

## MINUTES OF THE CARPENTERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Carpenters' District Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Ben Kelly, President of the Carpenters' District Council, who led the delegates in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The following delegates were reported absent: Edward Doyle, Gerald Albers, Richard Claeys, Dave Angeli, Joseph Bono, Dave Dickinson, Jeff Green, Paul Hastings, Tom Hearst, Norman R. Schneider, Patrick Sinn, Robert Smith, Eddie Johnson, Dennis Bundy, Sr., Jessica Coleman, Jim Dannels, Earl Hall, Dennis Mooney, Christopher Smith, Stephen Brown, Dwight Gross, Kevin Price, Cord Barger, Neil Wagner, Dustin Blackwell, Timothy Redman, Louis Bowser, Robert Marshall, Brian McDonald, John Todt, Jeffrey Vogelpohl, Michael Anderson, George Bach, Jr., Timothy Cobin, Charles Drury, James Drury, Wesley Elliott, Brian Hacker, Bryce Harris Stephen Hawkins, Michael, Heilich, Francis Krame, III, Mark Light, Walter Mabie, Danny McWilliams, James Palecek, Robert Parkin, Richard Pashia, Tim Redman, Peter Rimert, Terry Robertson, Jack Rowe, Daryl Schulte, Gary Shedron, Bruce Spurgeon, Ron Vance, Dana Wallace, John Wessner, Ed Zacheis, Jr., Mark Baker, Eric Romi, Dan Smith, Timothy Stapleton, John Gregory, James Hinkle, Scott Long, Stephen Robbins, Tyler Wilson, Charles Crane, Eugene Poepsel, Larry Strode, Doug Basham, Pete Hammond, Bill Gunter, Luther Suter and James Spencer. *The following alternate delegates were reported absent:* Dennis Allen, Bob Meredith, Phil Viehmann, Jim Willfred, Willie Jones, Jr., Roger Moore, Willie Peters, Jr., William Schriefer, Tom Dempsey, Randall Atlee, Neal McPherson, Grady Owen, Robert Glaenzer, James Nixon, George Copenhaver, Darrell Forbeck, George Petchulat, Norman R. Schneider, Darren Sullenger, Walter Casteel, Robert Hanneken, Bart Poepsel, Larry Burgert and Daniel Jokerst.

The following delegates were excused, but recorded present: Paul Sullivan, Rob Duke, Kevin Haynes, Mike Zuzack, Terry Moutray, Devin Steele, Danny Warren, James Topper, Rodney Ashley, Eddie Chadwick, Scott Ewigman, John Jaranson, David Simmons, Timothy Simmons, Rick Conroy, Chad Agne, Larry Howard, Tom Brookes, Jeff Haantz, Joe Hudson, Frank Anderson and Scott Honer. *The following alternate delegates were excused, but recorded present:* Mark Barnes, Pete Fick, Rick Chiodini, John Mensio and Anthony Grgurich.

The following visitors were in attendance: Troy Jones, Larry Lueckenhoff, John Scarborough, Bruce Bird and Michelle Atchley.

The President asked the delegates to review the minutes of the Carpenters' District Council meeting of April 10, 2012 and if there were any corrections or additions.

There were none. A motion was made by Brother David McFerron, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Wes Nettles, Local 32, to accept the minutes as printed and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32 and properly seconded by Brother Doug Brunkhorst, Local 1596, authorizing the Executive Secretary-Treasurer to pay all previous bills. The motion passed. A detailed report of the bills for the month of April, 2012 is attached to these minutes.

## **TRIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT OF CHARGES**

The Trial Committee reported on the charges preferred by Dan Neiswander, Local 92, against Joshua Boland, Local 32, for violating C.D.C. Rule 11, Paragraph C; Rule 14; Rule 21, Paragraph A; Rule 22, Paragraph J and Section 51, Paragraph A-12 of the General Constitution. Brother Boland failed to appear before the Trial Committee and was tried in absentia. After hearing all the facts in connection with this case, the Trial Committee found him guilty as charged and recommended an assessment of \$150.00 for Rule 11, Paragraph C; \$50.00 for Rule 14; \$250.00 for Rule 21, Paragraph A; \$150.00 for Rule 22, Paragraph J and \$300.00 for Section 51, Paragraph A-12 of the General Constitution for a total assessment of \$900.00. Brother Boland failed to appear before the Carpenters' District Council. A motion was made by a delegate from Local 97 and properly seconded by Brother John Schepers, Local 1596, to concur in the recommendation of the Trial Committee and the motion passed.

The Trial Committee reported on the charges preferred by Dan Neiswander, Local 92 against Brian Weinreis, Local 32, for violating C.D.C. Rule 11, Paragraph C; Rule 14; Rule 21, Paragraph A; Rule 22, Paragraph J and Section 51, Paragraph A-12 of the General Constitution. Brother Weinreis appeared before the Trial Committee and pleaded not guilty. After hearing all the facts in connection with this case, the Trial Committee found him guilty as charged and recommended an assessment of \$150.00 for Rule 11, Paragraph C; \$50.00 for Rule 14; \$250.00 for Rule 21, Paragraph A; \$150.00 for Rule 22, Paragraph J and \$300.00 for Section 51, Paragraph A-12 of the General Constitution for a total assessment of \$900.00. The Trial Committee also recommended that \$850.00 of the assessment be stayed, leaving a total assessment of \$50.00. The President informed the accused and accuser of their rights under the General Constitution. Brother Weinreis did not make a statement. A motion was made by Brother Jerry York, Local 92 and properly seconded by Brother Joe Doggett, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Trial Committee and the motion passed.

The Trial Committee reported on the charges preferred by Steve Markus, Local 97 against Daniel Raines, Local 1770 for violating C.D.C. Rule 11, Paragraph C; Rule 21, Paragraph A; Rule 22, Paragraph J and Section 51, Paragraph 12 of the General Constitution. Brother Raines failed to appear before the Trial Committee and was tried

in absentia. After hearing all the facts in connection with this case, the Trial Committee found him guilty as charged and recommended an assessment of \$150.00 for Rule 11, Paragraph C; \$250.00 for Rule 21, Paragraph A; \$150.00 for Rule 22, paragraph J and \$300.00 for Section 51, Paragraph A-12 of the General Constitution for a total assessment of \$850.00. Brother Raines also failed to appear before the Carpenters' District Council. A motion was made by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32 and properly seconded by Brother Doug Brunkhorst, Local 1596, to concur in the recommendation of the Trial Committee and the motion passed.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

FROM: SIUC and the "Touch of Nature Environmental Center", a thank you for the re-roofing of the Little Grassy Lodge.

FROM: Mid-Central Illinois Regional Council, a thank you for the donation to their 2012 Golf Outing.

FROM: Working Families' Friend, a thank you for the generous donation.

FROM: Metropolitan Congregations United, a thank you for continued support.

FROM: Ms. Eileen Weir, Independence City Council, a thank you for the role we played in her successful campaign for the Independence City Council.

FROM: The Home Builders Assn. of St. Louis, a request for participation in their Spring Clay Shoot. The Executive Board recommends that we sponsor a team at a cost of \$520.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: Working Families' Friend, a request that we sponsor a foursome and become a tournament sponsor at Governor Stumpy's Fourth Annual Golf Tournament. The Executive Board recommends that we approve this request at a cost of \$1,500.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: Ms. Lindsey Nichols, stepdaughter of Brother Jeri Hynek, a request for sponsorship in the "Team in Training" program on behalf of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The Executive Board recommends a donation of \$250.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: Ava's Grace Scholarship Foundation, a request for support of their annual Scholarship Scramble. The Executive Board recommends that we sponsor a hole at a cost of \$100.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: The American Society of Safety Engineers of St. Louis, a request for support of their annual Scholarship Golf Outing. The Executive Board recommends that we sponsor a foursome and co-host the event at a total cost of \$560.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: Carpenters' Local No. 607, a request for sponsorship in the Marion County Relay for Life. The Executive Board recommends a sponsorship of \$250.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: The Builders Association, a request for support of their annual golf tournament. The Executive Board recommends that we sponsor a hole and two teams at a cost of \$2,500.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: The Nazareth Living Center, a request for support of their golf tournament. The Executive Board recommends that we sponsor a hole at a cost of \$300.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: Steamfitters, Local 439, a request for support of their "Night at the Grizzlies" fundraiser. The Executive Board recommends that we purchase 10 tickets at a cost of \$250.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: The Painting and Decorating Foundation, a request for support of their annual golf tournament. The Executive Board recommends that we become an awards sponsor at a cost of \$600.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.



FROM: The City of Pevely, a request for sponsorship of their "MuckRuckas MS Challenge". The Executive Board recommends a donation of \$250.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: The St. Louis Council of Construction Consumers, a request for support of their Annual Golf Outing. The Executive Board recommends that we sponsor two tees at a cost of \$450.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: The Concrete Council, a request for support of their golf tournament. The Executive Board recommends that we sponsor the cocktail reception at a cost of \$200.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: The Illinois Prevailing Wage Council, a request for support. The Executive Board recommends a donation of \$600.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: The Springfield Contractors Assn., a request for support of their spring golf outing. The Executive Board recommends that we sponsor two players and a hole at a cost of \$280.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: The Kaskaskia College Foundation, a request for support of the Scholarship Golf Scramble. The Executive Board recommends that we sponsor a hole at a cost of \$100.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: The Jeff Staley Safety Foundation, a request for support. The Executive Board recommends a donation of \$200.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: Lewis & Clark Community College, a request for support of their annual golf classic. The Executive Board recommends a donation of \$500.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

FROM: Ms. Michelle Atchley, CDC employee, a request for sponsorship of her in the Heartland Border Walk for MS. The Executive Board recommends a donation of \$750.00. A motion was made by Brother Gene Schellin, Local 1596 and properly seconded by Brother Ted Kaimann, Local 32, to concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board and the motion passed.

## **THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**

Brother Nelson reported that he spent a good day in the Kansas City area, meeting with the Trustees of the Health & Welfare, Pension and Apprenticeship Funds. They were all good meetings, and he is happy to report that everything is on track to merge the St. Louis and Kansas City area Health & Welfare Funds effective May 1, 2013. There will be some changes for both groups of members, but overall, our combined fund will be very strong. Right now, the Kansas City Fund has a thirteen month reserve.

The Pension Fund in Kansas City is operating in the "green", as is the St. Louis fund. Both are 92-94% funded. The non-accrued number for the Kansas City Fund is 28%. We still have 400-500 members who are in the Iowa/Nebraska Regional Council with contributions still coming to the Kansas City Fund. We are working on getting them transferred over, as it will be to their benefit. Brother Nelson added that we will schedule Pension Representatives to be present at our meeting in June to discuss the merging of the Funds and answer any questions the delegates may have.

The Kansas City Area Apprenticeship Fund Trustees voted unanimously to transfer all funds to one Trust Fund, which will oversee all. Each area's program will now have its own Apprenticeship Committee to run their local program with an eye to the specific needs of each area. This transfer is to be effective June 1, 2012 and will take 4-6 months to finalize.

Brother Nelson said that he is traveling to Wichita tomorrow to meet with General President Doug McCarron to discuss how the Area Standards campaign is progressing.

Brother Kurt Sexauer, Local 97, asked when we expect our Pension Fund to get back to being 100% funded. Brother Nelson replied that the 28% non -accrued amount for the Plan in Kansas City means that for every dollar taken in, 28¢ does not go to reserves. In St. Louis, we are maintaining current benefits. Our best guess is that we will again be 100% funded in the next 3-4 years. It will all depend on the economy. He added that the Kansas City and St. Louis Pension Funds are among the top 10 in the country.

Brother Harry Naumann, Local 97, asked about the 13 months reserves in Kansas City and asked what the St. Louis reserves are at the current time. Brother Nelson said in the same range. He added that if Kansas City has \$2 million in reserves, that would mean St. Louis has \$6 million. The dollar amounts aren't the same, but the number of months in reserve are very close.

## **BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

Brother Mike Swyers reported on the Millwright Conference which was held in Las Vegas during the week of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The key speaker was Mark Breslin who works with both labor and management, who spoke on leadership change in management, management demographics, generations, change for performance and profit and change for high profit and high performance supervision. Mr. Breslin was very knowledgeable about the needs of our millwright contractors and the owners they work with. Several of our millwright contractors who attended the conference with us agreed it was a valuable learning experience.

The attendees heard from Mark Reynolds with Industrial Plant Services, who spoke about "robots" in car plants. General Motors came to the Brotherhood and worked out a deal. When the robots are installed, it's business as usual and all of the trades will be involved. After installation, a company called Mech-a-tronics will train our millwrights in all of the software for the robots so that our members are ready to maintain the robots at any time. Millwrights will receive 80% wages on this work, which typically goes to nonunion companies. Brother Swyers said that the Iron Workers were offered the same deal and turned it down; however, we are happy to take all the hours we can get for our members.

Atlantic Plant Maintenance has an agreement for installation of OEM Blade B Bucket technicians. All fringe benefits will be paid through Local 2158 in Illinois and those trained for this work will be paid to sit at home and wait to be called out for work. The base rate is \$35.50 per hour and the available rate is \$26.50 per hour. Technicians must be willing to go anywhere in the country within 24 hours. Pay is eight hours per day, 40 hours per week.

Brother Swyers said that an Industrial Information web site is available which shows specific projects with plant managers' names and information on the project, with an outlook to 2016. It's a very valuable tool, and we were one of the few District Councils using the site. Brother McCarron was so impressed with the site that the Brotherhood is now purchasing it for each District Council throughout the United States and Canada.

Brother Swyers said he was asked to mention the fact that when there is millwright work in an outlying area where the scale maybe less than St. Louis scale, some millwrights won't go. We can't let this work pass us by – if hours are out there, we need to provide our millwrights to perform the work.

Brother Marvin Sanders informed the delegates that he has been following the activities of the St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District and that MSD has a lot of construction work on the books for the very near future. He pointed out that much of the current 900-mile system is over 100 years old, and much of it is in critical condition and needs to be addressed sooner rather than later. He said that a Bond Issue will appear on the 6/5/12 ballot in the city for \$945 million in bonds with \$233 million allocated to new construction projects. There are 161 new construction projects on the books now. If the bond issue fails, the average sewer bill will go from the current \$28.73 per month to \$65.15. This increase will not allow for any new construction, just maintenance. If the bond issue passes, there will still be an increase, but only to \$43.75 in increments through 2015. Without the bonds, 10 projects will be done. With the bonds, there will be a good amount of man hours available to our members for the new construction projects. Brother Sanders urged the delegates to endorse passage of the MDS Bond Issue.

A motion was made by Brother Paul Drury, Local 2214; and properly seconded by Brother John Clemens, Local 92 to endorse passage of the MSD Bond Issue and the motion passed.

### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Brother Shane Huwer reminded the delegates that the CARPAC Clay Shoot will take place on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for entries is June 1<sup>st</sup>; if you want to reserve a cart, that deadline is May 18<sup>th</sup>. He said he has forms available this evening if anyone is interested.

Brother Jeff Hayes, Local 92, reported that the Bass Tournament, which took place on April 14<sup>th</sup>, was another success. There were 114 boats, with 67 turning in fish. He said we had 70 sponsors, thanks to the excellent work of the Committee, and he thanked them for their efforts. A list of their names will appear in the next issue of "The Cutting Edge". He also thanked the Locals who participated. First place went to Bill Barni and Glen Allen with 24.68 pounds of fish, and the biggest bass was turned in by Jason Hood with a fish weighing 6.08 pounds. A total of \$8,400.00 will go to the PR Committee. He thanked all who participated.

Brother Wes Nettles, Local 32, reminded the delegates that the Charity Ride will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and will benefit Wounded Warriors. Take off will be from Local 32's Hall at 755 Parr Road in Wentzville. He announced that the Committee has



received a check from Local 1839 and urged all other Locals to get involved to support this worthy cause. Radio station 100.7 will be broadcasting live and Katy Cruse will be there as well.

Brother Jack Schilligo, Local 97, requested that "Delegate Emeritus" status be granted to recently retired business representative, Brother Steve Markus. Brother Wes Nettles made a second and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the District Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. The next meeting of the Carpenters' District Council will be held on Tuesday evening, June 12, 2012.

Fraternally,



TERRY NELSON,  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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Attachments

