

LOCAL 443 News

December 2006 Local 443, Washington Federation of State Employees, AFSCME Olympia, WA

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Letter to WFSE Executive Director

December 10, 2006

Washington Federation of State Employees

Greg Devereux

Executive Director

1212 Jefferson Street

Olympia, Washington 98501

Dear Greg,

When the Local 443 Executive Board met this month we were shown a flyer that was soliciting a new Council 443. We had never seen it before and were appalled. It listed the Council 28 members that come from 443. None of these people to our knowledge support or know about this flyer and would, more than likely be just as appalled as we were.

We would like Council 28 to know we do not sanction, support or have any prior knowledge of this flyer, nor do we have any intention of supporting any other council.

We have fully supported Council 28 in the past and will continue to do so in the future. We fully support our fellow brothers and sisters that serve on Council 28 with pride.

Please let us know if we can be of assistance in correcting the intentions of this misguided individual. It is our thought that perhaps this person is very green and in need of some education on how Council 28 serves us all.

Sincerely,

Shellie Savage

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Interim President, Local 443

Announcements

The 443 general membership meetings are moved to a Monday night for the next three months:

- Monday, January 29th
- Monday, February 26th
- Monday, March 19th.

Announcements (Continued)

January 8, 2007 – meet and greet legislators at opening session, if interested contact Joe Nilsson

January 20, 2007-- WFSE legislative training

February 21 & 22, 2007 -- WA State Labor Council Legislative conference is on Wednesday, February 21 (evening) and all day on February 22.

Minutes	Local 443 General Meeting
	11/21/06 6:10 PM to 8:45 PM GA Building
	<i>Final</i>

The meeting was called to order by First vice-president Don Vaughan at 6:10 p.m. at the auditorium of the General Administration building in Olympia.\par

Roll call of officers was taken by Acting Recording Secretary Del Jensen. All Officers were present with the following exceptions: Excused: Shellie Savage, Joe Nilsson, DeFrance Clarke, Alanna Gehr, Laura Bradley, Absent: Stan Leja

The membership performed the flag salute.

First vice-president Vaughan reminded the membership that the meeting norms follow Robert's Rules of Order. He appointed Don Cline, Department of Labor & Industries to serve as Sergeant-of-Arms pro-tem for this evening's meeting.

First vice-president Vaughan announced the resignation of President John Geppert, effective October 31, 2006.

OATH OF OBLIGATION

First vice-president Vaughan gave the Oath of Obligation to Joy Collins & Karen Thorson, Employment Security Department.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S/P (Motion/Seconded/Passed) to adopt agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M/S/P to adopt October 2006 General Meeting Minutes.

First vice-president Vaughan announced that nominations for Local president will be taken until the Wednesday, December 6, 2006 executive board meeting. He said that nominations will be taken by he or Second vice-president Tee (Terri) Hall in person, or you can e-mail Secretary Shellie Savage at sassi003@aol.com.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

REVISION OF LOCAL 443 CONSTITUTION

Bill Longnecker, Constitution Committee, presented the Constitution update for membership review.

M/S/P To increase the president's stipend to \$500 per month, and the secretary's and treasurer's stipend to \$300 per month.

M/S/P To adopt Article VI, Section 9 (stipend) as presented.

M/S/P To approve Article VII, Section 1.

M/S/P To approve Article VII, Section 2 as written.

M/S/P To approve Article VII, Section 3 as written.

M/S/P To approve Article VII, Section 4 as written.

M/S/P To accept Article VII, Section 5 as written.

M/S/P To accept Article VII, Section 6 as amended. The following language will be removed: "to achieve maximum aerodynamic flow."

M/S/P To accept Article VII, Section 7 as written.

M/S/P To accept Article VII, Section 8 as written.

M/S/P To adopt Article VII, Section 9 as written.

M/S/P To adopt Article VII, Section 10 as amended. The first two paragraphs have been removed.

M/S/F (motion, seconded, failed) To table the Constitution to another meeting.

M/S/P To refer the Constitution draft back to the constitution committee.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Sign Language Interpreter was dismissed for the night at 7:05 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P That Matt Grate is authorized by the Employment Security Department (ESD) Policy committee to send mail via Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE) to ESD members concerning issues and topics important to ESD Policy and its subcommittees. This information will be approved by a majority of ESD Policy board members via e-mail prior to sending, and that WFSE staff assigned to ESD Policy meetings shall assist Matt Grate in organizing and distribution of said informational mailings/newsletter. That the ESD Policy committee request Council 28 distribute information from ESD meetings to the ESD membership, and that such assistance should include but not be limited to the distribution of the monthly ESD Policy committee newsletter with an approximate cost of \$672 per month (to Council 28 executive board).

M/S/P That consideration be given to the funding and organizing of Employment Security (ES) to have Policy committee subcommittee meetings the night before Policy committee meetings, and that if possible, WFSE staff of the Employment Security E-board members' selection will attend to assist the ES subcommittee meetings the night before policy (to Council 28 executive board).

M/S (motion/seconded) That ES member Matt Grate or his designee is authorized to spend up to \$350 a month for food, beverage, and information at the Maple Park meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month lunch, and that ES member Matt Grate or another shop steward, approved by the ES chief shop steward, may spend up to \$150 a month for the monthly shop steward meeting, to include food and materials for this reoccurring meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at the Local 443 office. That ES member Rick Champagne or his designee is authorized to spend up to \$450 per month for the ESD 443 WFSE Support committee to meet, plan, and disperse information about increasing the support for ES and other Local 443 membership from WFSE, and that up to \$100 a month be allocated to provide organizing materials for ES shop stewards, including but not limited to paper, markers, Kinko's products. That a total of \$1050 a month be allocated for the reoccurring expense of Employment Security Department until June 30, 2007, at which point ESD members should have a permanent budget in place (to be discussed at the December 19, 2006 general meeting).

M/S/P To approve that the Council 28 executive board consider the creation of an Internal Organizing committee, for the purpose of helping agencies organize for greater member participation, and that the committee duties include considering the future of Council 28 and its members, including hiring an office manager to facilitate meetings and

manage a future Council 28 office. That the committee look at the option of a "build to suit" rental office space; that would include a 500-person meeting facility, built in such a manner to rent individual meeting rooms out, and consider the possibility the office manager may receive a 5% commission of booking and 5% for catering a meeting room, and any other ideas that the Council 28 executive board may have (to Council 28 executive board).

M/S/P That the membership request that Local 443 executive board consider the creation of an IT committee to meet the IT needs of 443, and that the executive board consider having, at minimum, 1 IT desktop support person, 1 IT server support person, 1 IT network support person, and 1 database administration person on the committee to make it effective in its support of Local 443.

M/S/P That Local 443 members request the 443 executive board that, if possible, an education of Robert's Rules of Order for the members of Local 443 be scheduled, and to have paper documents for the sergeant-at-arms at the back table for the membership (at the general meetings).

M/S/P That the membership request that 443 executive board consider having a yearly WFSE recognition picnic/party to honor the efforts of the WFSE staff, and that consideration for prizes and awards also be given by the 443 executive board for WFSE staff at the party/picnic. That 443 members award such honor as most active member or most valuable member for 443 membership at the picnic/party and any other prizes or awards that the executive board deems appropriate.

M/S/F (motion, seconded, failed) To move the Contract Funding Timeline and Strategic Plan resolution to the political action committee.

M/S/P To send Contract Funding Timeline and Strategic Plan resolution to the executive board.

M/S/P To increase the shop steward budget to \$3000 through June 30, 2007.

M/S/P To increase the telephone/fax budget to \$1200 through June 30, 2007.

M/S/P To add an internet budget of \$600 through June 30, 2007.

M/S/P To accept the November 15, 2006 treasurer's report.

M/S/P That Council 28 pursue legislation to make a fair fee schedule for employees who have financial difficulties paying full parking fees.

PEOPLE - \$20.17.

Holiday gift card - Del Jensen & Megan Walsh

\$10 door prize - Steve Livingston

M/S/P To adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Del L. Jensen, Secretary pro-tem

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 11 February 8	Executive Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. @ WFSE Conference Room, 1212 Jefferson Street, Olympia
January 29 February 26	General Meeting @ GA Building, Capitol Campus @ 6:00 p.m. (3rd Tuesday each month)
Jan 17 – OLY Feb 28 - CEN	Thurston-Lewis County Labor Council - Labor Temple, 6:00 p.m. -- 119 ½ N Capitol, Olympia Thurston-Lewis County Labor Council - Carpenter Hall, 7:00 pm, 417 N Pearl, Centralia
Check out Local 443's website at: www.wfse443.org Local 443's Phone Number: (360) 754-8437	



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