

Minutes  
*AFT Local 1839 Election By-Laws Committee (ad hoc)*  
*June 17, 2009*  
R-115A

1. Meeting was opened by Dr. Collins, chair at 10:05am on June 17, 2009.
2. Committee members present:
  - a. Dr. Caulfield
  - b. Dr. Collins
  - c. Dr. Weiner
3. Committee members excused/dual commitment
  - a. Dr. Calathes
  - b. Prof. Cinotti
  - c. Dr. Hoch
  - d. Dr. Overton
  - e. Dr. Moskowitz (ex-officio)
4. Previously distributed Minutes from the June 10, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved; motion by Dr. Weiner and seconded by, Dr. Caulfield then approved (As previously recommended, the Committee left the previous minutes alone and used these minutes to reflect edits from the last document.)
5. The committee continued discussion and collaboration using the Election and Campaign Rules from the DOL Guide (aka Figure 2) as a template.
6. Items 4 - 7 of Figure 2, led to a refinement of previous work and the Committee in the April 27 & 30 minutes (See attached).
7. Item 4 of Figure 2, led to discussion that Article VII of the Local Constitution needs to be revisited and was the continued impetus of this meeting. Changes are highlighted below:
  - b. Article VII. Item 2. The Elections Committee shall seek and receive nominations and present nominations received to the membership at the **February General** membership meeting.

(Subparagraphs a, c. through k. are not used in these minutes; see previous minutes for final version of those items.)

1. Article VII. Item 9. Should vacancies occur in office between regular elections, they shall be filled by **the candidate with the highest number of votes from those present** at a **General Membership meeting. Notice of such a vacancy and impending vote will be made to the entire membership at least 30 days prior to the election.** The Executive Committee can fill an office on an acting basis, but the office must be filled on a permanent basis by **the candidate with the highest number of votes from those present** at the next **General Membership meeting and within 75 days of the vacancy. Ties will require a run-off election.**

Article VII. Item 6. Position B. **Five Vice Presidents.**

8. All items of Figure 2 were refined and the Final DRAFT By-Laws are attached. Some items were collapsed, combined or deleted. The Final DRAFT has been renumber to reflect these changes.
9. A DRAFT Nominations and Election Notice letter was completed and is to be distributed to all members of the bargaining unit in January of the election year.
10. A nomination form was developed and is attached.
11. Finally, to ensure nothing was missed, the Committee scrubbed the Local Constitutional changes, line by line. The final consolidated document is attached.
12. All agreed the Election By-Law Committee's work will be shared with the members, **prior** to presentation at a General Membership meeting. Toward this end, all approved minutes and subsequent documents will be posted on the Local's website. Further, a letter will be send out to all members outlining all of the work to date by this Committee and explaining the necessity to adopt/change the documents no later than this November.

13. The Committee agreed all of the above documents would be sent to all Committee members and a formal vote be taken to approve the totality of the Committee's work. Dr. Collins will chair this aspect and acquire a final vote.

14. Dr. Collins adjourned the meeting at 1:50pm.