## NEB Telcon Minutes February 15, 2011

The teleconference was called to order by President Paul Rinaldi, and the following members attended the call:

Paul Rinaldi, President
Trish Gilbert, Executive Vice President
Barry Krasner, Executive Director
Michael Robicheau, New England Regional Vice President
Michael MacDonald, Region X Vice President
Jim Ullmann, Northwest Mountain Regional Vice President
Larry Lescanec, Alaskan Regional Vice President
Kevin Peterson, Central Regional Vice President
Phil Barbarello, Eastern Regional Vice President
Victor Santore, Southern Regional Vice President

Also in attendance was Abigail Glenn-Chase.

Congress- Paul and Trish had a good meeting with Chairman Issa (Government Reform committee) today.

President's Budget-We had a telcon with Administrator Babbitt yesterday on the President's proposed budget. The overall budget would increase by \$2.7B. Operations would increase about \$400M. Appropriators on the House side are looking at going back to 2010 or 2008 levels.

RMT- Jeff Richards and Jen McCoy received a demo of the program on Friday. Jen is attending the training /workgroup this week. Robey is drafting up an article 48 paper.

ERAM: ISD is still scheduled for March 31st and there remain numerous major issues that have not been addressed in recent software drops. Jim will brief the NEB in Dallas

Region X- To date we are at 78 new members. Paul congratulated Mike on his hard work with his member drives. Staff specialists open enrollment window will end February 28th. Ballots are going out today to the multi-unit members. They will be back on the  $16^{\rm th}$  of March.

OSI- It has been difficult getting the workgroup together. Kevin suggested that they try to complete the list and work to schedule a final meeting to confirm and clear the list.

Tuition Reimbursement- Marc Schneider's request for tuition reimbursement was approved in accordance with SRF-14.

NATCA Expense Policy- The NEB approved the attached revised expense policy. The policy still has to be run through ONEU and then will be effective on April 1, 2011.

Patricia Gilbert

Executive Vice President