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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: **Present:** Arneson, Brown Jr., Canady, Conley-Burrell, Czubakowski, Grant, Griggs, Liggans, Paige, Rivera, Victory, Walker **Excused:** Miceli

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

During my Zoom meeting last week with President Dimondstein. He stated that Wells Fargo Bank is one of the leading companies leading the charge to privatize the USPS. He went on to say every member who has a Wells Fargo account should cancel their accounts immediately and let them know why you are canceling. Tell them they support or are leading the charge to privatize the USPS, which is where you work. Also, ask your family and friends to do the same. This could be significant in getting Wells Fargo to back off once they see they are losing customers. We did something like this years ago when Staples was trying to take our work. It worked then, and I see no reason why it couldn't work now. It's up to all of us to do our part.

State fair tickets will be ready for pick-up soon. Keep an eye out for a future date when you can start picking up your tickets if interested. The same rules apply as last year. If you're not sure what those rules are, feel free to reach out to me or a steward.

A friendly reminder if you work in the plants, either downtown or at the annex we now have same-day annual leave. If you come to work and the schedule is open, you can request either 8 hours or 4 hours of leave. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

For those of you who come downtown, hopefully you have seen the Billboard we have up asking people to contact your senators and ask them to protect our public postal service. I put the number and the bill below. I would hope all of our members have at least called once. This is our livelihood we are talking about here. If you have not called yet, shame on you. This is too important to sit on the sidelines.

I'm sure by now you all have seen the question-and-answer sheet by President Dimondstein stating what privatization would mean for us. If you haven't seen it. I strongly encourage you to get more involved in what is going on. If this place gets privatized. It won't be coming back, and we all could potentially be out of a JOB! So now is the time to get involved while

PRESIDENTS' REPORT CONTINUED:

we still have one. So please dial the number listed below:

- Dial 844-402-1001 to be connected to your senators. Urge them to protect our public Postal Service by cosponsoring S. Res. 147.
- Email your House Representatives.
- Record a video message of support for postal workers

I would also like to say congratulations and thank you to all of our members that took the early out you deserve it. Enjoy your retirement or whatever you decide to do. 🙌

As always, thanks for all you do, and thanks for being such dedicated union members!!

TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

Griggs: Motion to hold the next Executive Board Meeting on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025**, at 8:30 A.M. via Zoom. **Motioned Seconded. Vote Taken. Motion Passes. Unanimously**

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Local Business Agent, Chris Czubakowski:

There are some problems I'm being notified about regarding members and their health insurance. Some PSEs are receiving letters from OPM saying that their health plans are being terminated during their 5-day break due to a coding error that occurred at OPM/PSHB. I have been informed that OPM currently does not know how to correct this coding error because the company that was responsible for taking care of it, Deloitte Consulting, was fired by **Trump's DOGE team**.

There have also been many members reporting that their PSHB insurance applications are rejected by OPM for no reason and/or delayed due to their inability to reach someone at OPM. Again, I have been informed that there were six OPM employees who worked on insurance application problems at OPM, but **Trump's DOGE team** fired five of them. So, now there is only 1 person working on a huge backlog of issues.

Due to these cuts and the subsequent delays and chaos, some members are losing their insurance. As such, please contact me immediately if you are a PSE who receives an insurance termination letter and/or if you are an employee who applied for insurance under PSHB that is being rejected or delayed. I understand how frustrating this is, and the Union will do its best to help you. Please, however, don't call the Union Hall and swear and yell at our staff regarding this issue. If you feel like swearing and yelling at people, **especially if you're a Trump voter**, please call the White House.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS CONTINUED:

West Sectional Director, Marvin Rivera:

Management at the Brookfield office has instructed a clerk to move some customers' P.O. boxes. This move is to make room for some that are bigger and what I would call "Package Drop Boxes." These boxes will be available for the customers to have their packages delivered to the P.O. for safe and secure delivery. It is not clear what deliveries will be accepted in this manner. The customer will wait in line to inform the clerk they have a package, and the clerk will then go get the package.

Please be on the lookout for when this happens at the offices.

READING OF COMMUNICATION AND BILLS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Brown Jr. – Motion to send the editor, John Miceli, and Vice President, Larry Brown Jr., to the Postal Press Association members of the Milwaukee Area Local, to the Postal Press Association conference in Altoona, Iowa from July 28th through August 2, 2025, at an approximate cost of \$3,600 per person. This includes lost time. **Motion Seconded. Vote Taken. The motion passes unanimously.**

Larry Brown Jr. – Motion to send the officers or proxy, at the decision of the president of the Milwaukee Area Local, to the John Akey Seminar in LaCrosse, WI, from August 24, 2025, through August 28, 2025, at an approximate cost of \$2,700 per person. This includes lost time for the attendees. **Motion Seconded. Vote Taken. The motion passes unanimously.**

Larry Victory – Motion to keep the billboard for three months with a new message for each month. The cost is approximately \$1,700. **Motion Seconded. Discussion ensued. Vote Taken. The motion passes unanimously.**

Adjournment: Griggs: Motion to adjourn at 9:22 A.M. **Motion Seconded. Motion Passes. Unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Pamela Walker, Recording Secretary