



## **Local 9-772 Base Meeting November 13, 2007**

Meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm in the Pinnacle Training Room at the MSP Airport.

Roll call of officers: Meredith Ruther—present, Suzanne Moulton—not present, Dan Beckman—present and Sue Henriott—present.

Those in attendance including the above officers were Ivy Holloway, Michal Long and Laura Joyce.

Sue read the minutes from the October meeting. Ivy made motion to approve minutes and Michal seconded. All were in favor.

Sue read letter she received from the International asking for volunteers to go to Iowa to help campaign for John Edwards. The International will pay \$48.00 a day per diem and take care of the hotel expense as long as you commit to stay for 5 days.

Sue gave an update on some of the issues of Rapid Response which were outsourcing of American jobs and lead poisoning in our children's toys being made in China.

Ivy suggested that a newsletter be put out prior to the bidding with the date of that month's meeting so members who may want to attend can bid around it. We try to get dates posted prior to the bidding but please remember we also try and work this around other meetings as well to cut down on expenses as well as receiving positive space if one of those meetings is with the Company.

We are not a warehouse/factory and are a unique Union. We discussed several different ways to possibly have base meetings such as a conference call where there could be a question and answer period. Ivy suggested that the Executive Board stay put in one location and allow the FA's to call in. One downfall could possibly be verification of any votes. Electronic voting with a time limit was discussed. Web camming is also a possibility.

Meredith explained the process in how she became President. By virtue of Kathy Rugila resigning, the Vice President steps up if they so accept. Meredith accepted. Dan Beckman then was voted in as Vice President by the Officers— per the USW-By-Laws—(Article V, Sec (D)(1).

The Financial Secretary position is now open as Dan resigned from that to accept the Vice President position. We are soliciting names from the memberships. Please contact a Union Board member by November 22, 2007. This is in compliance with USW By-Laws—Article V, Section (D)(1). There have been two members recommended— Shamez Babvani and Lynn Elam.

Those who are interested in becoming a steward please contact any of the Executive Board members. Michal Long has volunteered so there will be a steward in ATL and Ivy Holloway also committed to be a steward.

Meredith swore Michal and Ivy into membership as they had never been sworn in before.

Dan presented the treasurer report. A conference call was made to Suzanne to answer any questions concerning the report. Ivy made a motion to accept the report. Laura seconded. All were in favor.

Laura made a motion for November expenses to be paid (cell phones, per Diem, website, hotel and lost time). Ivy seconded and all were in favor.

The next meeting will be held in MEM on December 12, 2007.

Ivy made motion to adjourn the meeting. Laura seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Sue Henriott/Recording Secretary**