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Board of Governors

Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2008

**Meeting location: Government Accountability Office,
Washington, DC**

Participants: Revae Moran (President) chaired the meeting. Present were: Julie Martinez Ortega (via phone), Markus Franz (via phone), Chris Johannson (via phone), Jim Kimball (via phone), 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 March 11.

2. Treasurer's Report (attached)

Bank balance as of April 8, 2009: \$4,513.91

The Board discussed annual membership dues. The Board noted that after years without a change, our dues were out of line with our costs. It noted further that our dues were low compared to other professional associations. The Board passed a motion to amend our bylaws to raise annual dues by \$10 in each category of membership. DCLERA will offer a \$2 discount for joining or renewing online. This change goes into effect January 1, 2010.

DCLERA luncheon fees have also remained unchanged for years and no longer fully fund luncheon costs. (DCLERA luncheon speakers receive no fees from the Chapter.) The Board discussed and passed a motion to raise fees for our luncheon events by \$5. DCLERA will offer a \$1 discount for online reservations and payments.

The change in luncheon fees is effective for the April 22 luncheon.

Other actions – Bonnie – The Board saw that an ARAW renewal was included in the treasury balance. Which other organizational memberships are included, other than NCPERS?

3. Membership Committee Report

Issue: We emailed **renewal notices** several weeks ago but few members have renewed. Revae reported that we will send out another set of notices soon.

Project: Manage our membership lists and emailings. We are making progress. We found a part-time person, Marel Mallari, to incorporate all updates into a

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master membership list. We found a software package (“Wild Apricot”) that would automate the management and updating of membership roles, sending of emails to members and other groups (like former members, members of national LERA, and luncheon speakers), and online payment of fees. Once installed on our Web site, we would plan would for Ms. Mallari to manage membership transactions using Wild Apricot processes.

As another feature, we will develop a secure method for members to access our membership roles to support networking.

The license fee for the online software \$25/month. We will develop an estimate of the one-time set-up costs.

Intern – Julie received a letter from a college student from Cornell looking for a summer intern job. Julie suggested that she might be able to work on our outreach to organizations in the DC area to obtain new members. However, DCLERA could not afford to pay the costs of summer employment. Jim Kimball will take action to look into Teamsters hiring the intern, with a certain amount of her time detailed to Julie for DCLERA outreach.

Action – David Schlein – Check status of NEA organizational membership.

4. Luncheon Programs

April 22 – Exclusive: Steve Rose previews his forthcoming book: **REBOUND: Why America Will Emerge Stronger From the Economic Crisis**. Woman’s National Democratic Club. See attached announcement.

May 27 – This event will be an unparalleled perspective from DCLERA’s international Board members on a hot topic: **International developments in industrial labor relations, with a special look at the auto industry**. Markus Franz will talk about the broader industrial situation in Germany while Andreas Rueger, also from the Germany Embassy, will address the country’s automobile industry. Kaori Nakamura will speak on Japanese automobile plants in the US. Olivier Villey will present perspectives on industrial relations in France. The program will be at the Woman’s National Democratic Club.

September 23 – TBD

October 28 – Janet Stern Solomon secured Charles Craver, a nationally known labor lawyer, arbitrator and professor as the speaker for our October meeting. Tentatively she and he agreed that his topic will probe **negotiations and the effects of EFCA** (depending on the status of the law in October). Craver is an engaging speaker addressing a controversial topic. It promises to be a fascinating event.

5. June 10, 2009 DCLERA Dinner Meeting

Speaker – Jim Auerbach secured **Hal Meyerson**, columnist for the Washington Post, as the dinner speaker for this event the evening before the beginning of the LERA National Policy Forum. Meyerson is always great!

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Dinner venue – Fred reported on his search for a venue for the dinner meeting. The prices quoted to us by Cafritz Center at GWU, the site of the NPF itself, were exorbitant, as were the fees asked by the Washington Hilton (where most out-of-town attendees will stay). Fred searched restaurants within walking distance of the Hilton. The consensus of the Board was to pursue Ruth Chris Steakhouse, on Connecticut Avenue, a block from the hotel. The restaurant can seat 75, serves fine food, would present an excellent face to our LERA world (white table cloths, elegant atmosphere, ...), and has a special price for a meal—well less than its normal menu schedule. And it is available. Fred and Revae will investigate further and inform the Board and National LERA.

6. The Executive Advisory Council

Here is its membership:

Iain Gold	International Brotherhood of Teamsters
Rachel Hendrickson	National Education Association
Eileen Hoffman	Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service
Gordon Pavy	AFL-CIO

7. Next Board Meeting

Noon, Wednesday, May 13, 2009

U.S. Government 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: free parking – 202.512.3863 or moranr@gao.gov

Revae adjourned the Board at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Stahl, Board Secretary,
April 8, 2009

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LABOR & EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS ASSOCIATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER

Luncheon Program

Noon. Wednesday, April 22, 2009
Woman's National Democratic Club,

Steve Rose

REBOUND

Why America Will Emerge Stronger From the Economic Crisis

A lot of water (and money) has gone under the bridge since Steve Rose spoke to us a year ago about tectonic shifts in the American economy. Steve is now putting the final touches on a new book that will tell the story behind the current financial crisis and will forecast its aftermath.

REBOUND will hit bookstores in January of 2010. We are very pleased to announce that Steve has agreed to give us the first public preview. His luncheon talk will recount the good, bad, and ugly of the origins of the financial catastrophe and explain his optimism for post-crisis America. Please join us for this exciting event.

Sign-in 11:45, luncheon 12:15

Location: Woman's National Democratic Club's historic mansion at 1526 New Hampshire Ave., N.W. (Just northeast of Dupont Circle - Red Line Metro, Dupont Circle stop, Q Street Exit)

Cost: \$25 for members with reservations, \$15 for student members, \$30 for non-members and non-reserved members.

Menu: Meat with seasonal vegetables and dessert. Vegetarian meals are available with advance registration.

Please give us the courtesy of a reservation

- **New! Online! Reserve and pay at DCLERA.ORG Get \$1 off!**
- Email Babbi Williams Babbi.Williams@bcbsa.com (pay at the door)
- Call Babbi at 202-626-4815 (online or email preferred)

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2009 DCLERA Calendar

Meeting	Date/Time	Location
April Luncheon Mtg	Wednesday, April 22	Exclusive: Steve Rose previews his forthcoming book: REBOUND: Why America Will Emerge Stronger From the Economic Crisis Woman's National Democratic Club (WNDC)
May Board Mtg	Wednesday, May 13	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
May Luncheon Mtg	Wednesday, May 27	An unparalleled perspective from DCLERA's international Board members on international developments in industrial labor relations, with a special look at the auto industry Woman's National Democratic Club
June Board Mtg	Wednesday, June 3	GAO
DCLERA Annual Dinner (held every other year just before the NPF)	Wednesday, June 10	To be announced
National Policy Forum	Thursday and Friday, June 11 and 12	Cafritz Conference Center - George Washington University
July	No Board or luncheon meetings	
August		
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 (Day after Veterans Day)	GAO
Nov Luncheon Mtg	Wednesday, Nov. 18	WNDC
December Board Mtg	Wednesday, Dec. 9	GAO
Dec Luncheon Mtg	Wednesday, Dec. 16	WNDC

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DCLERA Treasurer's Report

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Sun Trust Balance

Balance as of March 30, 2009	5,116.29
PayPal trsfr March 31, 2009	<u>460.54</u>
	<u>\$5,576.83</u>

Revenue included above:

Revenue new membership	30.00
Revenue renewals	150.00
New Organizational Membership (American Rights)	200.00
Luncheon Revenue	425.00

Expenses not included in balance:

March Luncheon Expenses	812.92
Chapter Dues	<u>250.00</u>
	<u>\$1,062.92</u>

Final Balance	<u>\$4,513.91</u>
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Submitted by: _____ April, 2009

Bonnie Summers

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