Minutes: Legislative Committee

February 6, 2017

Co-Chairs: Tony Candela, Matt Hogel

1. . Recent actions by AER regarding Sec Education nominee  
     
   In the spirit of polite explanation of issues of concern to AER and without directly opposing the nominee, members have been repeatedly exhorted to voice their opinions to their Senators by co-Chair Tony and President Joe Catavero (in attendance along with President-elect Janie Blone) and letters sent to Republican Senators by Tony. The confirmation vote is expected on Tuesday, Feb 7.
2. 2. Coordinating and expediting AER government relations, legislative, and advocacy   
     
   The Executive Committee and Legislative Committee will work together. Communications will be increased and enhanced. Our partnership with AFB will continue to be a strong one; occasional coalitioning will take place. We will “pick our fights” carefully, focusing on core issues. Legislative Committee members will develop a texting group messaging process for rapid communications for times where advice and quick action are needed.
3. Membership expectations and recent positive and negative feedback  
     
   Discussed. In any effort, there will be differences of opinion and some harsh criticism. Leadership pledges to use its best judgment on the issues and continue to advocate for them.