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Minutes of the Illinois District Council

The meeting of the Illinois District Council of Roofers was held July 26, 2012, in Bloomington, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Keith Bates at 9:00 a.m.

DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

President Keith Bates and Jim Hardig, Local 97, Champaign, IL; Secretary Larry Gnat, Local 11, Chicago, IL; Bob Stanton, Local 2, St. Louis, MO; Mike Miller, Local 32, Rock Island, IL; Steve Peterson, Local 69, Peoria, IL; Danny Stukins, Local 92, Decatur, IL; and Ray Wake, Local 112, Springfield, IL.

INTERNATIONAL GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

International Vice President Rich Mathis, International Vice President Dan O'Donnell and International Representative Eric Anderson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as read.

REPORTS OF INTERNATIONAL GUESTS

International Vice President Rich Mathis reported on the upcoming joint

district council meeting and apprentice competition being held in Detroit, MI, in September. He then discussed a jurisdictional dispute with another craft on the work that has traditionally been roofers' work. He talked about issues with labor/management in Chicago.

International Vice President Dan O'Donnell reported on upcoming elections and the need to support laborfriendly candidates. In Missouri, several anti-labor bills have been proposed. So far friendly legislators have helped defeat these bills.

Brother O'Donnell talked about the importance of training and promoting our members in this economy. A recent hail storm in St. Louis brought a lot of work to the area, much of it being done by union contractors, but storm chasers got some of the work as well.

International Representative Eric Anderson spoke about the importance of getting members out to vote in November. He discussed efforts in Wisconsin to recall the governor. They got the signatures, but not everyone came out to vote, so it failed.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES

Bob Stanton, Local 2, talked about

non-signatory contractors bidding work in the area. Some new Menards stores in the area are going bad. Several calls have been made to Menards with no response. He has seen CVS stores on the "do not patronize" list, but the CVS stores in their jurisdiction were being built good. He reminded everyone to have contractors fill out prevailing wage public works surveys using the journeyman rate.

Mike Miller, Local 32, reported on problems with a non-union contractor underbidding local contractors because they're hiring workers from Manpower who are being paid \$10 per hour and have no safety training. Some of his members haven't gone back to work yet this season.

Jim Hardig, Local 97, said he is learning his new job. He appreciates the help from Keith Bates, who recently retired. Work is slow but looking better for fall.

Ray Wake, Local 112, discussed contractors in the area that probably aren't licensed or carrying workers' compensation insurance. You can find out if the contractor has workers' comp at iwcc. il.gov. Brother Wake talked about filing prevailing wage complaints on non-union contractors doing school work.