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THE STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

MINUTES
ASEA/AFSCME LOCAL 52
Special Meeting Held
March 21, 2005 (Teleconference)

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**STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
March 21, 2005 (TELECONFERENCE)**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (5:15 p.m.)

The quarterly business session of the State Executive Board convened telephonically and was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Gordon Glaser. Secretary Michael Williams called the roll and noted for the record the following board members and staff to be present. The presence of a quorum was declared.

Present were:

Barbara Brandt, Northern Region (Fairbanks/Northstar Borough) Representative
 Billie Benedict, Professional Representative
 Gloria Eggleton, Class I Representative
 Gordon Glaser, President
 Larry Nakata, Central Region Representative (Anchorage)
 Michael Williams, Secretary (Serving as timekeeper, with 3-minute rule in place)
 N. Sue Layton, Administrative Support Representative
 Stephen Wright, Southeast (Juneau) Representative
 Toya Winton, Technical Representative
 Wade Wahrenbrock, Rural Representative
 Jim Duncan, Business Manager (with voice; no vote)

Absent: Karen Zubillaga, Treasurer

Also telephonically present were: Vicki Spear-Shiple, Fairbanks Chapter Member; Jenne Danzl, Seward Chapter President; Sheila Fowlkes, Chris Pace, Nadine Lefebvre, Rose Welton, Heather Hadley, Jake Gimmell, all Juneau Chapter Members; and, Administrative Assistant Roberta Holmes-Carter;

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Main Motion 05-105 (Approve Agenda)

To approve the following agenda items as published:

SB 98 (Fast Track Supplemental Approps/CBRF)

HB 177 (Retirement Contributions)

SB 108 (Insurance Certification, Advertising Restrictions, Group Plan Regulations)

Amendment 05-105A

Moved by Barbara Brandt, seconded by Wade Wahrenbrock

To amend the agenda to include Appointments to the Bush Community Committee, the ASEA Election Committee, and the Women's Issues Committee.

Amendment passed, with Sue Layton objecting.

Toya Winton requested a roll call vote.

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Motion 05-105, as amended, passed 7:1, with the following roll call vote: Barbara Brandt, yes; Billie Benedict, yes; Gloria Eggleton, yes; Larry Nakata, yes; Michael Williams, yes; Stephen Wright, abstain; Sue Layton, no; Toya Winton, yes; Wade Wahrenbrock, yes; and the Chair not voting.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Appointments

Main Motion 05-106 (Bush Community, Election, and Women's Issues Committees Appointments)

Recommendations of the Chair:

- To appoint Steve Gentle (Bethel) and Heidi Ellis (Ketchikan) to the Bush Community Committee.
- To appoint Vicky Spear-Shipley (Fairbanks) to the Election Committee; and,
- To appoint Laura Katherine Ghormley (Anchorage) to the Women's Issues Committee.

Moved by Barbara Brandt, seconded by Gloria Eggleton, to accept the recommendations of the Chair.

Larry Nakata called the question, without objection.

Motion 05-106 passed, with Sue Layton objecting.

Secretary Michael Williams declared, due to the telephonic nature of the meeting, a roll call vote shall be taken on all motions from this point forward in the meeting

Motion 05-106 passed 7:1, with the following roll call vote: Barbara Brandt, yes; Billie Benedict, yes; Gloria Eggleton, yes; Larry Nakata, yes; Michael Williams, yes; Stephen Wright, abstain; Sue Layton, no; Toya Winton, yes; Wade Wahrenbrock, yes; and the Chair not voting.

Legislation

HB 147 and SB 108 (Insurance Certification, Advertising Restrictions, Group Plan Regulations)

Recommendation of the ASEA Political Action Committee (PAC) on HB 147 and SB 108: No position.

Main Motion 05-107 (SB 108)

Moved by Larry Nakata, seconded by Toya Winton

To support SB 108 / HB 147 (Insurance Certification, Advertising Restrictions, Group Plan Regulations)

Following debate, Michael Williams called the question, seconded by Larry Nakata, without objection.

Motion 05-107 passed 5:4, with the following roll call vote: Barbara Brandt, yes; Billie Benedict, yes; Gloria Eggleton, yes; Larry Nakata, yes; Michael Williams, no; Stephen Wright, no; Sue Layton, no; Toya Winton, yes; Wade Wahrenbrock, no; and the Chair choosing not to vote.

(Instruction to Business Manager: To inform the ASEA PAC and the ASEA Lobbyist of the Board's decision to support HB 147 and SB 108 and that the Board expects the ASEA PAC to act accordingly.)

(Note of record: Gloria Eggleton leaves the teleconference at 5:50 p.m.)

Main Motion 05-108 (Qualifying Language of SB 108 Support by ASEA)

Moved by Michael Williams, seconded by Sue Layton

Notwithstanding ASEA Executive Board's motion to support HB147, SB108, the Board expresses concern for several parts of the bill that are not entirely clear. First, the bill does not prevent the Division of Insurance from disclosing confidential actuarial information with Labor Relations. While Labor Relations can request actuarial information from the Union during contract negotiations, the response should come from the Union and its Health Benefits Trust and not the Division of Insurance. Second, section 28 requires actuarial certification of the Plan as opposed to simply rendering an opinion on the plan. The Board believes that the Division of Insurance's intent was to merely require that an actuary give an opinion as to the adequacy of reserves and the level of stop-loss insurance coverage; however, the Board believes this language should be clarified in the bill. And, third, section 28 of the bill requires certain bonding requirements of the self-funded government plan as if it were the same as a national insurance provider. The Board encourages the Legislature to carefully consider the level of bonding requirements of a self-funded benefits plan that provides coverage for only in-state members and not nationally.

Barbara Brandt requested that an email poll vote taken, with response due by Thursday, March 24, 2005. Michael Williams requested that if this was the Board's wish that a motion to table should be put forward.

(Note of record: Jenne Danzl disconnects at 5:58 p.m.)

Main Motion 05-109 (To Table Motion 05-108)

Moved by Barbara Brandt, seconded by Larry Nakata

Motion 05-109 passed 5:4, with the following roll call vote: Barbara Brandt, yes; Billie Benedict, yes; Larry Nakata, yes; Michael Williams, no; Stephen Wright, no; Sue Layton, no; Toya Winton, yes; Wade Wahrenbrock, no; Gloria Eggleton absent and the Chair choosing to vote to table.

(Instruction of the Business Manager: The Board is supporting HB 147, SB 108 as currently written; if the bill is substantially different coming out of committee, then the Union does not have a position until the Board should meet again and revisit the legislation.)

SB 98 and HB 177

Recommendations of the ASEA PAC:

- To support SB 98 (Supplemental Appropriations: Fast Track)
- To oppose HB177 (Increase State Employee Contribution to Retirement)

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Main Motion 05-110 (Acceptance of ASEA PAC Recommendations)

Motion by Barbara Brandt, seconded by Toya Winton

To accept the ASEA PAC recommendations on pending legislation per attached report (see Exhibit 1).

Motion 05-110 passed 9:0, with the following roll call vote: Barbara Brandt, yes; Billie Benedict, yes; Larry Nakata, yes; Mike, yes; Stephen Wright, yes; Sue Layton, yes; Toya Winton, yes; Wade Wahrenbrock, yes; Gloria Eggleton absent; and the Chair not voting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair calls for adjournment at 6:08 p.m., without objection.

Respectfully submitted by
Michael R. Williams, Secretary
State Executive Board
ASEA/AFSCME Local 52, AFL-CIO