



# WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

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**John McCall**  
**James Sockolosky**  
**Julie Bauman**  
*Executive Board*

**Pamela Hyde-Shelton**  
**Paul Pendracki**  
**Jerry Smith**  
*Trustees*

November 15, 2022

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Yee and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Bauman, Cairgle, Hyde-Shelton, McCall, Pendracki, Sockolosky, Wadlin, and Yee

**EXCUSED:** Kreklau, Noelke, and Smith

**ABSENT:** None

**GUEST:** None

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Brother Pendracki made the motion, properly supported by Sister O'Leary-MacGillis, to accept the roll call of officers. The motion carried.

**Sub-Chapter 38 minutes for the Executive and Membership meetings are recorded to help the Recording Secretary to produce minutes for each meeting. Pursuant to the previous direction of the membership, these recordings shall be disposed of as soon as reasonably possible after the Sub-Chapter 38 membership has approved the minutes. The minutes are not or intended to be an actual verbatim record of the proceedings but are summarized notes of the agenda items, motions, makers of the motion, votes, and lengthy discussions.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** MIARA Newsletter reminding everyone to vote on 11/8/2022 and informing every one of the newly elected officers and saying goodbye to the past President Dick Long.

Motion by Brother Pendracki properly supported by Brother Wadlin to receive and file the correspondence. The motion carried.

### READING OF MINUTES:

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Macdonald, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of October 11, 2022, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Membership meeting of October 11, 2022, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried.

## REPORT OF OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT:

The Executive Board Holiday Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 12:30 pm at Rocky's of Northville, 41122 W. 7 Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167 (248-349-4434). We will have our own room. We can order from the luncheon menu and one drink is included (if you want more than one, you will have to pay for it). The Retirement staff Luncheon will be held December 14, 2022, at 12:30 pm in the 19<sup>th</sup> floor conference room at the Grand Park Center Bldg, 28 W. Adams, Detroit, MI 48226. President Yee stated that Wayne County Employees' Retirement System (WCERS) held its election to fill the Retiree Representative position. The candidates are Hugh Macdonald – 563; Ronald Yee 562 and Patti Kukula-Chylinski approximately 100.

In order to be declared a winner the candidate must have 50% plus 1 of the votes. No one achieved that; therefore, another runoff election will be held between Hugh Macdonald and Ron Yee. Ballots will be mailed out this month (November) with a deadline date to return.

There were approximately 70 ballots that were spoiled because the voter did not put an "X" in the box; the box was colored in or checked; or they didn't use a ballot envelope or the label envelope.

The County will be sending out to all retirees receiving a stipend, a verification of information form. For retirees, the non-Medicare eligible stipends, it is the same form and will be filled out on an annual basis. For Medicare eligible stipend recipients, they must fill it out just one time. **Failure to fill out and return the form to the County will result in a suspension of the monthly stipend until it is returned to the County.**

The Medicare eligible stipend amount will increase by 2% effective January 1, 2023. The new amount will be an increase of 2.70 monthly or a monthly amount of \$137.96 or \$142.36

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Brother Pendracki, to accept the President's report as given. *THE MOTION CARRIED*

**VICE-PRESIDENT** – There was a Wayne County Labor Coalition (WCLC) meeting on October 19, 2022. The members were complaining about their 5% pay increase and how it won't cover their new medical insurance. Wayne County won't talk about any other medical insurance. The next WCLC meeting is 11/16/2022. *Motion by Brother PENDRACKI, properly supported by Sister BAUMAN, to accept the VP Report as presented. THE MOTION CARRIED.*

**SECRETARY-TREASURER:**

### Financial Report:

The financial report was presented by President with the absence of Brother Noelke, Treasurer. The Sub-Chapter has \$218,015.80 in cash and investments as of October 31, 2022. There are 1,249 current members with 165 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and (121) members lost this year.



Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Macdonald to accept the Treasurer report for September 2022 as presented. The motion carried.

## **Brother Macdonald's Report:**

### **Medical Insurance for Disability Retirees**

As reported many times, the arbitration case contesting the Wayne County discontinuance of health care insurance coverage for disability retirees was heard in October 2020 and the arbitrator found that **“The County violated the collective bargaining agreement when it made changes to healthcare benefits for newly approved duty and nonduty disability retirees. The County must rescind Administrative Personnel Order 1-2010 and make whole the duty or nonduty disability retiree who was improperly denied healthcare benefits after 2010 by virtue of the fact that they did not meet the age and service requirements for “normal” retirement.”** The award only applies to AFSCME disability retirees who retired after the personnel order was issued. Those disability retirees who retired prior to the order did not have their healthcare status changed.

In response to a motion by the Council 25 attorneys, on July 8, 2022 Judge Susan Hubbard issued an “Opinion and Award” ordering Wayne County to implement the arbitration award within 30 days and, also, that the court would retain jurisdiction until the award was implemented plus that the court **shall assess a penalty for failure to timely implement the Arbitration Award.** Wayne County filed a motion for reconsideration claiming that Judge Hubbard erred in all of her conclusions in the order. On October 28, 2022 Judge Hubbard denied the motion to reconsider. In the meantime our attorneys are seeking a “make whole” plan from the county consistent with the arbitration award.

### **HEALTH CARE INSURANCE SETTLEMENT (STIPENDS)**

The payments by Wayne County of non-Medicare eligible stipends are consistent with the settlement agreement through the payment due November 1, 2022. Wayne County is providing monthly reports of stipend amounts transferred to MERS/Alerus. The Sub-Chapter continues to assist members on stipend issues that are, generally, quickly resolved.

The Sub-Chapter leadership is currently working with Wayne County on a group health care plan, effective January 1, 2023, for the Medicare eligible retirees that provide more robust benefits at a significantly lower premium while giving retirees the option to enroll in a plan of their own choosing. Wayne County has scheduled information sessions for the week of November 14, 2022 expelling the new group health care plan.

Wayne County has acknowledged that there are instances where the files related to retirees are incomplete. In an effort to address that problem and during the annual stipend verification process for Non-Medicare eligible stipends, Wayne County will be sending every Wayne County retiree the “verification form” requesting that the form completed, signed and returned. While the Sub-Chapter did review and comment on this process the Sub-Chapter did not endorse the

process or the content of the form. It should be understood that the settlement agreement gives Wayne County the ability to conduct the verification process.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to accept the report as presented. The motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CHAPTER 255:**

Brother McCall reported that Chapter 255 Executive Board met on Thursday, October 13, 2022. The vacant Vice-President position was not filled because the 255 constitution has to be reviewed to determine under what circumstances can a Vice President serve if the Vice-President resides in the same region and the other sitting officers cannot or do not want the position in question. Sister Bauman has been appointed Political Liaison for Chapter 255.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept the Chapter 255 report as presented. The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**GOOD AND WELFARE**

Brothers Macdonald and McCall thanked Sister Bauman for her work during the November 8, 2022 election and the interviews and screenings for the candidates running for the various offices.

There was a moment of silence for deceased

There were 26 attendees that signed in.

**Regular Attendance Drawing:**

\$20 -21 Tom Kozlowski      \$10 -#11 – John Allgeyer      \$10 – Annette Kusluski

**ADDITIONAL \$20 HOLIDAY GIFTS:**

#25 – Judy Koths #8 – John Wiktor #12 – George Kopp #16 – Faith Cairgle  
#23 - Waymon McCants #7 – Janet Wiktor #22 – Ernestine Cox  
#15 – Ken Gannini #18 – Cynthia Thompson #13 – Doug Wadlin

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Brother Pendracki, to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 pm. The motion carried.