

NYS AAUP Conference Spring 2011 Election Committee Report – Frank Higman

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2. The nominations for this year s election of the Secretary, Treasurer and two At-Large Members
3. Participation in the Department Of Labor (DOL) supervised re-run of last year s election of the two At-Large Members.

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The results are as follows:

For the re-run of last year s election:

President: David Linton
Vice-President: Jeanette Jeneault
At-Large: Jeff Baker
John Polimeni

For this year s election:

Secretary: Cecelia McCall
Treasurer: Pat Cihon
At-Large: Susanne Wagner
Kate Eskew
Dennis Mazzocco

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Frank Higman, Joseph Wasik the Director of the DOL office in Buffalo) and Marla Tumiel (Election Supervisor for DOL). The purpose of the meeting was

to hold a conference call with interested parties about the process and procedures for the running of the election. On the conference call were: David Linton, John Polimeni, Joyce Fufero, Virginia Fishera.

As a result of the meeting, an election process and procedures was issued by the DOL. A call for nominations was published. The following nominations were received:

Joyce Furfero
John Polimeni
Fred Brodzinski

On March 16, 2011, a meeting was held in the DOL offices in Buffalo. Present at the meeting were Frank Higman, Joseph Wasik and Marla Tumiel. The purpose of the meeting was to have a conference call with the nominees concerning the rules for running a campaign for office. On the conference call were Joyce Furfero and Fred Brodzinski. Marla Tumiel had a separate call with John Polimeni since he was unavailable at the time.

It was brought to the attention of Marla Tumiel that Joyce Furfero had allowed a gap in her membership in the AAUP. This put her nomination in doubt since the Conference Constitution calls for being a member of the AAUP for at least a year. Note: Even the previous Conference Constitution calls for the nominee to be able to vote in the national election for that year and the gap makes Joyce ineligible to vote in the election. Marla Tumiel notified Joyce Furfero that her nomination could not be accepted.

Since that left only two nominees for the two At-Large Member positions it was not necessary to run an election.

Report of the Nominations Committee at the Conference Meeting, April 15&16, 2011

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