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Board of Governors

Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2008

Meeting location: American Rights at Work, Washington, DC

Participants: Julie Martinez Ortega (President) chaired the meeting. Present were: Naori Nakamura, Markus Franz, Revae Moran, David Jacobs (phone), Jim Auerbach, Bonnie Summers (phone), and Fred Stahl.

Julie called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

1. Minutes (Fred Stahl)

Board approved minutes of its October 8, 2008 meeting as submitted.

2. Treasurer's Report and financial sponsorship (Bonnie Summers)

As of October 1, our cash position (bank + checks to deposit) was \$4,666.23.

Current accounts payable total \$1,640.93. See details at end of the minutes.

3. Sponsorship of 60th Anniversary Conference

We are delighted to report that the following organizations are generously sponsoring our conference:

AFL-CIO

Blue Cross Blue Shield Association

German Embassy

International Brotherhood of Teamsters

American Rights at Work

Change to Win

Images by Jim Auerbach

Additionally, **members of the Board** have sent generous personal checks to help cover costs. If you have not helped out yet, please consider doing so now.

Send your check to:

Julie Martinez Ortega
American Rights at Work
1100 17th Street, NW, Suite 950
Washington, DC 20036

4. Help! - 60th Anniversary Conference

The conference is exactly two weeks from today. We still have much to accomplish. The board worked on conference arrangements. We worked over our budget. Our goal is 80 attendees to break even. We turned up the gain on our publicity. We will continue to work hard on the thousand details and issues that need attention.

You can help. Turn out is crucial! You can help by publicizing the conference in your networks. You can help the day of the event. Call July at 202-822-2127 extension 103.

Organizational Members of DC LERA
American Rights at Work BlueCross BlueShield Association

4. Membership Committee Report (Revae Moran)

Thanks to personal buttonholing by Revae at the last luncheon meeting, we gained 8 new members.

6. December 10 Luncheon Program *Workforce Issues Under an Obama Administration*

Maria Echaveste will speak. From 1993 to 1997 Echaveste served as the administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor. From 1998 to 2001, she served as both Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff to President Bill Clinton, where she managed Clinton's domestic policy initiatives education, civil rights, immigration and bankruptcy reform. She is currently a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress.

12. Slate for elections for 2009

The Board took up the slate for 2009. We are still working on some details. We will send it out to members in advance of elections at our December 10 luncheon meeting.

x. International Board Members

We want to involve labor representatives from international delegations more deeply in our Chapter activities by including them the Board. For example, participation of labor attachés from the embassies of France, Spain, China, UK, Canada, or Sweden could broaden the understanding of labor relations the Chapter delivers to its members. We are, however, practically constrained to a couple of international representatives by limitations on Board size, presently set at 14 in the bylaws.

Our solution is to create a special category of International Board Members, who would be invited by executive action by the Board. Their involvement would not count against headcount restrictions.

We will prepare an appropriate amendment to the bylaws for this category of Board member and circulate it to you for review before we present it for a vote in conjunction with Board elections at the December chapter meeting.

9. International Luncheon Program – May 2009

Markus Franz and Kaori Nakamura will organize the program.

11. NEW! Executive Advisory Board

The Board established a new body to help guide and support DC LERA. Members of the "Executive Advisory Board" will meet a couple of times a year with the Governing Board to advise and consult. We see this as an efficient way for senior executives in DC to help us with Chapter strategies and policies. Since it is an ad hoc part of DC LERA, no elections are involved. You will hear more about the Executive Advisory Board as we put it together

10. Calendar for 2009

Please see the enclosed calendar

12. Next Board Meeting – Noon, Thursday, January 8, 2009 Venue: American Rights at Work,

→ Note – No Board meeting in December! ←

Julie adjourned the Board at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Stahl, Board Secretary,
Nov. 7, 2008



Calendar

November Thursday	20	Noon	DC LERA 60th Anniversary Conference <i>Labor and Management Policy Options for the Brave New World of Work</i>	Woman's National Democratic Club
December	-		Note – No board meeting in December	
Wednesday	10	Noon	Luncheon Meeting <i>Workforce Issues Under an Obama Administration</i> Board election for 2009	Woman's National Democratic Club
January Thursday	8	Noon	Board Meeting Election of officers	American Rights at Work
Wednesday	26	Noon	Luncheon Meeting	Woman's National Democratic Club
February Thursday	12	Noon	Board Meeting	American Rights at Work
Wednesday	25	Noon	Luncheon Meeting	Woman's National Democratic Club
March Thursday	12	Noon	Board Meeting	American Rights at Work
Wednesday	25	Noon	Luncheon Meeting <i>International Program on Corporate Social Responsibility (working title)</i>	Woman's National Democratic Club

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Organizational Members of DC LERA
American Rights at Work – BlueCross BlueShield Association – Teamsters

DC LERA – Washington, DC Chapter
Treasurer's Report
November 5, 2008

Sun Trust Balance

Balance as of November 5, 2008	\$4,416.23
 <u>Revenue (Deposits):</u>	
Lunch/Membership	\$ 995.00
Membership (Organizational Teamsters)	350.00
Sponsorship (Fred Stahl – BCBSA)	\$1100.00
To Be Deposited (DC LERA)	\$ <u>250.00</u>
	\$ 4666.23
 <u>Expenses To Be Paid:</u>	
Tressler Group	\$ 100.00
September 24 th DC LERA Lunch	<u>\$ 1540.93</u>
	\$ 1640.93
 Balance as of November 5, 2008	 \$ 3025.30

Submitted by: _____

Bonnie Summers
November 5, 2008