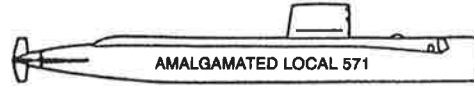




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**MDA-UAW Local 571  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
December 4, 2023**

December 7, 2023

**President William E. Louis** called the meeting to order and asked that we keep in our thoughts recently deceased retiree Brenda Scruggs, family members, retirees, and our Veterans past and present. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem.

**President William E. Louis** welcomed our special guests that have joined us tonight, newly elected Region 9A Director Brandon Mancilla, newly elected Region 9A assistant Director, Vail Kohnert-Yount, Region 9A Servicing Rep. Jose Melara, EB Pharmacy Rep. Diane Tearney, EB Benefits Rep. Susan Stailing and Terri Paradis.

**President William E. Louis** thanked all in attendance and to the officers for all their work and support during the year. First time attendees, our leadership (past and present), retirees and our Veterans were recognized by standing and thanking them also. We had a great turnout, one of our biggest in years! What a great showing of Solidarity!

Our Region 9A director, Brandon Mancilla, addressed the membership on the great work of the UAW and the Big 3 negotiations and looking forward to organizing other Auto plants going forward.

**President William E. Louis** welcomed Shaunna Cullen and Diane Kearney both from the EB Pharmacy, whom gave a presentation on the changes in ordering prescriptions the first of the year. The administrator will be changing from Prime Therapeutics to Express Scripts.

**President William E. Louis** asked for a motion to deviate from normal business to bring up Election Chair, Pam Gonski, to conduct the Election for the next 3-year Election Committee. A motion was made (Dave Reagan), seconded (Tony Giordano) and passed to accept. No election was needed. Congratulations and thank you to the newly elected committee for the next 3 years, Pam Gonski, Paula Brown, George Early, Greg Allard and Aaron Pearson.

**President William E. Louis** requested a motion to accept the November 6, 2023 E-Board/E-Council Meeting Minutes as circulated and posted. A motion was made (Joe Marmaud), seconded (Greg Maynard), and passed to accept.

**Officers Report:**

**Treasurer Robert Faraci** read the Treasurers Report. A motion was made (Joe Marmaud), seconded (Tony Giordano), and passed to accept.

**Officer Reports:**

**First Vice President David Reagan** reported grievance U-0023-23, assigning work to piping senior draftsmen and piping designer arrangement work. This is a violation of contract working out of their category. A member received a 3-day suspension for violation of rules and regulations.

William E. Louis, President  
David M. Reagan, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Amy Stephenson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



Martha Fletcher, Recording Secretary  
Dave W. Evans, Financial Secretary  
Robert J. Faraci, Treasurer

**Second Vice President Amy Stephenson** reported no new Step 3 grievances filed. A member was discharged for 2<sup>nd</sup> offence internet abuse. The Holiday Dinner Dance is this Saturday. There are 13-hotel rooms available for purchase through our office.

**Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher** reported no new Step 3 grievances filed.

**Financial Secretary Dave Evans** reported no new Step 3 grievances filed.

**Treasurer Robert Faraci** reported no new Step 3 grievances filed.

**President William E Louis** asked for a motion to bypass the reading of the Committee Reports, which will all be in the minutes. The Executive Council supported this motion 32-2 but we want to bring it to the General Membership. A motion was made (Greg Maynard), seconded (Mark Ciliano) and passed to accept.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Education Committee Financial Secretary Dave Evans:** reported the committee is looking into having another new member meet and greet class, sometime in mid-February. If you are interested, please contact the Union Hall.

**Election Committee Chair Pam Gonski** reported we had several councillors move or resign from their posts in several locations. We opened nominations and closed them a week later. We received 3 nominations, Jeff Carver, Steve Karavolis, & Velma Williams. President William Louis will be appointing the remaining councillors that are needed.

**Building and Property Committee Financial Secretary Dave Evans:** reported the committee has contracted multiple roofing contractors to come out for estimates. We have received one estimate so far, we are waiting for more.

### **Apprentice Committee Co-Chair Velma Williams:**

#### **ROTATION:**

Next Apprenticeship rotation is schedule for week of January 22, 2024.

#### **ONBOARDING NEW APPRENTICES:**

Presently 8 candidates across Design Discipline, show interest in cohort 8 Apprenticeship.

#### **INTERNAL CLASSES:**

We are currently running EB MATH 137 in house Intermediate Algebra class this is to refresh individuals entering the EB-Apprenticeship.

#### **APPRENTICESHIP GRADUATION:**

Planning Discussion is ongoing for Cohort 4 Graduation, this will take place at the Mystic Marriott, January 24, 2024.

**Absentee Committee Wayne Carbone:** MDA-UAW Local 571 Absentee Committee Chair reported that the following members were absent from the November 6, 2023 Executive Board/Executive Council Meeting held at the Mystic Marriott Hotel, 625 North Road, Groton, CT 06340: Martha Fletcher, Dan Hall,

Mark Ciliano, Deb Basnight, Kevin Brodnicki, Louis Manfredi, Holly Montbriand, Eric Nelson, Edward Rocznik and Amanda Turner. When a member of the Executive Board or Executive Council is recorded as being absent in the Meeting Minutes, per the UAW Constitution, it does not reflect whether the absence is excused or un-excused. Three lateness's in excess of 15 minutes each are considered as one un-excused absence. If you feel you were reported in error, please submit, in writing to the Absentee Committee, the reason you feel your absence was reported as such. The Absentee Committee would like to stress the importance for all E-Board and E-Council members and Committee Chairs to attend all monthly meetings. Please contact the Absentee Committee in advance if you are unable to attend a meeting. Wayne Carbone (Chair): [WCARBONE@GDEB.COM](mailto:WCARBONE@GDEB.COM) (860) 867-2691 / Cell: 860-857-6426; Anthony (Tony) Giordano Jr.: [TGIORDAN@GDEB.COM](mailto:TGIORDAN@GDEB.COM) (860) 867-2458; Eric Straub: [ESTRAUB@GDEB.COM](mailto:ESTRAUB@GDEB.COM); Work: (860) 867-4607 / Cell: (860) 501-2230. The Officer of the Absentee Committee is Martha Fletcher [RECORDSEC571@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RECORDSEC571@GMAIL.COM), (860) 448-0552 / Cell: (860) 608-1301.

### **Insurance and Benefits Committee Ed Nevins:**

Our Benefits Committee continues to work with our members to answer questions, resolve problem areas they may be having with insurance-related benefits. Feel free to contact any member of the Committee to address your concerns. Benefits Committee members are: Jim Newman at 433-2558 (Groton), Tony Giordano at 867-2458 (NL), Mark Ciliano 860-303-2952 (Retired) and/or Chairman Ed Nevins at 867-2563 (NL).

### **Old Business**

If you are interested in purchasing apparel, the Union covers 50% of the cost. We have a new logo, many styles and colors. If interested, please contact Karen Heroux at the Union Office, 860-448-0552.

Our Region 9A Veterans Council 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance was held November 11, 2023 at the Double Tree by Hilton, Bristol CT. I would like to thank those who came out to support the event and our Veterans.

The "United for Gemma Benefit Gala" was held on October 12, 2023 and the MDA was 1 of the 2 GOLD sponsors which included a full-page ad, 2 tables of 10 and all media recognition. I am proud to say that the event raised \$143,000.00 and netted \$119,000.00. Thank you to all who attended and to the MDA for their support of Gemma.

### **New Business**

We are looking for support for the Councillor appointments of; Jeff Vary (Tower C, NL), Candace Goode (Kings Highway) and Erica Bonefas (Tower A, NL). A motion was made (Greg Maynard), seconded (Steve Ainsley) and passed. Welcome to the team Jeff, Candace and Erica.

We circulated an email to the Executive Council for approval, on November 28, 2023, to provide an additional \$500.00 raffle gift card, for the MDA dinner dance which is being held on December 9, 2023 at Foxwoods Casino, Premier Ballroom. The motion was passed 33-1 in favor of. Thank you.

We circulated an email to the Executive Council for approval, on November 28, 2023, to provide an additional \$500.00 for raffle gift cards and subsidize any Prime Rib retiree lunch on December 14,

2023, with an additional \$5.00 each to cover the additional cost. The motion passed 34-0 in favor of. Thank you.

Our software that is used in our office for membership and dues info, owner of "KI" software, is retiring and the software is going with him and will not be available starting in January of 2024. A motion was made to change over to "RCS" (Bob Canova) seconded, (Greg Maynard) and passed to change over to the new Software starting in 2024.

**For the Good of the Union:**

Our 3rd Annual MDA Veterans Committee Cornhole fundraiser was held November 18, 2023 at Foxwoods Casino, Premiere Ballroom. We had a great turnout with 156 teams, up from 115 last year and 103 the first year. I cannot thank all who help and participated enough, thank you very much! Thank you to our MDA Retirees who donated \$1,367.00 to our Veterans, "Gold Sponsor". We were able to raise \$24,500.00 on November 18<sup>th</sup> which is more than the first 2 years combined, something we can all be proud of. \$24,500.00 will go out to 14 different Veteran Organizations, in support of our Veterans. Thanks again!

I would like to thank Brenden Mclaughlin for representing the MDA Local 571 at the Veterans Day Flag Pole ceremonies again this year, very much appreciated. If any MDA member is interested in the future at these events, please let us know.

President William E Louis swore in the new Councillors, Steve Karavolis, Jeff Carver, Candace Goode, Velma Williams, and Erica Bonefas, (Jeff Vary not in attendance) and welcomed them to the team. Congratulations and thank you for wanting to support.

Some members have been requesting FTO at the ATA and getting an error while doing so. Some have submitted multiple request due to the error and members are getting more than they wanted. Submit it once and if you get an error, please submit a ticket and contact Time Keeping to see if it went through before duplicating.

We would like to thank member, Tyrone George and wish him the best as he goes active duty with the Navy as he learns to become an Aviation Mechanic.

40-members received \$50 Stop & Shop gift cards, congratulations to all. We cannot thank all enough for the support of the unwrapped toys/stocking stuffers, that members provided at the meeting! This will go to the United Way of South Eastern CT, Tommy's Toys for the distribution to families in need. Again, thank you very much to all who brought gifts.

**Financial Secretary Dave Evans** provided a list of the new member applications:

<b>BADGE:</b>	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>DEPT</b>	<b>BADGE:</b>	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>DEPT</b>
169254	KARLEI SHEELER	403	119864	SHARON FRATONI	456
161822	DEREK FRYER-SMOLENSKI	456	159202	KEVIN McBRIDE	447
169213	TYLER KOGUT	459	169606	JILL ELDRIDGE	404

169405	CARISSA POLLARD	469	169415	BRANDON JOYCE	456
167465	TREQWUON MATOS	494	169709	WYATT BROWN	452
167466	MARINNA HEBERT	403	169398	JESSICA PALLADINO	469
169383	CHANDA KALRA	456	226106	DYLAN FULLINGTON	453
169241	ROBERT COMERFORD	422	169604	BILLIE-JO BARITEAU	455
155296	DEVIN SAWYER	456	161803	ZACHARY GELFOND	447
228904	MARAH KRUSZEWSKI	459	160998	JAMES QUINN	447
230429	MAIKO YAMADA	447	162407	LAURA NYE	404
155987	LANCE THATCHER	456	160345	LOUIS MARINELLI	469
159530	JAMES MOSCA	447	156911	KEVIN McCABE	404
169645	KYLE HARRISON	459			

A motion was made to accept the new members (Joe Marmaud), seconded (Greg Allard) and passed to support.

A motion was made to adjourn (Mark Ciliano), seconded (Tony Giordano) and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher

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