



# Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

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## DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES: December 16, 2013 (DRAFT)

President Williams opened the meeting at 6:35pm and invited Saul Schneiderman, AFSCME 2910, to lead the group in a rendition of "Rudolph the UNION Reindeer".

**Minutes:** of November 18, 2013 moved, seconded and approved with one change, David Richardson, AFGE 12, was in attendance.

**Financial Report:** of November 30, 2013 was received.

**Report of Executive Board:** The Board will be re-visiting the award criteria for the Evening With Labor Awards but two awards have been approved; Jimmy Tarlau, CWA District 2 for JC Turner Award for Outstanding Trade Unionist of the Year and IBEW national office for the Thomas M. Bradley Community Services Award.

**Report of the Community Services Agency:** Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reminded the Delegates about the continuing Holiday Basket Project and donations of food, funds and gift cards still needed. Also the Bowling Tournament is 1/26/14. She also provided the Delegates with a listing of all successful grant applications for various CSA projects as well as pending applications for funding.

### **COPE Reports:**

DC- Assistant Political/Legislative Coordinator Alya Solomon updated the Delegates on the minimum wage and paid sick leave legislation scheduled to be voted on December 17 by the DC City Council. She updated on the schedule for endorsements for upcoming races for Mayor and City Council:

Thursday, January 2nd, deadline for filing nominating petitions to DC Board of Elections

Monday, January 13th, DC Board of Elections challenge period ends

Monday, January 6th, send out legislative questionnaires to candidates that have filed with the DC Board of Elections

Thursday, January 16th, deadline to return completed questionnaires.

Friday, January 17th, questionnaires will be posted on the website for review

Tuesday, January 21st, begin candidate interviews (4-6pm). A DC Cope meeting will take place after the final interview to vote on endorsement recommendations (6-8pm)

Monday, January 27th, DC Cope submits recommendations to the Executive Board for approval and ratification by the delegates

Tuesday, April 1st, Primary Election Day

Maryland- Political/Legislative Coordinator Rick Powell updated the Delegates on the Montgomery and Prince George's Counties minimum wage votes. He indicated that the Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO has identified statewide minimum wage as a priority for the 2014 General Assembly session. Targeted early endorsement campaigns include Veronica Turner, running for State Senate, 26th DT, and Jimmy Tarlau, running for State Delegate in the 47th

Powell alerted the Delegates to the schedule for Maryland endorsements:

County Council & County Executive Races

Tuesday, Feb. 25th - Filing deadline

Wednesday, Feb. 26th – Send out questionnaires

Friday, March 7th – Deadline for return of questionnaires

Monday, March 10th begin candidate interviews, 10 AM to 5 PM

Wednesday, March 12th - Last day candidate interviews, 10 AM to 5 PM

Thursday, March 13th – COPE votes recommendations (One union one vote)

Monday, March 17th – Submit PG/Montgomery and Tri-County COPE recommendations to Executive Board for endorsements

State Legislative Races

Midnight, Monday April 7th - Sine die, State Assembly session over

Monday, April 14th – Begin candidate interviews, 10 AM to 5 PM

Thursday, April 17th – Last day of interviews, 10 AM to 5 PM

Friday, April 18th - COPE meeting to vote recommendations

Monday, April 22nd – Submit PG/Montgomery and Tri-County COPE recommendations to Executive Board for endorsements



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### Reports of Affiliates, Constituency Groups and Allies:

Saul Schniderman, AFSCME 2910- we won a dedicated smoking area outside on Library of Congress grounds (management wanted to ban completely on grounds but union wanted to make sure smoking members did in fact have an outside place to go to)

Ed Malaga, Musicians 161-710- finally got a contract at the National Theatre- 3 years, 2% per year, thanked IATSE 22 for its help.

Chuck Clay, IATSE 22- won arbitration at Strathmore Fine Arts Center to ensure payment for additional hours spent due to artist question and answer sessions with audiences after performances, he thanked the Musicians for their assistance as well. He indicated he had recently won reelection as president and for the first time his Executive Board includes two women.

Kewana Battle-Mason, ATU 1764- got contract for Metro Access workers, and thank you to everyone who helped. It is still a struggle with the call center but they are making some headway.

Yvette Martin- Gross, AFGE 631- reported on the latest budget activities in Congress. There are some good things in the bi-partisan bill passed by the House and expected to come up for a vote in the Senate this week. There are also some things we don't like in this bill.

Elizabeth Davis, WTU 6- reported on their National Day of Action activities and DC Mayoral candidate forum which was attended by about 600 people. She thanked Empower DC with whom they partnered, as well as the other DCPS unions who had representation there.

Mike Wilson, UFCW 400- reported that the Giant/Safeway contract ratification vote is scheduled for December 17. Looks good for approval and thank you to all for the support during this long campaign.

Yvette Martin-Gross, DC CBTU- reported that their annual Shoe Box project resulted in 135 boxes of personal care items as well as 50 plus zip lock bags filled with the same for delivery to homeless shelters. She also presented CSA Director Kathleen McKirchy with \$550 worth of various gift cards for use with the Holiday Basket Project. A bug Thank You was provided by McKirchy.

Benito Diaz, WPFW community board- updated on the current situation with staff and programming at the station, which continues to be a problem.

Julia Kann, former staff of the Metro Washington Council, AFL-CIO, indicated that she has a new job working for La-

bor Notes, headquartered in New York and will be writing and doing organizing. President Williams wished her well and to keep in touch with us here in DC.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

The 50-50 was won by Roosevelt Littlejohn, NPCEU CE1, IAM, \$57.

### Delegate Attendance:

Fred Allen GCC 538-C  
Kadija Ash AFGE, Local 2978  
Aaron Bast ironworkers local 5  
Kewana Battle-Mason ATU 1764  
Carl Carson OPCM 891  
Chuck Clay IATSE 22  
Mark Coles Washington Building Trades Council  
Cynthia Collins SEIU Local 400 Pg  
Nannette Corley APWU MontCo Area Local 3630  
Vanessa Dixon-Briggs Doctors Council  
Telisia Dodd AFGE 2978  
George Farenthold AIL/OPEIU 277  
Ruben Dario Ferrufino LABORERS 657  
Theresa Haas IFPTE Local 70  
Drew Halunen NFFE  
Edward Hill AFGE 2782  
Ann Hoffman NWU/UAW 1981  
Gwend Johnson CBTU DC Chapter  
LaKisha Little DCNA  
Clifford Lowery AFGE 1975  
Ed Malaga AFM 161-710  
Yvette Martin-Gross AFGE 631  
Shaihi Mwalimu AFSCME Council 26 3976  
David Richardson AFGE 12  
Saul Schniderman AFSCME 2910  
Mark Sexton IUOE 99  
Eric Starin OPEIU 2