



# AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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## Minutes of the Monthly Meeting for February 8, 2008

### President Demicheli's Report:

No report for President due to Secretary being absent from meeting.

### Vice President (DOE) Fran Wright:

- Ron Demicheli and I attended the 2008 AFGE Legislative Conference in Washington, DC, February 10-14, 2008. Issue papers regarding topics are available on the AFGE National website at <http://www.afge.org/index.cfm?page=2008ConferenceIssuePapers>, which can also be linked through our Local's website – issues include: Privatization of Federal Services, Restoring the Civil Service, Federal Pay, FEHB Program, Federal Retirement, Telework, Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision, Whistleblower Protection, Employment Non-Discrimination Act, and several others of interest to all of us in the Federal community. We met with all of the PA Congressional members and Senators to present issues of specific concern to the DOE/NETL and CDC/NIOSH.
- I attended the Allegheny County Labor Council meetings on February 7, 2008. **REMINDER:** Voter Registrations must be postmarked by March 24, 2008, in order to vote in the April 22 Primary. Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU) is seeking to expand their membership – anyone can join, and anyone who is a member by April 30, 2008, may submit names of family members for consideration for award of scholarships that are available.
- I attended the LMPC meeting on January 17, 2008. Matters for discussion included: (1) LMPC Membership for 2008 – AFGE 1916 will retain current membership, and representatives will continue to be Ron Demicheli and myself. Management representatives will continue to be Tom Wilson, Dan Maloney, and Joe Grimes; Tom Torkos is rotating off of the Committee, but no new name has been submitted as a replacement; (2) Pittsburgh Physical Fitness Center Committee has been established, and a draft Charter has been submitted to the LMPC for review/comment; and (3) NETL employee workloads/stress management discussion lead to questions regarding staffing plans, which will be an agenda item for the February meeting. The next LMPC meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2008. Please see the minutes of the meeting posted on the NETL Intranet website.

### Womens/Fair Practices Highlight

- February is Heart Health Month – please remind your loved ones, especially females, to educate themselves on heart health by speaking with their medical practitioners. Members are reminded that the Pittsburgh OHU provides **FREE** voluntary physicals, which include the following: hearing test; vision screening; breathing test; electrocardiogram (EKG); bloodwork screening – glucose testing, thyroid screen, cholesterol screen, chemistry panel, and PSA screen for men; and hemocult test. The voluntary physicals are concluded with an appointment with one of the staff physicians. The OHU, located in Building 58, provides blood pressure checks and glucose checks for individuals daily, and once per month in Building 922 Conference Room C – which is scheduled for February 21, 2008. We highly encourage our membership to take advantage of these services, all at no cost to the individual.

- I attended the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) meeting on January 7, 2008. Mike Bolt, United Steelworkers, conducted a presentation on “Trade with China,” which included explanations on how NAFTA, CAFTA, and various trade legislation, as well as currency manipulation in China’s economy has affected the United States economy and the global marketplace.

The February 4, 2008, CLUW meeting included an enlightening talk by Georgia Blotzer regarding her participation on behalf of the Joe Biden campaign in the New Hampshire primary, and the Iowa Caucuses.

The CLUW reception honoring Jack Shea, 2007 Labor Man of the Year, and Jean Friday, 2007 Labor Woman of the Year, will be held on April 7, 2008, following resolution of the labor dispute with the owner of the LeMont restaurant. I would like to invite all members to attend this event to honor these two local Labor leaders for their hard work and dedication – please see me for information.

- The 2008 Union Community Activist Network Training began February 5, 2008. Presentations were made by Dave Vinski, AFL-CIO Southwestern PA Labor Federation Coordinator, and Frank Snyder, AFL-CIO Program Coordinator. The classes will be held every Tuesday evening in February and the first two weeks in March at the United Way Building in Pittsburgh. This is an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with other Labor and community activists, and receive training on programs and issues that are offered through the AFL-CIO/United Way liaisons.
- A bookreading and discussion was held at Magee Womens Hospital on February 13, 2008, 6-7:30pm on chemicals linked to cancer and birth defects that are commonly used in cosmetics.

Motion to accept and seconded. All in favor was unanimous.

**Vice President (CDC) Cindy Mytrysak’s Report:**

**PMAP**

The 2008 PMAP must be in place by January 31, 2008 and you should have received your 2007 rating by now. In March, the percentages for 2007 award pay outs should be determined.

**OA MEO**

NIOSH is awaiting a MOU on the transfer of this function. Big issue is the funding that should be returned to the Institute.

**MISC.**

For the NIOSH employees, NIOSH is planning to used the High Performing Organization (in lieu of any A-76 study) for employees in the Public Health Integrated Business Services. Management will engage the Unions. As this unfolds, I will report the status.

**Split-Travel Disbursement**

We requested to bargain over the implementation of this policy. There is a conference call today about this issue. More to come.

**LMCC**

Discussed the Fare Share Program, agreed that CDC policies will be sent to Unions early in the process, discussed the Human Capital Plan, and Telework Policy. The Telework Policy is being rewritten by a work group.

Motion to accept and seconded. All in favor was unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Chief Stewards Reports:**

**Ron Demicheli:**

**Dana Reinke (CDC):**

**Secretary's Report:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Old Business:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:30.