

UPMA National Executive Board Telecom – 4/9/2025

President Tony Leonardi called the meeting to order. Secretary-Treasurer Greg Nors called roll.

In attendance:

Tony Leonardi
Greg Nors
Padric Fisher
Edmund Carley
Charley Peters
John Douds
Bernadette Puodziunas
Stephanie Thompson

Kerry Nichols
Jeff Jarrett
Jim Maher
Carla Biggerstaff
Kendrick Comulada
Tania Cason
C. Scott Christiansen

John Galera and Jim Dunlap were also in attendance.

President Tony Leonardi opened the meeting. Tony presented a change in chapter affiliation request submitted by Wayne Francis from the North Carolina Chapter. Tony presented the reasons for the request. It was moved by Padric Fisher and seconded by Carla Biggerstaff to allow Wayne Francis to move his membership from North Carolina to Alabama. Motion failed.

Tony presented the AALDP contract. It was stated that the contract with UPMA Lawyer, Tamika Sykes will expire on June 30, 2025. Tony shared that she has increased her rates and gave more detailed information. It was moved by Jim Maher and seconded by Jeff Jarrett to enter into a three-year contract with Lawyer, Tamika Sykes, at the new rates. Motion carried.

Tony mentioned that the national message PowerPoint presentation and all chapter convention forms will be sent out in one email from Jim Dunlap. He also stated that all items will also be available on the UPMA Website under Resources.

It was moved by Padric Fisher and seconded by Greg Nors to move into executive session. Motion carried. It was moved by Jim Maher and seconded by Jeff Jarrett to approve UPMA Lawyer, Tamika Sykes to appeal the initial decision on the Wallace MSPB case. Motion carried.

It was moved by Greg Nors and seconded by Padric Fisher to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Maher and seconded by Padric Fisher to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Nors, UPMA National Secretary-Treasurer

