



# WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

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**Ronald Yee**  
*President*

**Douglas Wadlin**  
*Vice-President*

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*Secretary Treasurer*

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*Recording Secretary*

**Faith Cairgle**  
*Sergeant-At-Arms*

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

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

May 9, 2023

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

**PRESENT:** Bauman, Cairgle, Kreklau, McCall, Noelke, Pendracki, Smith, Sockolosky, Wadlin and Yee

**EXCUSED:** Hyde-Shelton

**ABSENT:** None

**GUEST:** None

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Brother Macdonald made the motion, properly supported by Brother Wadlin 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 – March 2023 Newsletter with an article regarding, “Elections’ Have Consequences”.

MIARA - Notice of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly meeting on Wednesday April 12, 2023, 10 am at the MEA Building, 1216 Kendale Blvd., Rooms A, B, C, and East Lansing, MI

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, 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 April 11, 2023, 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 Brother Macdonald, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Membership meeting of April 11, 2023, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

### **PRESIDENT:**

The County has sent out an information verification form to be returned to the Retirement Office within 60 days. If you fail to return it within the time limits, your pension will be suspended until it is. If you did not receive the form, you should contact the Retirement Office.

The County and Airport Authority are continuing to make their required pension payments (ARC) on a monthly basis. They are also contributing additional contributions over and above the requirement monies to bring the pension plans up to a better funding level.

The Defined Benefit Program has \$1,019,678,000 in funding and the earnings ratio was 10.35%. The plan is currently 65% funded.

These were as of the 2021 report. The 2022 report should be out shortly.

The Chapter 255 Annual Luncheon Meeting will be held on June 16, 2023, from 10 am – 1 pm. At the MSEA Building, 6035 Executive Drive #104, Lansing, MI. They will be discussing the new retirement tax bill; changing impact of social security on retirement income and legislative update by Executive Board Member, Don Weatherspoon. If you wish to attend, you should RSVP to Kathie Sherrill at [Kathie.sherrill@gmail.com](mailto:Kathie.sherrill@gmail.com) or by calling (586) 219-4562.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept the President's report as given. The motion carried.

### **VICE-PRESIDENT:**

The last Labor Coalition meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2023.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept the Vice-President's statement as presented. The motion carried

### **SECRETARY-TREASURER:**

#### **Financial Report:**

The financial report was presented by Brother Noelke, Treasurer. The Sub-Chapter has \$234,513.65 in cash and investments as of April 30, 2023. There are 1,212 current members with 181 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and (32) members lost this year.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to accept the Treasurer report for April 2023 as presented. The motion carried.

For informational purposes only, Brother Noelke reported the contact from State AFSCME requesting a monthly report from us with membership information. He noted no action was required by the Membership as the Executive Board had tabled the request pending receipt of more information.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **PEOPLE Committee:**

Sister Bauman reported that Regions 1 and 2 will have a screening via Zoom on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at 5 pm.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister O’Leary-MacGillis. The motion carried.

#### **Brother Macdonald’s Report:**

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

As reported many times, the arbitration case contesting the Wayne County discontinuance of health care insurance coverage for disability with an award stating 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.

In spite of the fact that the arbitrator and the courts have repeatedly ruled against Wayne County, the County is still considering more appeals. The encouraging sign is that the county has set down with the Council 25 attorney to discuss a resolution. Wayne County did not offer a “make whole plan” but bought up topics like the need for a list of those retirees involved, open enrollment, a third-party moderator of the retiree out-of-pocket claims and other delaying tactics. Subsequent meetings have yet to establish a list of impacted retirees. The Sub-Chapter continues to respond to questions from our attorney. As a last resort, going back to Judge Hubbard may be necessary. There was no progress in settlement discussions since the April 2023 report.

### **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 May 1, 2023. Wayne County is providing monthly reports of stipend amounts transferred to MERS/Alerus.

We currently are not aware of any stipend payment issues. The Sub-Chapter received a March 31, 2023, listing of account balances at MERS/ALERUS that showed similar balances to those previously reported.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Yee will be putting a statement on the website regarding members (not by name) that have balances in MERS/ALERUS over \$1,000, may contact President Yee or Brother Macdonald with contact information, to assist with setting up the account and at least appointing a beneficiary. Both are willing to sit down with these retirees to help them with the program.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

There was a report that DeAnna Simpson has passed.  
There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

There were 42 attendees signed in.

**Regular Attendance Drawing:**

\$20 - #27 – Judy Koths  
\$10 - #35 – Paul Polkowski  
\$10 - #16 – Gerard Zecman

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Brother Pendracki, to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 pm. The motion carried.