

AFGE Local 2823 June 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2023

Conference line was in use.

CONFERENCE CALL DIAL IN:

720-740-9694

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Conference was called to order at 11:45 am by James Swartz

If you want to review the financials, please contact Daphne Coleman, treasurer for an appointment on your personal time.

Generating revenue:

- Executive board will be reviewing avenues to earn risk free funds. The body will be notified once a decision has been made.

Technology:

- VBMS had an update resulting in outages
- The local is working with the agency to ensure no one is harmed

RCC:

- A demand to bargain was submitted today concerning training

Training:

- The executive board is now certified in mediation
- The local will now plan to utilize that skill to offset costs related to mediations and bargaining.

Misc:

- Local participated in an arbitration in March concerning the VSR and RVSR second signatures and being temporarily promoted to the next higher grade. The local won; however the agency has the ability to file an exception (appeal). If an

appeal is filed, the case goes to FLRA for a decision which would become precedent setting (if they decide in our favor) for everyone across the country.

- Tony Mudrock: Does the win include interest and from what date? How long will the next step take?
 - James Swartz: Interest would most likely be from the decision date which follows most court awards
 - Agency has 30 days to file an exception and FLRA will make the decision in about 3 months...it may be around fiscal year
 - There is no reimbursement of legal fees...contractual obligations mandates we pay half the arbitration fees (which in this case was about \$6100).
 - Special thanks to all that worked very hard on this case.
- Juan Rudavetz: why is the local supporting the AES survey
 - Dwayne Walker – the local doesn't take a position one way or the other; however if an employee feels it would help, then we support that employee's position to provide feedback;
 - James Swartz – we usually take a couple trending issues to work with the agency. We also use this results in DC (conversations with chief staffers for the congressmen) to show the trends to shed light on the issues employees bring to light.
- Kelly Levicky: has the local heard anything about IPC automation? Full automation is still many years out in the opinion of the local president. Automation has been attempted since contract examinations.
- Cecelia: thanks to all the members that have been actively recruiting new members. Keep up the great work! Power in numbers

Motion to adjourn:

Edward Dial

Anthony Swartz

Meeting adjourned at 12:14pm