

Minutes of Department Economic Committee Meeting

Chairman Gerald Merrell called meeting to order on September 21st, 1:30pm at the "Zoo Bar" at the Boyne Highlands Resort, Harbor Springs, MI.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Gerald Merrell, Donald Connor, and Gary Sammons

Absent Frederick Hollister

Guests Dale Gould, Terry Hessler and Earl Lash

Minutes from the June 28th 2012 Department Economic Committee and the June 29th Convention Economic Committee Meeting were read, Minutes accepted.

Resolutions 2-E-12 & 6-F-12 do not pertain to the Economic Committee No action taken.

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussion on getting the word out to districts about the Economic Awards, Gary has and will continue to visit districts at their meetings. Information was shared and to be taken back to the districts.

Discussion on having a Workshop at the winter meeting to include the Local Veteran Employment Services Staff on VA Jobs, Chairman Gerald Merrell is working with Human Resource staff at the Saginaw VA to educate veterans on how to apply and common mistakes which disqualify veterans from VA Jobs. Goal is to have a Workshop at the June Convention.

Chairman Gerald Merrell brought up 3 bills, which have passed the State house and are now in the Senate on Veterans Experience leading to State License for certain occupations.

- **HB 5582 of 2012 Occupations; electricians; use of certain military experience as the basis for licensure**
- **HB 5583 of 2012 Occupations; plumbers; use of certain military experience as the basis for licensure**
- **HB 5590 of 2012 Occupations; security guards; use of certain military experience as the basis for licensure**

Discussion on the past US Chamber of Commerce sponsored Hiring our heroes job Fairs in Midland and Selfridge, both were well attended and had quality employers.

Two events are coming up in Michigan April 2013

<http://www.uschamber.com/hiringourheroes>

April 4 2013 Dearborn

April 23rd Ft. Custer

Details to follow.

With no further business to be discussed Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm

Minutes submitted by Gerald Merrell

Economic Committee Chairman.