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2012 ACE Council Bond docs

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Sun, Mar 17, 2024 at 9:53 AM

To: Gay Henson <ghenson@ifpte.org>, Matt Biggs <mbiggs@ifpte.org>

Cc: president@ifpte777.org, ACE Council <ACECouncil@ifpte.org>, Corps Council IFPTE <corps-council-ifpte@googlegroups.com>, Teresa Ellis <tellis@ifpte.org>

Good morning all. I'm just bumping this for everyone's attention. On an immediate practical matter, there were a number of expenses that the Council voted to authorize at our February mtg, but we are holding off on until we get some clarity on the items discussed on this thread.

Gay & Matt: I bumped that other thread detailing those expenses for your attention, should your approval still be required. Please advise if we have concurrence on the two points outlined in this email. Or if there isn't concurrence, whether you approve the expenses.

All Council Directors: I will be sending out a proposed agenda for Wednesday's March Council Board mtg here in the next couple days. Please shoot me a note to nominate any agenda topics. Top priority will be given to the election of our new officers but we will also be interested in continuing the discussion about the ACE Council's status. And if the IFPTE leadership team does concur with the restoration of our full autonomy, then perhaps it will be appropriate for us to pick back up the discussion of updating our bylaws which have been on hold since the summer.

Solidarity,
Chris

On Tue, Feb 27, 2024 at 8:18AM Christopher Dols <christopherdols@gmail.com> wrote:

Gay & Matt: Thank you for your gesture here. I think I can speak for all Council Directors to say we would all really like to see the same. Especially with Trump's strong February polling in MI, PA, WI, GA, NV and AZ, the stakes for federal labor are far too great for us to get bogged down in an adversarial relationship.

If it's helpful, I'm optimistic that there might just be a misunderstanding between us. At last week's Board meeting, I tried to offer some clarification, and I'll reiterate it here in writing if that can be useful:

Starting a few months ago, at your request, the ACE Council Board began subjecting its spending decisions to your approval. Also at your request, we dropped our efforts to implement a number of changes to the Council's bylaws. Colin and I accepted the suspension of these and other aspects of the ACE Council's previous autonomy on the basis of the assertion that we were not an officially chartered body of IFPTE.

Now that we all know that the ACE Council *is* an officially chartered body of IFPTE, can we get your concurrence that:
(A) The ACE Council is not currently (as of today) in trusteeship (as Brian assured us during our ACE Council meeting last week), and...

(B) The ACE Council currently (as of today) has the full autonomy that's available to other subordinate bodies under the IFPTE Constitution.

I recognize that we're being persistent on this, but I do believe that Colin and I (as elected representatives of a chartered council of IFPTE) have a responsibility to the member locals of the ACE Council to get your concurrence on both of these questions now.

We have a lot of work to do to prepare for a possible second Trump term. Hopefully it doesn't come to that, but if it does, we'll be glad we spent 2024 gearing up for that fight instead of getting bogged down with an internal one.

Thank you,
Chris

On Feb 23, 2024, at 6:28 PM, 'Gay Henson' via Corps Council IFPTE <corps-council-ifpte@googlegroups.com> wrote:

What is see is a continue spirit of division. While you were in DC recently, I asked you if we could find a path towards working together. I still would like to see this happen.

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From: corps-council-ifpte@googlegroups.com <corps-council-ifpte@googlegroups.com> on behalf of Colin Smalley <president@ifpte777.org>
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 3:42 PM
To: Gay Henson <ghenson@ifpte.org>
Cc: ACE Council <ACECouncil@ifpte.org>; Corps Council IFPTE <corps-council-ifpte@googlegroups.com>; Teresa Ellis <tellis@ifpte.org>
Subject: Re: [ACE Council] 2012 ACE Council Bond docs

Hi Gay,

First, I'd like to distinguish between ACE Council business and local business. It was my distinct impression from previous correspondence that there is an expectation that the elected leaders of a subordinate body should as a matter of courtesy be included on conversations about that body. If that is true for locals, it should be true of chartered councils.

Second, my request was not in any way suggesting that anyone was "required" to do anything, rather it was a request. Of course we cannot require or prohibit anything of IFPTE officers or staff. We have no delusions of doing so.

However, Brian strongly insisted at our meeting that nothing has been "imposed" on the Council, its officers, or directors. It is in that spirit of requests to one another to improve communication that I made my request.

In solidarity,
-Colin

On Fri, Feb 23, 2024 at 2:15 PM Gay Henson <ghenson@ifpte.org> wrote:

Colin,

I understand your request however, respectfully, we will reach out to any Army Corp locals as we see the need. Are you suggesting that Brian, as assistant to the executive officers, as our representative, is required to get you and Chris' approval, and/or include you and Chris on any communications before reaching out to anyone on the Army Corp Council or to any IFPTE Army local ?

Respectfully,
Gay Henson
IFPTE Secretary Treasurer
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Brian,

As requested, here's a PDF version of the photos James was able to take late Wednesday afternoon.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EsyJquVnXIXiW8nSUYI3barP7ZWft5XT/view?usp=drivesdk>

Also, I heard that you contacted James at his agency email address to request these (internal business) documents; and that when he called you on his break, that he felt your tone was overly aggressive in reiterating some of the same points you made on the ACE Council call.

Just as you told us that Matt and Gay asked us to route all of our ACE-Council-related communications with the federation through you (through the acecouncil@ifpte.org email), I

would ask that you please include Chris and myself, or our successor officers, on communications with ACE Council Directors with respect to ACE Council business. I've copied the ACE Council Directors on this email for their awareness.

Thanks,
-Colin

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