

MINUTES OF THE TNG-CWA Human Rights and Equity Committee

December 9, 2006

Telephone conference call at One-fifteen pm (1315) Eastern; 10:15 Pacific

(The meeting scheduled start at 13:00 Eastern: 10:00 Pacific was delayed by technical problems)

PRESENT: Michael D'Souza, Chair; Natalie Hill; Sheila Lindsay; Yoko Kuromoto-Eidsmoe; Carl Younger; Debbie Thomas, TNG-CWA Director of Human Rights

ABSENT: Matthew Harper, Secretary Randy Gilliam; Datejie Green;

The meeting

- 1) Minutes: The committee received and approved the minutes of the last meeting, held on Saturday, November 4, 2006.
- 2) Carl Younger proposal for outreach: The committee discussed Carl Younger's proposal for to reach out to the union membership and the community at large in Boston.
Carl reported that he had talked to Susan Moyer at the University of Massachusetts in Boston about material that should be included in such a collection. He is also looking into the American Labor Studies for possible assistance. And, at the meeting of the North East District Council he asked for donations of material.
Carl found some good material at the Boston Globe research library on the labor movement and other issues like modern slavery.
Debbie reported that she was working on the budget of \$5,000 the equity committee has recommended for this project.
- 3) Web design: Debbie reported that she has not managed to contact the person who looks after the TNG web page, Russ Caine. She also said she's asked Randy Gilliam to extend the free posting of the prototype for a month.
- 4) Debbie Thomas updated the committee on financial support from the TNG-CWA for two members at large, one from the United States and one from Canada, to attend meetings of equity seeking groups such as the National Association of Black Journalists. This matter is still under discussion at the TNG-CWA.
- 5) Yoko Kuromoto-Eidsmoe shared details about the diversity survey being done by the CWA. She also provided the committee with links to the CWA diversity pages on the web.
- 6) Miscellaneous: Carl Younger reported that the union has a tentative agreement with the Boston Globe. Members voted the first tentative agreement down. The new draft agreement includes some.