

**AFSCME Local 2627  
NYC Electronic Data Processing Personnel  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2005**

A quorum being present, President Hysyk called the meeting to order at 6.16 PM.

**Agenda:**

Election Committee Report  
Installation of Officers

President Hysyk introduced Charles Michaels (DoITT), Chair of the Election Committee to give his report.

**Election Committee Report**

Charles Michaels said that 3153 ballots were mailed, 62 duplicate ballots were mailed, 1056 ballots were received, 4 ballots had no return address, 9 ballots were from persons who were not on the mailing list, and 1043 ballots were counted.

The results of the election were as follows:

**President**

Ed Hysyk	614
Keith Trader	404

Ed Hysyk declared the winner

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Robert Ajaye	432
Stanley Cates	412
Cynthia Cox	170

There will be a runoff between Robert Ajaye and Stanley Cates

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Gary Goff	471
Charles McClain	377
Steve Weiner	177

There will be a runoff between Gary Goff and Charles McClain

**Secretary**

Cody Childs	533
Peter Jablin	474

Cody Childs declared the winner.

**Executive Board (4 to be elected)**

Robert Fishburne	548
Celeste Council	530
You-Sun Liu	529
Portia Perkins	507
Andrea Bobrow	474
Artie Kellam	452
Gilbert Sambolin	424
Francis Reyes	346

Robert Fishburne, Celeste Council, You-Sun Liu, and Portia Perkins declared the winners.

**Delegates to DC 37 (7 to be elected)**

Gary Goff	546
Susie Yuen	524
Robert Ajaye	522
You-Sun Liu	522
Portia Perkins	502
Peter Jablin	499
Julie Leibowitz	492
Steve Wiener	492
Artie Kellam	454
Gilbert Sambolin	412
Francis Reyes	373
Bruce Heigh	325
Leslye Simmons	289
Les Hurd	185

Gary Goff, Susie Yuen, Robert Ajaye, You-Sun Liu, Portia Perkins, and Peter Jablin declared winners. There is a tie for the seventh position between Julie Leibowitz and Steve Wiener at 492 votes each.

Charles Michaels said that he had received the list of names of new members who didn't get a chance to get on the mailing list today. Of the nine envelopes received from persons not on the mailing list, seven are from new members. Charles Michaels will be going to the American Arbitration Association tomorrow at 1 PM to open these seven envelopes because these votes may

break the tie between Leibowitz and Wiener. These votes will have no effect on the outcome of any other race.

**Delegate to the Central Labor Council (3 to be elected)**

Bruce Heigh	598
Peter Jablin	521
Andrea Bobrow	489
Cynthia Perkins	432
Cynthia Cox	393

Bruce Heigh, Peter Jablin, and Andrea Bobrow declared the winners.

Florence Smith (Corrections) made a motion to accept the Election Committee Report. Robert Fishburne (HRA) seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Andrea Bobrow (HRA) asked about how the number of votes to avoid a runoff is determined. Charles Michaels explained the majority formula used in AFSCME elections.

Stanley Cates (NYPD) asked what the process of notifying candidates of the results of the election was. Charles Michaels said that Stanley Cates, Artie Kellam, and Ed Hysyk had observers at the ballot count and they were allowed to have the results. He also said that anyone could have called him for the results.

Keith Trader asked how the new members received ballots. Charles Michaels said that they had called the AAA and requested them.

Artie Kellam (HRA) said that some ballots were returned by the post office. Charles Michaels said that he was aware of this and it was a post office problem.

Charles McClain (HRA) asked when the runoff will be held. Charles Michaels said that a postcard will go out and that he will notify the candidates.

Valerie Briot (TRS) asked about persons who became members between the first and second elections. Charles Michaels said that they were eligible to vote in the second election, but not the first.

Artie Kellam (HRA) asked about the procedure for ensuring the secrecy of ballots. Charles Michaels said that the white envelope that contains the ballot is separated from the outer yellow envelope with the member's name prior to counting.

President Hysyk said that if the members would like, he would invite Jeff Zaino of the American Arbitration Association to the November general membership meeting to explain their procedures.

George Steinberg (DoITT) asked what it would take to change the rules to avoid runoff elections. Charles Michaels said that the AFSCME constitution requires a runoff when no candidate receives

a majority of the votes.

Lynda Sobiesky (Brooklyn College) asked about the procedure to ensure that persons who received duplicate ballots didn't return two ballots. Charles Michaels said that each ballot received was checked off the membership list and there was no instance where two ballots were received from one member.

A vote was taken on the motion to accept the Election Committee Report, and the motion carried.

Council Representative Tyler Hemmingway swore in the new officers.

Francis Reyes (NYPD) made a motion to adjourn. Seth Solomon (TA) seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.45 PM.