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Board of Governors

Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2008

**Meeting location: American Rights at Work,
Washington, DC**

Participants: Revae Moran (President) chaired the meeting. Present were: Janet Stern Solomon (phone), Markus Franz, Chris Johannson, David Schlein, Olivier Villey, and Fred Stahl (Secretary).

Revae called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

1. Review and Approval of last month's Board Meeting Minutes

Approved minutes of February 12.

New location for Board meetings - GAO Headquarters, 441 G St., NW – see new schedule

2. Treasurer's Report (attached)

Bank balance as of March 11, 2009: \$4,706.29

3. Membership Committee Report

Issue: We emailed **renewal** notices several weeks ago but few members have renewed. Revae will be giving this attention.

Issue: Search for a service to **manage our membership lists** and emailings. Revae searched out a small firm that does membership management for small non-profit organizations. We were disappointed to find that its prices were high even though its offerings are modest. Their bid would consume our entire annual budget. Revae and the other officers will look at less expensive alternatives.

Members list online: The sense of the Board was that we need to put our membership up online. A number of members have requested this resource. Chris pointed out that it is a great help in networking, a key part of the value we offer members.

Reminder: All Board members should be **members** in good standing of both **DCLERA** and the National **LERA**. This is a prerequisite to be consideration for outstanding chapter awards. Please join if you have not already done so.

Organizational Memberships: David Schlein requested an organizational membership form for NEA. Jim Kimball will check to see if Teamsters has renewed.

Membership forms: subsequent to the Board meeting, we updated the online membership form to organizational use.

4. Luncheon Programs/

March meeting is set: **Philip Dine** – Labor columnist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, author of *State of the Unions*

April – Green jobs - **Jim Hunter**, director of utilities for the IBEW, or Dan Seligman of SEIU/Apollo – status update from Chris Johansson: Hunter will be back the week of 16 March—should be able to confirm then.

May – International program developed by our International Board members. The sense of the Board was that a good subject for the international luncheon event would be the industrial situation. Olivier Viller offered to talk about the industrial situation in France, Markus Franz would address the situation in Germany, and perhaps Kaori Nakamura could speak to the industrial situation in Japan.

The May meeting will be 27 May at the Woman’s National Democratic Club.

October – Janet Stern Solomon reported that she has secured Charles Craver, a nationally known labor lawyer, arbitrator and professor to be the speaker for our October meeting. Tentatively she and he agreed that his topic would be something about negotiations and the effect of EFCA, depending on the status of the law in October. Janet said that he is an engaging speaker.

5. Luncheon Venues

Revae is working on rotating luncheon venues. AFL-CIO looks booked in the near term but might be a possibility for the fall program. David Schlein will look into possibilities of using NEA facilities in the fall.

6. Dinner Speaker for the June 2009 Annual DC LERA Dinner

We decided to pursue Hal Meyerson, columnist for the Washington Post. Revae took the action to contact him.

7. International Board Members

Markus Franz reported that the Dutch attaché declined to participate. Markus’s sense is that there seemed to be few labor specialists among the diplomatic delegations in DC. Fred agreed to investigate whether the British Embassy might have a candidate **for us**.

8. Additional nominations for the Executive Committee?

Eileen Hoffman, Gordon Pavy, and Iain Gold have agreed to serve on the Committee. We discussed other candidates, but no actions resulted.

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9. Upcoming Events

Next Board Meeting – Noon, Wednesday, April 8, 2009

NOTE NEW VENUE!

<p>U.S. Government Accountability Office 441 G St., NW – Room 5950A Washington, DC 20548</p>

<p>1 block north of Judiciary Metro (Red Line) – or 3 blocks east of Gallery Place Metro (Yellow Line) Contact Revae re: parking – 202.512.3863 or moranr@gao.gov</p>
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Revae adjourned the Board at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Fred Stahl, Board Secretary,
 March 11, 2009

DC LERA Calendar for 2009

Meeting	Date/Time	Location
March Luncheon Mtg	Wednesday, Mar. 25	Woman's National Democratic Club (WNDC) 1526 New Hampshire Ave., NW (just north of Dupont Circle)
April Board Mtg	Wednesday, April 8 Room 5950A	New location - GAO U.S. Gov't Accountability Office 441 G St., NW – Room 5950A Washington, DC 20548 1 block north of Judiciary Metro (red line) – or 3 blocks east of Gallery Place metro (yellow line) Contact Revae re: parking – 202.512.3863 or moranr@gao.gov
April Luncheon Mtg	Wednesday, April 22	WNDC
May Board Mtg	Wednesday, May 13	GAO
May Luncheon Mtg	Wednesday, May 27	WNDC
June Board Mtg	Wednesday, June 3	GAO
DC LERA Dinner (held every other year just before the NPF)	Wednesday, June 10	Cafritz Conference Center - George Washington University

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National Policy Forum	Thursday and Friday, June 11 and 12	Cafritz Conference Center - George Washington University
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July	No Board or luncheon meetings	
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August		
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Sept Board Mtg	Wednesday, Sept. 9	GAO
Sept Luncheon Mtg	Wednesday, Sept. 23	WNDC
October Board Mtg	Wednesday, Oct. 14	GAO
Oct Luncheon Mtg	Wednesday, Oct. 28	WNDC
November Board Mtg	Thursday , Nov. 12	GAO
Nov Luncheon Mtg	Wednesday, Nov. 18	WNDC
December Board Mtg	Wednesday, Dec. 9	GAO
Dec Luncheon Mtg	Wednesday, Dec. 16	WNDC

DCLERA – Washington, DC Chapter
Treasurer's Report
March 12, 2009

Sun Trust Balance

Balance as of March 06, 2009 **\$4,781.29**
(\$407.46 transfer on 3/06 reflected in Balance)

Revenue (Deposits):

Revenue	
Renewals	\$160.00
New Membership	\$240.00
(including \$200 Organizational Membership from NCPERS)	
February Lunch	\$500.00

Expenses not included in balance

Tressler Group	\$ 75.00
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Final Balance	\$ 4706.29
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Submitted by: _____

Bonnie Summers

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