

MINUTES  
AFTRA PITTSBURGH MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
12 June 2006  
5:30 PM, Steelworkers Building

**President Paul Martino** opened the meeting at 7:30 PM with a moment of silence. Martino welcomed all members and guests and participants introduced themselves.

**MINUTES:** (See separate report.) Minutes from the 13 March 2006 meeting were reviewed. It was

**MOVED, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUS APPROVED** to accept the minutes as submitted.

**FINANCE: Roberts.**

There was no report for May activity as the Local has not yet received the new monthly report from National, which no pays most invoices since May 1, 2006. The report will be provided at the next meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Haer**

Haer highlighted the latest publication of *Newsbriefs* to review the Local's accomplishments.

Negotiations have begun with WAMO Radio and also with WICU-TV in Erie.

Problems with the bargaining with CBS covering KDKA-TV, KDKA-AM, and WDSY, WZPT, and WRKZ were also discussed.

**AED FEELANCE REPORT: Lacey**

Lacey reported continued success in meeting with and signing up new Signators to AFTRA's freelance agreements. He emphasized how members can help to identify potential new union employers and encouraged members to communicate with him about what's happening in the work world.

**AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

President Martino referred to the proposed amendments document in the member's packet, which been approved by the Board in their February, 2006, meeting, and subsequently mailed to all members. It was

**MOVED, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** to ratify and accept the proposed amendments. The amendments will now be sent to national for final approval.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**NEWLY ELECTED LOCAL BOARD FREELANCE MEMBERS:**

President Martino announced that mail ballots were tallied on June 9, 2006, and the following nominees were elected to new 2-year terms as Freelance Local Board Members: Alan Boal, Marc Field, Melanie Dreyer, David Flick, Nancy Mimless, Mark Roberts, and Adrienne Wehr. Also, Mark Roberts was elected to a 3-year term as National Board Representative and Paul Martino was elected as National Board Alternate. The individual ballot totals are recorded and kept on file with the ballots.

**DAN MALLINGER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Field (Roberts reporting)**

Congratulations to 2006 recipients Jen Morris, Callie Thuma, Ryan Bergman, Danielle Martino, and Terrence James. The recipients were present and asked to introduce themselves to the audience.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Best of "Off the Record" Review**

Skits and songs from this annual review co-sponsored by AFTRA and the Writers Guild of the Post Gazette (CWA) were presented with sparkling performances by Christine Laitta, Michael Fuller, David Early, and pianist Doug Levine. Thanks also to Director Gregory Lehane.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Haer, Executive Director