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Meeting of the Illinois District Council

The meeting of the Illinois District Council of Roofers was held on November 18, 2009, at the Jumers Chateau in Bloomington, IL, at 9:00 a.m.

DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

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

INTERNATIONAL GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

International Vice President Dan O'Donnell and International Vice President Rich Mathis.

President Keith Bates called the meeting to order.

REPORTS OF GUESTS

International Vice President Dan O'Donnell opened with a lengthy conversation on changes to the International pension plan. He also talked about usage of credit cards.

International Vice President Rich Mathis spoke on a variety of political topics, including endorsement of Dan Hines for governor of Illinois. Brother Mathis led an extensive conversation on organizing techniques and different methods of approaching job actions. He discussed the new technology of photovoltaic roofs. He also spoke about potential changes and enforcement of Illinois roofing licenses.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES

Bob Stanton Jr., Local 2, stated that work in his area was okay and the outlook for next year was also looking alright.

Larry Gnat, Local 11, spoke of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Board and a more focused approach to violations. He discussed prevailing limits in Jasper and Newton Counties. Brother Gnat also spoke about Adams County and about bannering rather than picketing.

Ray Wake, Local 112, commented on subcontracting issues. He also spoke of problems with OSHA compliance. Brother Wake said work is good and the outlook is okay for 2010.

Dan Stukins, Local 92, stated that work in his area is also good and looking alright for 2010. Brother Stukins spoke extensively on several issues concerning organizing.

Steve Peterson, Local 69, said work is good in his area and looking up for 2010. He further discussed school work and prevailing wage.

Mike Miller, Local 32, spoke of a poor work outlook and some loss of membership. He feels the governor-funded capital bill will increase work.

Keith Bates, Local 97, mentioned a certain trade that will not sign an \$80 million project labor agreement, thus holding up the entire project. Brother Bates also spoke of problems they are having with various nonsignatories.