

IFPTE National Council of Army Corps of Engineers Locals

Via Zoom

March 23, 2022, 7:30pm (eastern)

Participants by member local:

- James Drexler (Local 8A, Seattle & Walla Walla Districts)
- Shelah Sweatt (Local 86, San Francisco District)
- Chris Dols, Keith Gottberg, Hector Mosley (Local 98, New York District)
- Mary Edling, Armando Jimenez, Brian Temple (Local 98A, North Atlantic Division)
- Regina Parker (Local 561, Mobile District)
- Colin Smalley (Local 777, Chicago District)
- Cory Enderson (Local 852, Louisville District)

Visitor (non-member Corps local):

- Andrew Bernier (Local 4 Chapter 1, Cold Regions Research & Environmental Laboratory) [Visitor]

Not present:

- (Local 49, South Pacific Division)
- (Local 96, Pittsburgh District)
- (Local 97, Northwestern Division)
- (Local 99, Chicago District)
- (Local 131, Mobile District)
- (Local 259, USACE Finance Center)

Directors to be Seated: (Approved by action of the chair)

- James Drexler, Local 8A
- Shelah Sweatt, Local 86
- Chris Dols, Local 98
- Keith Gottberg, Local 98
- Hector Mosley, Local 98
- Mary Edling, Local 98A
- Armando Jimenez, Local 98A
- Brian Temple, Local 98A
- Regina Parker, Local 561
- Colin Smalley, Local 777
- Cory Enderson, Local 852

Agenda approved as proposed (Approved by unanimous voice vote)

Approval of the February meeting minutes (Approved by unanimous voice vote)

ACE Council Bylaws

- Chairperson Dols reported no objections were received, and the International approved the bylaws as provisionally passed. Having met the conditions set forth in the provisional approval motion of the February 2022 meeting, the Constitution is fully adopted.

Nomination of Board Leaders (Chairperson and Business Manager)

- Chairperson (President):
 - Chris Dols (Nominated by Colin Smalley, Seconded by Brian Temple)(Elected unanimously by voice vote)
- Business Manager (Treasurer):
 - Colin Smalley (Nominated by Chris Dols, Seconded by Brian Temple)(Elected unanimously by voice vote)

IFPTE Executive Council Meeting:

- Motion to authorize up to \$3,000 to send the ACE Council Board Leaders to attend the IFPTE Executive Council Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada in May 2022, Made by Colin Smalley and seconded by Keith Gottberg (Approved unanimously by voice vote)

[Note - a priority agenda item for next meeting: finances, including a total of funds on hand; the issue of

Hector Mosley announced that the week of April 4th, Local 98 will be hosting a training on how to file strong requests for information, especially with respect to protecting equal opportunity employment for all protected classes. The training is open to all IFPTE members remotely.

Chairperson Dols reported on the campaign to write an open letter to Sen. Chuck Schumer, and in organizing with leaders from other local unions, building a network of rank and file federal sector leaders/activists.

Newsletter Initiative

- Idea to distribute beyond USACE locals/workplaces
- Target first issue in April 2022
- Proposal to approve Chairperson Dols to begin publication of a monthly newsletter, titled "The Federal Worker," and to constitute an Editorial Board for that publication. Brian Temple seconded the proposal. (Approved unanimously by voice vote)

Adjourned at 9:30pm eastern.

These notes were taken by Business Manager Colin Smalley on 3/23/22 and reviewed with minor edits by Chair Chris Dols on 3/25/22. First distribution by email to participants on 3/25/22; Corrections due prior to next meeting. Minutes approved at April 2022 meeting. [Minor edit on 5/13/22 by C. Smalley to clarify that the Chairperson is the President for legal purposes and the Business Manager is the Treasurer for legal purposes, pursuant to action of the board at the April 2022 meeting.]