



Michael Conners, President
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**PSRP General Membership Meeting—
March 5, 2003**

Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order

A quorum was present and the President called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Some of the locations were experiencing technical difficulty and were unable to make connection for the entire meeting.

II. Approval of January 9, 2003 Meeting Notes

Approval of the meeting notes was tabled until the next meeting, as many had not taken the opportunity to review them for discussion.

III. Recognition of Out-going Officers

The President thanked Janet Granberg (past President), Tom Helbig (past 2nd Vice President), and Marty Crabbs (past Secretary and 2nd Vice President) for their service to the local and their dedication to the union cause. Each were presented with a plaque in honor of their work and dedication. Janet and Marty were present to accept the plaque but Tom was not in attendance. The current Board will see that Tom's plaque is presented to him. Those in attendance applauded the past officers for their work.

IV. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer provided the membership with the Statement of Financial Position. The first half of the 2002 net surplus in the amount of \$3,982.55 was transferred to the Legal Defense Fund in accordance with the procedure established by the membership. The remaining amount will be transferred during the second quarter.

It was reported that as of November, Bank One began charging monthly fees for our checking account. The Board has authorized the Treasurer to investigate other banking options that would provide free checking and possibly debit/credit cards. Cuna Credit Union appears to be the best option, however, the Board is checking into any continued labor disputes prior to making a final decision.

V. District Budget Issues

The President reported on his involvement the past 6 weeks or so in regard to district budget issues. He shared that it is important that the college recognize the union as a key player in the topic. He asked members to take ownership of the process and get involved by sharing your suggestions via the web site, through your manager, or via the union.

After several questions, the President reminded members to submit their suggestions via the web by 5 p.m. tonight. Suggestions will continue to be accepted and will be considered during different stages of the budget discussions.

VI. Standing Committees

Sign-up sheets for the Union's Standing Committees were available at each location. The President highlighted the importance of the Steward Forum and the need for more volunteers. He also indicated his desire to see a more active Social Committee that would plan events to get members together as a family. The Newsletter Committee is also one that is need of volunteers. The work of preparing *The Local Update* should not fall on one person's shoulders. It is important to get volunteers to write, serve as editor, proofread, and all the other functions required to produce a quality newsletter.

There are other committees that are in need of volunteers and if anyone is interested in obtaining additional information on any of the committees, please contact a member of the board. Serving on a committee is a good way to get involved with the Union at a level that involves less time commitment than serving as an officer of the board.

VII. Other Business

Notification was given to all regarding a rally held at the State Capital in support of the state employees working without a contract. The rally is scheduled for March 13 at 5:00 p.m. on the King Street side of the Capital.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



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