



# 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*

October 10, 2023

### 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, Kreklau, McCall, Noelke, Pendracki, Smith, Sockolosky, Wadlin, and Yee

**EXCUSED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**GUEST:** Steven Rzeppa, Council 25

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Brother Wadlin made the motion, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to accept the roll call of officers. The motion carried.

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Brother Yee announced that anyone who had come to the meeting in anticipation of a presentation by Blue Cross/Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plans, he apologizes. They are unable to attend today but have rescheduled for the November 14, 2023, meeting.

Brother Yee introduced Brother Steven Rzeppa, as a guest speaker.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to suspend the regular order of business at 1:04 pm to allow Brother Rzeppa to address the membership. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to return to the regular order of business at 1:24 pm. The motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. MiARA Meeting notice for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Membership Meeting, November 8, 2023, at UAW Region 1, Warren, Michigan  
Receive and File

Membership Meeting – October 2023  
P.O. Box 668, Wayne, Michigan 48184  
Email: [Subchapter38@gmail.com](mailto:Subchapter38@gmail.com)

Motion by Brother Pendracki properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to receive and file this item. The motion carried.

### **READING OF MINUTES**

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of September 12, 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 Wadlin, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Membership meeting of September 12, 2023, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

#### **President:**

Brother Yee reminded the membership of the Chapter 255 Biennial Convention which is next weekend with workshops starting Friday afternoon and a reception Friday night. The convention itself starts Saturday morning. Tickets to attend are still available (4) for those that wish to go. There will be some votes on Saturday regarding some constitutional changes.

The WCERS verification process is still in process. While most retirees have submitted the form but a few hundred have not. Those people will begin to receive paper checks rather than direct deposits and eventually that paper checks will stop and the pension monies will be held in abeyance until the verification forms are received.

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

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Brother Wadlin has been without internet service so he was unable to zoom the September meeting of the Wayne County Labor Coalition. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Coalition is next week and he should be able to zoom that.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Curry-Smith to accept the Vice-President's report. The motion carried.

#### **SECRETARY-TREASURER:**

##### **Financial Report:**

Brother Noelke reported that the Sub-Chapter has \$232,708.17 in cash and investments as of September 30, 2023. There are 1,197 current members with 177 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and (60) members lost this year.

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

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to adopt the Sub-Chapter 38 proposed budget for the budget year 2023-2024 as presented based on a membership of 1,163 with approved disbursements of \$15,568.67; and Affiliation fees to Chapter 255 of \$17,083.33. The motion carried.

**REPORT, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Presented by Brother Macdonald)**  
**Medical Insurance for Disability Retirees**

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.

Wayne County has filed another appeal to the Michigan Court of Appeals seeking to overturn Judge Hubbard order to implement to arbitrator’s award. In the meantime, discussions to implement the arbitration award with no progress. Wayne County continues to argue about the retirees included in the award. There has been no progress in settling this case in the past three months.

**HEALTH CARE INSURANCE SETTLEMENT (STIPENDS)**  
**Prescription Co-Pay Settlement**

The payments by Wayne County of non-Medicare eligible stipends appear to be consistent with the settlement agreement through the payment due October 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.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to accept Brother Macdonald’s report. The motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Council 25 AFSCME:** Brother McCall reported on the Council 25 24<sup>th</sup> annual Convention held last week.

**Chapter 255:** Brother McCall reviewed the plans for next weekend is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Convention for Chapter 255 AFSCME. Sister Bauman reviewed the agenda for the Workshops on Friday with the speakers, and the various vendors that will be present along with the Reception on Friday night with light food, drinks, and music. The actual convention will start with registration at 9 am Saturday morning, There will be a luncheon served and the guest speaker will be Michigan Speaker of the House, Joe Tate. Brother McCall honored the Sub-

Chapter members who have served on the Planning Committee for the convention: Sister Bauman, Brother McCall, Sister Parone, Sister Cairgle, and Sister Hyde-Shelton.

Brother Macdonald, Chapter 255 Constitution Committee, requested a **motion, made by Brother Pendracki, and properly supported by Brother Noelke**, to ratify the Executive Board action of their meeting this date, to support the proposed Constitutional Proposal #1 changing the terms of various officers of Chapter 255, and **NOT to support the proposed Constitutional Proposal #2** removing the limit of one (1) member from any region as a member of the “Table of Four” (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary) of Chapter 255. Currently, no more than one (1) member of a specific sub-chapter or Region may be a member of this group. The proposal would eliminate that limit. **The motion carried with one nay vote.**

**Semi-Annual Trustee Report:**

Sister Hyde-Shelton read the report to the Membership. Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Sister O’Leary-MacGillis to accept the to accept the semi-annual Trustee report as presented. The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Elections:**

President Yee announced that all Executive Board positions are up for election at today’s meeting and one (1) Trustee position, he added that the current Trustee whose term expires today has indicated he doesn’t want to continue in that position so, therefore, that position is vacant. The Executive Board has approved the re-election of all the current Board members.

He opened the floor for nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms. There were none. Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Sister O’Leary-MacGillis, to elect the current Board members to their current positions.

Brother Yee opened for floor for nominations for one position of Trustee with a term ending 10/1/2026. Brother Macdonald nominated Brother Gerard Grysko, who was present and accepted the nomination. Kim Curry-Smith was nominated by herself and accepted the nomination. The Election Committee came forward and began the Election process.

Sister Nicole Paron announced the results of the election. There were 53 votes present. Brother Gerard Grysko received 43 votes and Sister Kim Curry-Smith received 10. Brother Gerard Grysko was successful in the election to the Trustee vacancy. Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Brother Pendracki, to accept the Election results for the position of Trustee with a term ending 10/1/2026. The motion carried.

Brother Richard Johnson was unable to attend the meeting today so everyone will be sworn in at the November regular meeting.

### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Motion by Sister Kreklau, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, for a resolution in support of the striking UAW members. The motion carried.

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

#### **Attendance drawing:**

There were 53 attendees that signed in.

**\$20 - #18 – Gary Hunley**

**\$10 - #48 – Ernestine Cox**

**\$10 - #6 – John McCall**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 pm. The motion carried