GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – November 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order via Zoom and in-person at 7:00 p.m. by President Serop Karchikyan. The pledge of allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Ric Roldan and there was a moment of silence for our departed brothers and sisters since the last meeting. The roll call was answered by eleven officers and stewards in good standing. Motion (Lee/Siechert) passed to waive the reading of the minutes and accept as emailed and printed for members at the meeting. Motion (Rich/Siechert) passed to waive the reading of the list of bills, they be accepted as printed and emailed, and warrants be drawn and bills be paid. Motion (Lee/Siechert) passed to waive the reading of the Treasurer's Report and accept as emailed and printed for members at the meeting and in the Mail Call.

Motion (Siechert/Lindsay) passed to accept the following membership applications on the first reading: M. Ahsan, A. Alejandre, J. Alfaro, A. Ascha, S. Blanco, C. Brooks, S. Duong, M. Frezza, J. Galvez, G. Geo, H. Gutierrez, H. Lopez Reyes, A. Olea, J. Perez Gonzalez, J. Rodriguez, A. Vazquez, A. Vidaurrazaga. **Welcome!** MDA Coordinator Carolyn Zorn announced there will be a new Representative for MDA and a rap session will be held in Las Vegas in April. HB Representative Keith Lineman shared new expanded benefits for 2024 and information from the Health Benefit Seminar he attended last month. Audit committee updated on preparing for the next audit. Legislative reported on the Federal Retirement Fairness Act and LA County Fed of Labor activities.

Motion passed to accept the following Executive Board recommendations #1 (Rich/Siechert) that the Branch host a 2024 retirement banquet to include complimentary dinner for retirees and a guest. Active members/guests will deposit \$30 to reserve a space and deposit will be refunded, for active members only, upon attendance at the banquet #2 (Rich/Treiu) that the Branch spend up to \$550 for Stonefire Grill catering the December Meeting Meal. Trustee Jan Siechert thanked the Branch and reported on officer training. President Karchikyan discussed Committee of Presidents meeting last month, including updates on safety issues and awareness, contract negotiations, PostalEase help issues, nationwide arbitration cases, TIAREAP, and pay increases.

Announcement of next month's Holiday Meeting Meal and a motion (Rich/Siechert) passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Submitted by,

Nancy Norman Secretary-Treasurer

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