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Minutes of the Mid-States District Council

The meeting of the Mid-States District Council of Roofers was held in Pittsburgh, PA, on September 22, 2010.

OFFICERS AND DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

President Butch Stockelman and Rodney Toole, Local 42, Cincinnati, OH; Financial Secretary Carlo Ponzio and Allen Gravatt, Local 71, Youngstown, OH; Recording Secretary Jack Lee, Jr. and David Roach, Local 210, Erie, PA; Fred Pollazzon, Local 37, Pittsburgh, PA; Bruce Hysell and Dale Rose, Local 185, Charleston, WV; Chic Vogler and Gary Zadai, Local 188, Wheeling, WV; Joe Strain, Local 242, Parkersburg, WV.

INTERNATIONAL GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

International President Kinsey Robinson, International Vice President Tom Pedrick and International Vice President Mike Vasey.

The meeting was called to order by Butch Stockelman, Mid-States District Council president. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the

minutes of the previous meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Carlo Ponzio read the financial report. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report as read.

REPORTS OF INTERNATIONAL GUESTS

International President Kinsey Robinson discussed the economy's effect on our work. Some areas of the country are very slow for all trades. Many are out of work. He appreciates officers and members doing the best they can and hanging in there. Be positive with members and contractors. Our goal is to be prepared when the economy turns around.

Protect our work. Let contractors know what we expect ahead of time. Rock removal, vac work, dirt fill and ballast on green roofs are our work.

The International is financially sound. The pension fund has made gains in the past 18 months. Even with the ratchet, the roofers still have the best pension in the building trades.

Immigration policy is hurting the building trades. The government does not seem to want to deal with it. As long as illegal workers continue to

come into the country the rats will feed off of their labor and abuse them.

President Robinson feels we have the best magazine in the building trades, and it is all done in-house. Please send in pictures, along with a message or a story.

Foreman training continues; please remember to negotiate two cents per hour in your next contract to support this training through the International. Also in 2011 we are bringing back train-the-trainer. Hopefully OSHA 500 classes are in the near future.

International Vice President Tom Pedrick discussed the need to protect our work. Attend pre-job meetings to claim work. On green roofs claim everything from dirt down, including pumping dirt on roofs.

Vac It All from St. Louis will open businesses and sign with locals if you have work for them. Make sure the contractors pay the prevailing wage for roofers on all roof vacuuming jobs.

Remember that green roofing does not just mean vegetation on a roof. It can be insulation and white membrane per design.

Local 8 and Local 154 are doing great and have signed many contractors and roofers.