

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – August 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order via Zoom and in-person at 7:05 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. Alfonso Samano, Pasadena carrier, was introduced to the membership. The roll call was answered by twelve officers and stewards in good standing. Motion (Rich/Temblador) passed to waive the reading of the minutes and accept as emailed and printed for members at the meeting. Motion (Rich/Lee) passed to excuse Robert Burskey and Ric Roldan from the July meeting and Jan Siechert from the September meeting. Motion (Siechert/Lee) passed to waive the reading of the list of bills and be accepted as printed and emailed and warrants be drawn and bills be paid. Motion (Rich/Siechert) passed to waive the reading of the Treasurer's Report and accept as emailed and printed for members at the meeting. Motion (Temblador/Trieu) passed to accept the following applications for membership: I. Arellano Alvara, R. Babaiyans, W. Bloom, S. Desai, A. Hernandez, E. Iniguez, S. Kidd, R. Ratcliffe, E. Vargas, C. Williams V. **Welcome!**

MDA Coordinator Carolyn Zorn updated on the \$5 MDA drawing at the Branch picnic. Our Health Benefits Representative Keith Lineman reported on a retiree mailer regarding health benefits transitioning in 2025. For info, visit: <https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/pshb/> Brother Rob Burskey reported on the TIAREAP route inspection process. President Karchikyan and Vice-President Calvin Rich discussed HIPP falsification and heat-related/safety issues in the workplace, advising carriers to check LiteBlue/HERO for attendance at training courses.

Motion (Rich/Siechert) passed to accept the Executive Board Recommendation #1 That the membership authorize up to \$1000 for Branch picnic decorations, game supplies and prizes/gift cards. Motion (Burskey/Trieu) passed to accept Recommendation #2 That the Branch pay expenses for Calvin Rich, Amy Lee, and Jan Siechert to attend officer training in San Antonio, TX or Pittsburgh, PA. Branch to pay up to 32 hours lost time from USPS or non-scheduled hours and pay travel, lodging and per diem.

Reminder that tickets are available for the Branch Picnic at Castaic Lake on August 27th. The Branch thanked President Karchikyan for providing the meal for the meeting. Motion (Siechert/Temblador) passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



Nancy Norman
Secretary-Treasurer