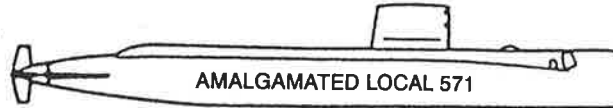




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**MDA-UAW Local 571  
Special Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
December 7, 2024**

12/08/2023

**President William E. Louis** called the meeting to order. President Louis explained the reason for this special meeting is due to a protest against the Election Committee nominations for the Election Committee members.

**Correspondence:**

**Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher** from member Jessica Houde protesting the December 4, 2023, General Membership Meeting, Election Committee Election. She states: "I followed the rules in place and was not allowed to run because of employment of less than a year. This is not a requirement per MDA By-Laws (Article XIV - Election Committee, Section 1 - Electing the Election Committee). and is clarified by the UAW Constitution Page 198 Below."

UAW Constitution Page 198

**(3) Election Committee May Not Fix Eligibility Requirements**

An Election Committee may not rule a candidate ineligible to run for non-Executive Office or position in the Local such as Committee person, except in accordance with the eligibility requirements fixed by the Local. Where the Local has not fixed "continuous good standing for one (1) year" as an eligibility requirement under this Section for non- Executive Offices, the Election Committee may not impose such a requirement. (New York City, 3/31/44, Page 14.)

**Discussion** it was asked if Jessica's claim held validity? Further investigation of the claim found in favor of Jessica's protest.

A motion was made for the purpose to hold a Special General Membership Meeting in January for the Election Committee Nominations for Election Committee Members (William Louis), seconded (Eric Straub) and passed to accept.

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



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

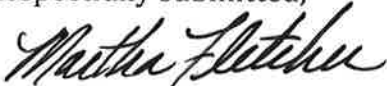
**New Business**

A motion was made to have a 1-hour open bar at the January Special General Membership Meeting (Pam Gonski), seconded (Joe Huffman) and passed to accept with 1-nay and 1-obstaining. For the purpose of a headcount for food, we ask that members please contact their respected councillors if you plan on attending.

Throughout the year \$22,000.00 had been raised through this Union to help Veteran Organizations'. A motion was made to disperse such funds to 15 different Organizations' (Nicole Reagan), seconded (Tony Giordano) and passed to accept.

Our members working at Newport News, Virginia will be holding their MDA Holiday Dinner, December 9, 2023. A motion was made to support the dinner and \$250.00 in gift cards for a raffle (Mark Ciliano), seconded (Pam Gonski) and passed to accept.

Respectfully submitted,



Martha Fletcher  
Recording Secretary, MDA-UAW Local 571

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