



**WESTERN DIVISION MEETING  
GAMBA RISTORANTE  
MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

**MINUTES**

I. The meeting was called to order at 5:23 P.M.

Present:	Tim Baker	Tom Donovan	Matthew LaFree	Mike Flanery
	Phil Shikany	Melissa Sustaita	Bill Walton	

II. The minutes of the previous Division meeting held on May 8, 2024, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected. It was seconded and, with no further discussion, duly carried.

III. **Reports of Officers:**

A. Chairman Report:

- i. A work outlook for the area was provided. There was discussion on the large projects in the area.
- ii. There was discussion on projects for the summer.

B. Chapter Report:

- i. Out-of-work numbers for Local 697 were reviewed:  
INS: 39 // 86   VDV: 2 // 3   Apprentices: 0

ii. Contractor Report:	MAY 2024:	LOCAL: 26 COMPLIANT: 103	TRAVELING: 82 DELINQUENT: 5
	JUN 2024:	LOCAL: 28 COMPLIANT: 119	TRAVELING: 93 DELINQUENT: 2
	JUL 2024	LOCAL: 26 COMPLIANT: 103	TRAVELING: 82 DELINQUENT: 5
Manhour/Manpower Report:	MAY 2024	HOURS: 176,765 (168,315)	LABOR: 1,181 (1,161)
	JUN 2024	HOURS: 191,013 (170,275)	LABOR: 1,258 (1,132)
	JUL 2024	HOURS: 190,354 (175,128)	LABOR: 1,328 (1,151)

- iii. NECAPAC Contributions were reviewed:                   11 CONTRIBUTIONS // \$4,700   GOAL: 22 // \$11,900
- iv. There was discussion on the new Project Manager Apprenticeship.
- v. It was announced that the NECA office hired a new office manager.
- vi. The upcoming calendar of events was reviewed.

IV. **Reports of Committees:**

A. JATC

- i. It was noted there is a meeting coming up.
- ii. It was reported that classes have begun and there are a total of 230 Apprentices in the program.
- iii. There was discussion on the performance of the new training director to date.
- iv. It brought up that there is a backlog of applicants and interviews will begin soon.
- v. It was reported that Roman Bronson was hired as an instructor from Indiana Plan.

B. Health & Benefits / Plan P

- i. There was general discussion among members. It was reported that the trustees will have a meeting soon.

C. Pension / Money Purchase

- i. There was general discussion among members. It was reported that the trustees will have a meeting soon.

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D. LMCC

- i. There was discussion regarding Legacy performing an audit along with the costs.

V. **Unfinished Business:**

- A. None to Discuss.

VI. **New Business:**

- A. It was reported that there will be updates to the VDVNA reporting in EPR Live.
- B. It was noted that referrals from Local 531 may be without clear status if customers don't require it.

VII. There being no further business the meeting adjourned around 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew J. LaFree, Executive Director

Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, October 09, 2024 at 5:00 PM Central Time**



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GAMBA RISTORANTE  
MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA  
MAY 8, 2024**

- V. **Unfinished Business:**  
A. None to Discuss.
- VI. **New Business:**  
A. The Chapter will host a two-day Sales & Maintenance Masterclass with Sean Samson this fall.
- VII. There being no further business the meeting adjourned around 6:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew J. LaFree, Executive Director

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 5:00 PM Central Time**



WESTERN DIVISION MEETING  
GAMBA RISTORANTE  
MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA  
APRIL 10, 2024


MINUTES

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:14 P.M.
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| Present: | Tim Baker      | Mike Flanery  | Christian Gloff | Kyle Krause |
|          | Matthew LaFree | Eric Severson | Phil Shikany    | Bill Walton |
- II. The minutes of the Western Division meeting held on March 20, 2024, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected. It was seconded and, with no further discussion, duly carried.
- III. **Reports of Officers:**
- A. Chairman Report:
- Members were reminded that there would be a blackout period for their Annuity fund the first week of June to finalize move to Empower.
  - The actuary had recommended a larger contribution for Plan P.
- B. Chapter Report:
- An update for negotiations in Locals 153 and 531 was provided
  - Contractor Report: Feb 2024      Local: 15      Traveling: 60  
Compliant: 71      Delinquent: 4
  - Manhour/Manpower Report: Feb 2024      Hours: 164,412 (151,731)      Labor: 1,097 (1,091)
  - NECAPAC Contributions were reviewed:      7 = \$3,235      Goal: 22 = \$11,900
  - The upcoming calendar of events was reviewed.
- IV. **Reports of Committees:**
- A. JATC
- There was general discussion among members.
- B. Health & Benefits / Plan P
- It was reported that actuaries recommend a larger contribution.
- C. Pension / Money Purchase
- It was reported that the blackout period to finalize the move to Empower will be the first week of June.
- D. LMCC
- It was reported that there was general discussion.

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- V. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A. None to Discuss.
  
- VI. **New Business:**
  - A. None to Discuss
  
- VII. There being no further business the meeting adjourned around 5:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew J. LaFree, Executive Director

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 5:00 PM Central Time**



**WESTERN DIVISION MEETING  
GAMBA RISORANTE  
MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA  
MARCH 20, 2024**

- V. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A. None to Discuss.
  
- VI. **New Business:**
  - A. None to Discuss
  
- VII. There being no further business the meeting adjourned around 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew J. LaFree, Executive Director

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 5:00 PM Central Time**





**WESTERN DIVISION MEETING  
GAMBA RISORANTE  
MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA  
FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

- V. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A. None to Discuss.
  
- VI. **New Business:**
  - A. None to Discuss
  
- VII. There being no further business the meeting adjourned around 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew J. LaFree, Executive Director

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 5:00 PM Central Time**



**WESTERN DIVISION MEETING  
JEDI'S RESTAURANT  
GRIFFITH, INDIANA  
JANUARY 3, 2023**

V. **Unfinished Business:**

- A. It was noted that the Chapter is still pursuing a meeting with GAN Human Resources on behalf of Management apprenticeship trustees.
- B. There was continued discussion regarding the possible addition of the Fort Wayne division.

VI. **New Business:**

- A. The Chapter's bylaws must be updated to account for the Fort Wayne division joining the Northern Indiana Chapter. Notice was given to all members in a memo sent on November 22, 2023 that this meeting would include a vote to approve the bylaws change, pending recommendation by the NECA Executive Committee. There was a motion to accept the changes as presented. The motion was seconded and, with no further discussion, carried unanimously. Votes will be counted along with member votes from the other divisions following their respective member meetings.
- B. It was noted that the Central and Eastern Divisions will be entering negotiations in the coming months.

VII. There being no further business the meeting adjourned around 8:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew J. LaFree, Executive Director

Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 5:00 PM Central Time**