**Notes & Minutes**

**PEF Region 8 IT Committee – Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, 3/22/2022 - 6:00PM – 7:00PM

Jim Desso & TBD – Committee Co-Chairs

Danielle Bridger -Region 8 Coordinator

Attendees: Greg Marra, Jo Anne Dolan, Jim Desso, D. Bull, Brook Couro, Hank Matale, Paul Burns, Hank Matale, John Kemp, Danielle Bridger

**Go Around/Introductions:**

6:08PM – Call to Order

* Jim went over Robert’s Rules of order; also made mention that for those on the phone \*6 to mute unmute and to raise lower hand.
* Added professional development to the agenda (Article 15).
* Danielle made a motion to accept amended agenda unanimous consent to adopt

**Discuss/Approve Minutes:**

6:20 PM – A motion to approve minutes was made by Danielle Bridger, seconded by Greg M.; motion carried.

**Telecommuting Updates:**

* Jim Desso mentioned that the TC policy was at the LM table for end of month renewal and update to define policy. ITS was able to complete its work remotely for (9) months during the pandemic and has the type of work that can be done remotely; most IT employees work remotely once in the office; i.e. sit in their desk and remote into other desktops so they do not understand why they cannot work remotely from home.
* Other IT employees that work through the state that are in agencies that are not IT, i.e. DOH, ENCON need to have IT TC policies set across the board, the agency specific to the agency they are working in. In other words, DOH is putting the TC policy into effect for the IT workers in their office under IT titles.

**Exam Fee Reimbursements:**

* Civil Service appears to be flip-flopping on this issue.
	+ Look into what we can possibly do for retirees or for members who will be retiring by the time an exam will be rescheduled. – still looking into
	+ How many IT members are on a full reasonable accommodation and therefore will need a reasonable accommodation for a civil service exam. – still looking into

**Trainings:**

* Discussed the possibility of employees using Article 15 in the contract to get reimbursed for trainings/ continuing education and suggested that leaders reach out to PEF HQ to learn more about the benefits afforded by this Article.

7:34PM – Meeting Adjourned.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, 4/21/2022 – 6:00PM.**

Minutes prepared by: Danielle Bridger