



# WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

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January 9, 2024

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

**Ronald Yee**  
*President*

**Douglas Wadlin**  
*Vice-President*

**Richard Noelke**  
*Secretary Treasurer*

**Mary Etta Kreklau**  
*Recording Secretary*

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

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

**Pamela Hyde-Shelton**  
**Paul Pendracki**  
**Gerard Grysko**  
*Trustees*

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by Vice-President Wadlin and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**EXCUSED:** Cairgle, Grysko, Hyde-Shelton, and Yee

**ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** Macdonald

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Brother Pendracki made the motion, properly supported by, 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** - None

### READING OF MINUTES

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

### REPORT OF OFFICERS

**President:** None

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Brother Wadlin was unable to log-on to the December Zoom meeting of the Wayne County Labor Coalition meeting. The January meeting is January 24, 2024, and he does plan on attending.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Sockolosky, to accept the Vice-President report for January 2024. The motion carried.

### SECRETARY-TREASURER:

**Financial Report:**

Brother Noelke reported that the Sub-Chapter has \$243,841.02 in cash and investments as of December 31, 2023. There are 1,193 current members with 183 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and (70) members lost this year.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Sockolosky, to accept the Treasurer report for January 2024 as presented. 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’s order to implement to arbitrator’s award. An order has been entered to obtain an “interpretation” of the arbitrator’s award and that process will take several months. The appeal is in the briefing stage and a hearing has yet to be set. As a result, there has not been any real progress in implementing the arbitration award.

## **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 January 22, 2024. Wayne County is providing monthly reports of stipend amounts transferred to MERS/Alerus. Alerus did pay the January 2024 stipend during the month of December if the 2024 paperwork was in.

The monthly report of Medicare eligible stipends found many instances of spouses and dependents of deceased retirees not receiving a stipend and the County seeking significant reimbursements. The Sub-Chapter is addressing the issues and expects to clarify and resolve the matter soon.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Sockolosky, to approve the request of the Secretary-Treasurer and destroy the membership cards of 130 deceased or cancelled members and 18 AFSCME PEOPLE payroll deduction cards for deceased/cancelled members from 2022. The motion carried.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Brother Pendracki properly supported by Brother Sockolosky, to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. The motion carried.