

REGULAR MEETING OF THE YSU-ACE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, January 9, 2025

PRESENT:

Officers: President – Melanie Leonard

2nd VP – Jill Mogg

Secretary – Cassie Nespor

Treasurer – Tatiana O'Dell

Committee: Joe Audia, Kay Helscel (virtual), Kevin Hood, Eric Barr, Lisa Devore

Excused: Nancy O'Hara, Rob Chance

Guest: Brandon Marlow

CALL TO ORDER. Melanie Leonard called the meeting to order at 11:34am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. The agenda was sent to the Executive Committee electronically to review prior to the meeting. The agenda was accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The minutes from the December 5, 2024 regular meeting were sent to the Executive Committee electronically before the meeting and reviewed. There were no corrections. Kevin Hood made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT. A copy of the Treasurer's report dated January 2025 was sent to the Executive Committee electronically before the meeting and reviewed. Jill Mogg made a motion to approve the report. It was seconded and passed. An additional receipt was submitted for the cookies purchased for the Christmas party. Tatiana would like to set up an online account with ASECU to monitor our expenses in real time. Kevin asked about the ACE Crisis Fund, which was set up in 2014 but the money has been transferred to our savings account. We now use our savings account as a crisis fund. We went over the monthly bill from OEA.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT. Jill reported that we have 166 members and 7 need paperwork. Several search committees are working as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiations: no report. New committee will start after elections.

Elections: Jill reminded us that KC is unavailable after May 6 for our Spring Chapter meeting. Jill will chair the Elections committee. Up for election: President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, and three committee members: Joe Audia, Lisa Devore, and Kevin Hood.

Grievance: No grievances. Committee members are approved and ready to start training: Scott Beadling, Jalon Tirado, Stephanie Pavlovich, Matt Cowles, John Hazen, and Jayne Gregory. HR will allow committee members to use union time for training meetings. Brandon suggests meeting monthly. Melanie will contact members to schedule first meeting in January.

Constitution and Bylaws: Committee approved: Kay Helscel, Nancy O'Hara, Shelly Urchick, Matt Colwes, Tiffany Moore, Theresa Leonard, and Eric Barr. Kay has been reviewing materials. Plans to talk to Nancy and then schedule a meeting with new members. Brandon doesn't do training but can attend the meeting.

Communications: We put photos from Holiday party on Facebook. Joe will add some photos and meeting minutes on website. March newsletter will include positions open for election.

Membership Engagement: Members enjoyed the musicians at the Holiday lunch. Consensus was that food was good and attendance was up a little from last year. Plan for Dec 4, 2025. Reserve now because of KC closures. Move to last week of classes so people who are busy at end of semester and with commencement can attend.

Phantoms game 2/22. Union covers members ticket plus 1. Last year, food vouchers for \$9 that covered hot dog, popcorn, and drink. Rob will email committee about food options. As long as its close to last year's price. Jill wants to send out email to membership on 2/3. Its YSU Night. Tatiana and Eric will invite APAS to organize something for their group.

Eric noted that the New Varsity Club is now open where Cedar's used to be. Might be a good location for after-work gatherings.

HEAC: Next meeting in February.

OLD BUSINESS

Seniority: No news.

Ad Hoc/LOUs: No meetings.

OEA Grant: Rob sent grant to Melanie and Tatiana to complete information. It's due January 31. If Rob needs anything else, please let Melanie know. Melanie got information about the Mega Conference on Saturday March 8 in Warrensville Heights. Sessions on negotiating and Constitution & Bylaws. We get free tickets for the President plus 2 to attend. Reservations due 2/26. Also a virtual meeting about transparent negotiations.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation of winter clothes: Dropped off two bags of donated stuff from members. Melanie will contact Nicole Kent-Strollo about what the Penguin Pantry needs. We can donate that.

Scholarship: Melanie Leonard appointed Jennifer Kurcon to this committee in addition to the members from last year. Kevin Hood made motion to accept Melanie's appointment. It was seconded and passed. The committee would like to remove the requirement for applicants to submit FAFSA so that international students are eligible for the award. Cassie will check with YSU Foundation. The Executive committee will vote on the new scholarship application at the February meeting.

Distinguished Service Awards: Nominations are due January 31. 18 awards available. Melanie has appointed Steve Katros as the ACE representative.

Unclaimed holiday cards: The cards were distributed to Executive committee members to distribute as much as possible. Melanie will contact the remaining members.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm. The next meeting is Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Nespor

YSU ACE secretary