

**Minutes of General Membership Meeting
January 17, 2012**

President Billy Snow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 55 members present.

Sue Maslioja made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes. Linda Sandman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Barbara Vahey reported a balance of \$38, 732.15 in the checking account and \$152,860.57 in an interest bearing savings account.

President Snow updated the membership on negotiations. He announced that Jay M. Siegel has been appointed as our mediator. The mediator has given us two tentative dates.

President Snow introduced Evan Engler, NYSUT Coordinator of Financial Services who explained the Non Elective Employer sponsored by 403(b). He explained that if you do not have a Non Elective Employer sponsored 403(b) at retirement when selling back your unused sick you could lose almost half of the money to taxes. By having a 403(b) you do not pay federal, state or FICA taxes. You only pay federal taxes on the monies you take out of the 403(b) in any given year. Mr. Engler explained that all sick pay monies will now go into a Non Elective Employer sponsored 403(b). Mr. Engler then answered questions from the audience.

President Snow announced that Vice-President Mininsky will be retiring on June 30. President Snow also asked for volunteers for the Constitution/By-Laws committee and for Good & Welfare.

President Snow answered several questions from the audience concerning teaching assistants, technology training and professional development. President Snow assured the members that he would be speaking to Mr. Weiss at the next Nuts & Bolts meeting.

Claudia Shacter-deCharbert, NYSUT Labor Relations Specialist, explained why the details of negotiations are not discussed with the membership until it is the best deal possible.

Linda Sandman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patrice Baxter seconded it. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.