

SCSU Chapter Meeting Notes
Thursday, October 8, 2020
By Teleconference

Chair Mike Miller called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. There were over 100 callers in the teleconference.

There was no approval of the agenda.

There was no approval of the past minutes. Minutes will be posted to the website.

Mike Miller gave the Chapter Chair report. He addressed the lack of approval for agenda and minutes, noting the teleconference format hasn't leant itself to transparent voting or acknowledging speakers. The chapter will use Zoom or Teams meetings in the future, allowing participants to raise hands and see votes.

Annie Knight, field representative, and Brian Penner, Business Manager, both APEA staff from Anchorage are meeting every other week with other union leaders on teleworking. Subjects include PPE, working indoors in offices, State equipment at home, reimbursement for internet, ergonomic equipment at home. Please share your experiences. You can contact Annie, Brian, Mike, or your employee representative with your experiences and issues.

There was no old business from the June 2020 Annual Meeting.

New Business included contract negotiations, new member orientation, health care update, the new SU website, and candidate statements.

The chapter is currently voting for primary and alternate negotiators. Ballots are due Wednesday, October 14. The ballot count will be conducted on Friday, October 16. Volunteers are needed to count ballots. Union business leave is available for volunteers. Volunteers must wear a mask and cannot be a candidate. Results will be announced after ballots are counted. Mike read the candidate names.

Contract negotiation concerns were discussed. Among the concerns are moving to a health care costs and moving to a health trust, wages, teleworking, and personal protective equipment. Mike invited members to share information with him and negotiating team members.

New member orientations are held by Teams every third Wednesday of the month. Contact Mike or Marta Mueller for connection information. The next new member orientation is Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

Mike gave an update on transferring balance of deductible met if moving from one bargaining unit to another within a plan year. He also gave information on additional dental benefits in Anchorage and Wasilla. The State is getting ready to release rate information for employee plans beginning January 1, 2021 prior to the start of open enrollment in November 2020.

Mike announced there is a gorgeous, fresh new SU website at <https://www.su-apea-aft.org/>.

Negotiator candidates were given 3 minutes to speak to their candidacy. Members heard from candidates Jimmie Wallace, Michael “Mike” Williams, and Robert “Bob” Murphy. Candidates Andrew Merrill and Jeremiah Bowlus were not available on the teleconference.

The good of the order included thanking a retiring employee representative, recruiting a volunteer to help with technology for the next chapter meeting, a reminder about EPIC endorsements, and ballot distribution.

Theron Powell was thanked for his service to our members. This was his last meeting as he is retiring from State service. Theron provided years of service to members as a member and as an employee representative. He helped recruit Jason Foster as an employee representative. Theron encourages more membership involvement including maintaining membership and volunteering.

The next chapter meeting will be Thursday, January 14, 2021. Mike is looking for a member who can provide technical assistance with the video conference.

Marta encouraged members to contact her about the EPIC endorsements and contributions in advance of the November elections. She requested members contact her on personal (not State) equipment by phone or text to (907)590-7678.

A member noted another co-worker did not receive a negotiator ballot. If you did not get a ballot, contact the Anchorage field office. Keep your address information current with the field office if you moved. You must be a member to vote. If you are not a member, the form is available on the website.

Adjourn 12:40.

Employee representative roll call by voice and by email because of muting and timing.

Last	First	On Teleconference
Allen	Bonnie	Yes
Brown	Jason	Excused
Bukovich-Notti	Lorena	Excused
Carr	Robert	Yes
Dial	Scott	Yes
Foster	Jason	Yes
Kusche	Kara	Yes
McDonald	Kelly	Excused
McDonald	Norman	No
Milburn	James	No
Miller	Mike	Yes
Moore	Jamie	Yes
Mueller	Marta	Yes
Murphy	Robert	Yes
Perry	Clark	No
Powell	Theron	Yes

Robertson	Roy	No
Sanders	Cris	No
Shryock	Benjamin	No
Stewart	Kandi	Yes
Traxinger	Daniel	No
Warner	Jeffrey	Yes
Williams	Michael	Yes