

## BCSA General Membership Meeting March 7, 2016

### Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:12 PM by President Anthony Cavalli.

### Roll call of Executive Board Officers was made:

President Anthony Cavalli, First Vice President Robert Kennedy, Second Vice President Nancy Sweeney, Secretary PJ Karaffa, Treasurer Timothy McNamara, Sergeant at Arms Tony Pires, and Sergeant at Arms Alan Porzelt Jr. and 58 members in good standing present.

### President's Report:

President Cavalli discussed the City of Bridgeport's settlement offer. He also updated membership on cancellation of March 8 court date, due to the city's settlement offer; stated court date for 3/11/2016 is still on. He then allocated the remainder of his report over to Attorney Edward Gavin regarding the progress of the BCSA contract court hearing.

Attorney Gavin explained:

- the validity of the contract and the steps that led to the court hearing with the city
  - the various approaches the city was taking for their position
  - the judge's approach for listening to all arguments
  - where we were in the case progress and that it should wrap up soon with a result in our favor
- He closed by fielding questions and concerns from the membership present.

At the close of the President's report Alexander Pagan made the motion to decline City of Bridgeport's settlement offer, motion was seconded by John Soltis, 63 in favor, 0 abstained, and 2 opposed. Motion carried to decline the City of Bridgeport's offer.

Approval of previous meeting minutes – Steven Adler made motion to accept previous meeting's minutes, motion seconded by Arben Kica, all in favor, none opposed, and none abstained, motion carried.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's report was made by Nancy Sweeney:

- updated membership on the Labor Management Cooperative Cost Containment Committee
- informed the membership of the mayor's plan for total quality management

Motion to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's report made by Michelle Meade, seconded by Steve Adler all in favor, none opposed, and none abstained, motion carried.

### Treasurer's report was made by Timothy McNamara:

- As of 12/31/2015 BCSA account holdings totaled \$176,939.64
- Year to date legal fees as of February totaled \$23,500.00 with some fees still pending

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Alexander Pagan, seconded by Wendy Ashe all in favor, none opposed, and none abstained, motion carried.

## New Business

### **Dues Increase:**

President Cavalli discussed an increase in BCSA membership dues. He stated that membership dues had not been increased since 1991 when they were raised from \$2.00 to \$5.00. The suggested increase will be from \$5.00 to \$10.00 effective on the April 1<sup>st</sup> payroll. The motion to raise dues to \$10.00 effective as of the April 1<sup>st</sup> payroll was made by Anthony D'Onofrio, seconded by Alexander Pagan, all in favor, none opposed, and none abstained, motion carried.

### **New Committees:**

President Cavalli discussed the addition of 2 new committees, Standards/By-Laws and Elections; informed the membership that they can go to the BCSA website by the end of the day March 31, 2016 to sign up for the committees they are interested in joining. President Cavalli had the new BCSA website and the procedure for signing up for the committees demonstrated by PJ Karaffa and Alexander Pagan.

### Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Brad Baldwin and seconded by Arben Kica, all in favor, none opposed, and none abstained, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM