

Minutes of the Meeting

November 6, 2024

Quorum: (28) members were present. A motion was made by E. Barre, seconded by N. D'Agostino and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Communications:

- *Thank you letter from retiree June Martin read.
- *Thank you text from retiree Anabel Pagan.
- *Notice regarding health benefits plan: extended hours for open season Q&A
- *Notice sent to Middletown PM notifying that Cody Wilkinson has been appointed Steward.

Old Business:

- *Over 200 guests attended the retirement breakfast. 50/50 raffle raised \$860 for MDA.
- *TE/PTF back pay received from being placed in incorrect step.

New Business:

- *Flexible spending account has limit of \$3300 for 2025.
- *Notice from OPM regarding current healthcare plans will be moved over to equivalent PSHB plan. NALC plan increases discussed.
- *Nominations for state convention made:
 - Leo Linarez nominated by Josh Martinez
 - Josh Martinez nominated by Aaron Hastings
 - Tonya Currier nominated by Katie Augustitus
 - Cody Wilkinson nominated by Josh Martinez
 - Argjent Kala nominated by Dave Blauvelt
- *Working in dark discussed. Need to state actual reason it's unsafe.
- *520 hours max AL carryover for 2025.
- *No POT 11/30-12/27/24.
- *3996 section J(reason for assistance): Dec no reason needed.
- ***Motion** to purchase Holiday gift for stewards made by D. Blauvelt, seconded by J. Velez-Ruberte and passed.
- *S&DC discussed:currently 3 zones, 2 more coming 2/25. Branch 20 office currently operating separately. Postal service trying to include entire New Haven bid cluster. 31-60 day eval ending for the route adjustments.
- *Discussion on merger with other state branches: Possibilities include more resources, more training, scholarships, CCA classes, share grievances throughout state. Members would receive a proposal on merger 30 days prior to merge date. Q& A held between present members and President Sagnella.
- *Tentative agreement announced 10/18. President Sagnella discussed what President Renfro discussed at COP about TA. If ratified, it will be implemented 3/8/25. Discussed changes from old agreement. Discussion between present members and President Sagnella.
- *Christmas Party at Aria 1/19. \$35/member \$65 for 1 guest.

Good of the Association: A. Malerba inquired about Zoom option for meetings and moving meetings across the state.

Treasurer's Report was handed out to all members present. A motion was made by J. Martinez, seconded by N. D'Agostino and passed to accept the report as printed.

Motion to adjourn was made by J. Rich, seconded by J. Velez-Ruberte and passed.