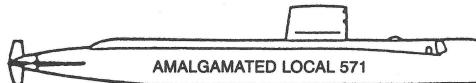




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**MDA-UAW Local 571**  
**Executive Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 5, 2025**

May 8, 2025

**President William E. Louis** called the meeting to order and led us with a moment of silence, asking that we keep in our thoughts, recently deceased members, past members, retirees, family members, and our veterans past and present followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**President William E. Louis** asked for a motion to accept the March 3, 2025, General Membership Meeting Minutes as circulated and posted (Glen Pothier), seconded (Anne Wurzbacher) and passed to accept.

**Treasurers Report:**

**Treasurer Robert Faraci** read the Treasurers Reports for March and April. A motion was made (Patrick Fitzgerald), seconded (David Belanger) and passed to accept the report.

**Correspondence:**

**To Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher** from councillor Tracy Nickerson resigning as councillor, tower A.

**To President William E. Louis** from ConnectiCOSH, the ConnectiCOSH Awards Night Banquet to be held May 16, 2025 at the Casa Mia Hawthorne Inn, Berlin, CT.

**To President William E. Louis** from the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., a Thank You letter for our last contribution of \$2,100.00

**To President William E. Louis** from the RIAFL-CIO an invite to their upcoming events: April 30<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser for Secretary of State Gregg Amore, UA Local 51, Riverside , RI; May 21<sup>st</sup> Fundraiser for Senator Val Lawson, UFCW Local 328, Providence, RI; and May 28<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser for Senate Leadership PAC, IBEW 99, Cranston, RI.

**To President William E. Louis** from the United States National Labor Relations Board to the MDA-UAW Local 571 from Electric Boat Corporation for Unfair Labor Practices.

**To President William E. Louis** from the New London Fire Fighters Local 1522, their Annual Fundraising Drive looking for our continuous donations. These funds will be used for the Local 1522 general fund for the betterment of its members.

William E. Louis, President  
Amy Stephenson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Bob Canova, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



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

**To President William E. Louis** from the UAW International, the 2025 UAW-LUCA Communications Conference to be held June 22 through June 27, 2025 at Black Lake, Onaway, Michigan.

**Officer Reports:**

**First Vice President Amy Stephenson** reported no new Step 3 grievances filed.

**Second Vice President Bob Canova** reported no new Step 3 grievances filed.

**Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher** reported filed grievance U-0008-25, the company restricting a Union Officer from conduction Union Business. A Memorandum of Agreement was initiated and agreed to, to extend a member's probation. A member received a Final Written Warning for violation of the Portable Electronic Devices. A member was put out pending investigation for 2<sup>nd</sup> offense dozing.

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

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

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Recreation Committee Amy Stephenson:** reported dates for upcoming events:

Six Flags - July 19, 2025

Solidarity Picnic Washington Park - August 16, 2025

MDA Golf - September 1, 2025

MDA Camping Nature Campsites – October 10<sup>th</sup> -13, 2025

Great Wolf Lodge Foxwoods – November 7<sup>th</sup> – 8, 2025

MDA Holiday Dinner Dance – December 6, 2025

**Scholarship Committee Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher** reported seven (7) applicants returned applications for the MDA 2025 John F. Saffomilla and E. Roy Colville Scholarship by the cut-off date of April 25, 2025. All seven applicants will receive \$3,000.00 for a higher college education. The winners of this year's Scholarships are: Justin Sieng son of member Timothy Sieng, Nicholas Souder son of member Silvia Souder, Jacob Russell son of member Lisa Russell, Anna Maynard daughter of member Jessica Thomas, Jordyn Hartman daughter of member Jania Hartman, Alexander Hankey son of Debra Hankey and Lilian Claspell daughter of Rachael Claspell. Congratulations to this year's recipients.

**Community Service Chair James Newman** reported we have built a strong relationship with the United Way of SECT and the local community. We have had discussions with the United Way of SECT in preparation of supporting our membership and their families, wherever they live and work if we go out on strike. We will have a direct call center set up just for our members in need. We also discussed additional UCAN training opportunities to be announced.

We are addressing assistance and programs for financial hardship and guidance, food pantries, pet food, emergency dental services, daycare and coping with stress and anxiety just to name a few.

**Day of Caring Events:**

Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup>, we had a team of volunteers who help collect and pack up the food after the C&S Food Show at the Mohegan Sun. In 2 short hours with 63 volunteers, we were able to collect 53,541 pounds of food and other household items. We would like to thank all our MDA members and their families who showed up to help. We handed out the new "Live United Shirt" with the "New Logo".

**EBECSA Campaign 2025:**

We continue to plan for the 2025 Campaign in October and have scheduled conference rooms for the events. If you're interested in joining our campaign team, please let us know. We need help in all locations but will do our best to use our volunteers where they are located.

Please contact Joanna McClenathan, via Teams or (860) 867-4587, Peter Crizer, (860) 433-2706 or Jim Newman (860) 433-2558 if you have any questions or would like to sign up for any volunteer opportunities or notifications.

**Absentee Committee Eric Straub:** reported: MDA-UAW Local 571 Absentee Committee member reported that the following Executive Board or Executive Council Members were absent from the March 3, 2025 Executive Board/General Membership meeting held at the Mystic Marriott Hotel, 625 North Road, Groton CT 06340:

Michael Alice (6), Peter Button (8), Ryan Davis (6), Wendy Ellithorpe (4), and Richard Gianfrocco (8).

(Value) – Indicates number of Meetings the Member has been absent.

When a member of the Executive Board 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 is 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 the error was made.

The Absentee Committee would like to stress the importance of regular monthly meeting attendance for all E-Board members, E-Council members and Committee Chairs.

If you are unable to attend a meeting, please contact, in advance, any one of the Absentee Committee members: Wayne Carbone (Chair): WCARBONE@GDEB.COM (860) 867-2691 / Cell: 860-857-6426, Anthony (Tony) Giordano Jr.: AGIORDAN@GDEB.COM (860) 867-2458, Eric Straub ESTRAUB@GDEB.COM: Work: (860) 867-4607 / Cell: (860) 501-2230. The Officer of the Absentee Committee is Martha Fletcher RECORDSEC571@GMAIL.COM, (860) 448-0552 / Cell: (860) 608-1301.

**Apprenticeship Committee Co-Chair Joe Marmaud** reported rotations will occur at the end of June.

**Summer High School Intern Program (SHIP)** reported Mentors and Alternates have been chosen. Mentors training will be held May 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am through 2:00 pm at the Mystic Marriott. 20 Interns will be in plant June 6<sup>th</sup> through August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Interns are new MDA members and should be extended all the courtesy and privileges of any new member. Councillors are reminded to meet with their new members as listed in Section VI of the Councillor Guide and handbook.

### **Old Business**

If you are interested in purchasing apparel, outside of the 2 free items, the Union covers 50% of the cost. We have a new logo, many styles and colors. If interested, please contact Kristen at the Union Office, 860-448-0552. Orders are slowly coming in and we will contact you and make arrangement to get your order to you.

### **New Business**

A motion was made to purchase a full-page ad for \$1,000.00 in the CTCOSH Awards Night Dinner program booklet (Steven Trujillo), seconded (Robert Gaudian) and passed to accept. CTCOSH will also will be having an ad in their booklet at no cost to us supporting our negotiation efforts.

A motion was made to pay for up to 10 members to attend the upcoming UCAN training sponsored by the United Way of Southeastern CT (Joseph Marmaud), seconded (Glen Pothier).

The furnace at the Union Hall needs to be replaced. A motion was made to replace it with a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 (Patrick Fitzgerald), seconded (Dayna Spencer) and passed to accept.

A motion was made to send up to 2 members to the upcoming UAW LUCA Conference in Black Lake, Michigan (Anne Wurzbacher), seconded (Austin Perkett) and passed to accept.

President Louis thanked the members of the E-board and E-council for all they are doing during these negotiations. He asked to continue to stay strong in solidarity.

We met with the company last Friday and brought in members to observe and we presented our proposed wage table and included the PCTA and Admin. Aid wage table increases. Our member observers gave to the company testimonials of the struggles with our income verses the inflation rate. The company responded with they will look into our proposals and come back to meet with the negotiation team.

### **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO MDA-UAW LOCAL 571**

<b>BADGE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>
172898	HEDY GOODMAN	403
171394	TYLA ELCI	469
154045	LUIZ VASQUEZ *	459
173052	TARYN BELLINGER	487
229721	ALYX BELCHER	431

173099	KERRY TURGEON	403
173069	ELIZABETH HOLLAND	403
172444	TY BALDOZ	453
172111	AMANI MANSO	469
173119	NATALIE LAWLOR	469
171914	KRISNA NUON	459
171640	MIA MELE	453
170897	AYDEN LAWRENCE	456
172486	JARED DELMENTE *	456
172738	ROBERT LEE	701
172900	JULIA WARD	701
162095	PATRICK DUGUID	403
167216	JARON REED	448
173178	ESSENCE HILL	403
170867	AYDEN LAWRENCE	456
173227	TIMOTHY NAGLE	448
171058	AYDEN CARRASCO	456
163387	ARKIAH SHULESHKO	431
173275	KRISTEN HUMISTON	403
173281	JUAN VILA	701
153577	PHILIP BADOREK	431
173271	ALYSSA PELTO	403
155676	ELIZABETH FRISKEY *	459
154211	MICHAEL TROCCHI *	403
173243	ERIC ROUTH	456
173305	COURTNEY CARPENTIER	403

\*Reinstated

A motion was made to accept the new members (Steven Karavolis), seconded (Joseph Marmaud) and passed to accept.

President William E. Louis swore in newly appointed 2 councillors, Jason Anderson and Sarah Tetreault to tower A, New London.

A motion was made to adjourn (Steven Karavolis) , seconded (Patrick Fitzgerald) and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

*Martha Fletcher*

Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher

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