



**Local 1211 Executive Board Meeting  
April 2, 2015**

**I. Call to Order**

J. Braglia called the Executive Board meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:**

J. Braglia; R Carroll; M. Dowd; R. Erickson; R. Izzo; F. Kernats; A. Lee; R. Polly; R. Riggio; W. Scully; A. Spizzirri; R. Walser

**Absent:**

A. Bosslet; M. Castello; D. Fivelson; S. Forpe; S. Garcia; B. Gust-Farrell; E. Jacobsen; R. Jarecki; P. Krzankowski; R Kuechenberg; S. Lilley; M. McIntyre; D. Moravak; D. Osenberg; G. Wilson

**III. Special Order of Business**

Raja Krishthamorthi addressed the Executive Board for the Local's support as he is seeking the Democratic nomination to run for the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Rep. Tammy Duckworth vacating)

State Senator Mike Noland addressed the Executive Board for the Local's support as he is seeking the Democratic nomination to run for the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Rep. Tammy Duckworth vacating)

**IV. COPE**

A C.O.P.E. meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

**A. Upcoming Political Event & Contribution Schedule:**

- Ed Yung District 211 School Board Candidate contribution of \$700.00
- Town Hall Meeting with Senator Kotowski (B. Scully and B. Walser attending)
- Rep Lou Lang – Spring Reception, April 13, Springfield – Donation instead of attending (awaiting flier with more information)

Total of \$700.00

**B. Community Liaison Reports**

**Motion:** F. Kernats moved to approve the expenditures; M. Dowd seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** B. Walser moved to adjourn the C.O.P.E. meeting; B. Scully seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.

The C.O.P.E. meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

**V. Council Reports**

**A. District 211 Council -- none**

**B. United Support Staff Council (USSC) -- none**

**C. Therapists in Education Council (TIE) D-15 - none**

**D. Itasca Support Staff Union Council (ISSU) D-10 - none**

**E. Retiree's Council – none**

## **VI. Organizing – S. Forpe**

- A. There will be a meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm at the Westwood Tavern for Food Service Workers.
- B. S. Forpe has submitted FOIA requests to the district to obtain information for the Local.

## **VII. Officers' Reports**

### **A. Secretary's Report – A. Lee**

1. Approval of Minutes: Copies of the March 12, 2015 Executive Board meeting minutes were distributed for review.
2. Professional Development Opportunities:
  - i. 2015 Great Lakes Union Leadership at Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, WI June 22-26
  - ii. Introduction to Labor Arbitration Advocacy: April 24 @ 8:30 – 5:00 pm

### **B. Treasurer's Report – G. Wilson**

1. Introduction to Payroll Law Webinar Online Workshop: G. Wilson would like to look into this workshop for the Local and all councils to be proactive in payroll procedures.

### **C. Vice-President's Report – D. Fivelson**

none

### **D. Community Liaison's Report – M. Dowd**

none

### **E. President's Report - J. Braglia**

1. Update Legislative Director Position: J. Braglia discussed how this position is evolving and how we intend to use these positions to expand our political presence.
2. Political Action: J. Braglia discussed the political action plan for the upcoming weeks, including:
  - a. 2015 Timeline – a brief synopsis was presented.
  - b. Areas of Concern for Public Education Union Members – J. Braglia discussed current proposals in the General Assembly that could impact education.
  - c. SB 1 (2015): J. Braglia provided a summary of the current SB1 and discussed how this legislation could adversely impact our districts.
  - d. Lobby Days: The event is scheduled for April 15-16 and we have 12 people from the Local who are planning on attending.
  - e. Pensions: We are awaiting an update from the Supreme Court.
  - f. School Board Elections: The elections are on April 7<sup>th</sup> and J. Braglia discussed the candidates and how important this election.
  - g. Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA): J. Braglia discussed this Congressional Act that could impact us at the district level.
    - i. It is 8 Years overdue to reauthorize.
    - ii. This is the legislation that created RtT that allows student growth to impact the evaluation document.
    - iii. Revamp or Reauthorization – this could come up in the Senate or House in the next few years: still on the table.
3. SLO Training at Local 571: Dave Moravek provided a summary of the Training session he attended on February 26, 2015.
4. March 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Braglia attended a fundraiser at the Sheet Metal Hall.
5. IFT Vice-President's meeting: J. Braglia provided a summary of the meeting he attended and the issues that our union is facing at the state level.
6. Dues collection: The Local will be developing a program to collect dues from members in the event that payroll deductions are suspended by Executive Order.
7. Legislative Breakfast: We would like to conduct a COPE raffle at the breakfast.
8. Settlement Hearing in Chicago: The hearing is set for May 6<sup>th</sup> where we will be meeting with attorneys from both sides.

**VII. Unfinished Business** - none

**VIII. New Business**

**Motion:** B. Walser moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015 Executive Board meeting; A. Spizzirri seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.

**IX. Adjournment**

**Motion:** R. Riggio moved to adjourn the Executive Board meeting; B. Scully seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Executive Board meeting adjourned 5:32 p.m.

In Unity,  
Anita Lee