they can be included in the elections.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Crowder reported on the Local's Hatch Act litigation. There has been no progress due to the current situation, but as we get closer to November the litigation and the case will take on more urgency.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business to report.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LOCAL:

None.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Kimberlee Ried. SECONDED by Myron Fleming. APPROVED by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned by President Crowder at 12:24 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of AFGE Local 2578 will be held June 30, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted May 26, 2020.

Daniel Dancis

Secretary, AFGE 2578