

**VPPPA Region II  
Regional Conference  
Business Meeting  
June 15, 2009  
Verona, New York**

A motion to open the VPPPA Region II business meeting was made by Joe Whalen and seconded by Brenda Tipsword at 3:30 PM. Chairman Brian Bennett welcomed everyone to Verona, New York.

**Board Members in Attendance**

Chair Brian Bennett, Vice Chair Tom Aurelia, Secretary Paul Kniskern, Treasurer Jim Miner, Directors Doc Doherty, Brenda Tipsword, Joe Whalen, Robert Coble, Edward Jerome, Ed Majewski, and Mike Levy.

**Secretary's Report**

A motion was made by Doc Doherty and seconded by Joe Whalen to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the business meeting held at the National Conference in Anaheim, California on August 26, 2008 and accept them as written. Copies of the minutes were made available, and are posted on our website. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Jim Miner presented the Treasurer's report. There is \$37,849.14 in the checking account and \$74,919.08 is in a Money Market account. Combined Assets, as of June 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 is \$117,639.00. Jim had copies of a detailed financial report for review, and copies are available on the website. Motion made by Doc Doherty to accept the report, seconded by Joe Whalen. Motion carried.

**Committee Updates:**

### **Labor Management Committee**

Doc Doherty, Chair, and Joe Whalen are National Committee representatives for mediation. Anyone with a need for mediation, please contact Doc or Joe. They are available to come to your site to help.

### **Mentoring Committee**

Tom Aurelia, Chair, if interested in mentoring or if interested in being mentored, please contact:

- New York: Tom Aurelia
- New Jersey: Robert Coble

### **Region II Web Site**

Recent updates include current copies of the Regional Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports as well as other current information concerning our activities. Website address is [www.region2chapter-vpppa.org](http://www.region2chapter-vpppa.org)

### **AED Committee**

Brenda Tipsword, chair, gave an update on the Norman Deitch AED Fund. Fourteen AED's have been placed in service since June of 2007, and three saves have been made with AED's in Region 2. Currently looking for locations in New Jersey. Contributions are being accepted.

### **Chairman's Report**

Brian Bennett thanked all the volunteers for their efforts in making our 2009 conference a success. Brian discussed our 2010 Conference, which will be in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Brian discussed the CCNJ Alliance, Prevent Blindness Alliance and the Hispanic Alliance. Brian recognized the Federal Safety & Health Councils in Region 2; please support their meetings. Brian also recognized our Trustees and thanked them for all their hard work.

### **Regional Nominations & Elections**

Vice Chair- Tom Aurelia

Secretary- Paul Kniskern

Directors at Large- Brenda Tipsworth, Robert Coble, Joe Whalen

All nominations ran unopposed and were re-elected to office.

**New Business**

None

**Old Business**

None

**Awards and Recognition**

VPP Anniversaries – 5 Years

EII, GE Power Generation, Homogenous Metals, Lucent Technologies, Montenay Islip, Stepan Chemical, Torcon Construction

VPP Anniversaries – 10 Years

Covanta Essex, Lockheed Martin, L'Oreal

Region 2 SGE of the Year Award

Marianne Krawiec

Region 2 Mentor of the Year Award

Joe Whalen

VPP Chairman's Award

Gary Roskoski

Retiring Board Member

Gary Roskoski

Being there was no further business, a motion was made by Brenda Tipword to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Paul Kniskern. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Kniskern, Secretary Region 2 VPPPA