



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES: February 24 (DRAFT)

Meeting called to order by President Williams at 6:50 pm at the office of AFGE District 14.

Board Members in Attendance: Fred Allen, Eric Bunn, Sandra Falwell, Jos Williams

New Delegates Obligated:

Doris Johnson, AFGE 65; Alletta Samuels, AFGE 1000; LaVerne Byrd, AFGE 2782; Kim Greenwood, DCNA; Mike Wilson, UFCW 400; Ian Stublarec, OPEIU 2; Michelle Wyvill, OPEIU 2; Elizabeth Davis, WTU 6; Dabney Hudson, James Gordon, Joseph Chisholm, Ed Smith, Charles Hottinger, Frederick Gordon- all IAFF 36

Minutes of December 16, 2013 meeting were moved, seconded as approved as distributed.

Financial Report of January 2014 was moved, seconded and received.

Correspondence: none to review

President Williams recognized AFGE District 14 Vice-President Eric Bunn and thanked him for the use of their facilities for the Board and Delegates' meetings and for their hospitality.

Executive Board Report:

The Board approved the appointment of Steve Courtien to replace Vance Ayres representing the DC Building Trades Council on the board.

After much discussion, the Board approved the following endorsements:

IN DC

Mayor- No position
Chairman- Phil Mendelson
Ward 1- Jim Graham
Ward 3- No Position
Ward 5- Kenyan McDuffie
Ward 6- Darrel Thompson
At-Large- No Position
Shadow Senator- Paul Strauss
DC Democratic State Committee- Fred Allen and other union members who may be running

IN MD

Clerk of Orphan's Court Charles County- Frank Lancaster, retired IBEW 26

After much vigorous discussion and debate by delegates, a vote was held and the positions taken by the Executive Board were approved.

Community Services Agency

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reminded delegates of Labor Night at the Nats which this year will be Friday July 18 against Milwaukee. Tickets will again be \$10 each. Flyers to come out shortly.

Union Cities

Coordinator Chris Garlock reported:

2014 Directory published; will be sent to affiliates, media & politicians this week; online version continually updated
DC Labor FilmFest update: set for May-June; program guide ad deadline extended to March 15; film host slots still available: IAFF 36 has confirmed for "Burn"; IFPTE is likely to host "Office Space", SAG-AFTRA is likely for "Kinky Boots" and AFL 161-710 is likely for "Note by Note"; still up for grabs are Trash Dance, Salt of the Earth and Dirty Pretty Things. This year we're expanding to the first-ever LaborFest in May, a month-long labor cultural, film and arts festival, anchored by FilmFest screenings at AFI, the AFL-CIO and Busboys and Poets, and including an art exhibition on painter Ralph Fassanella at the Smithsonian's American Art Museum, a screening of the Mexican film masterpiece *Redes* (1936), accompanied by a live performance of the film's score by the PostClassical Ensemble (AFM members), labor history walks in Washington DC, the Labor Heritage Foundation's "Solidarity Forever" awards and more to come.

Labor-Media Breakfast report: excellent turnout last Thursday by media – AP, Washington Post, Huffington Post, NBC4, BNA and In These Times – and local labor leaders (including Boardman and Goldman) and communicators. Good discussion and very positive feedback from both reporters and labor folks. The Local Labor Communicators group will be discussing next steps at our March 21 meeting (at UFCW 400, 9:30a).

Maryland COPE

Legislative and Political Coordinator Rick Powell reported that the political timeline has changed slightly- recommendations for Maryland Assembly and County Council races



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will come from COPE to the Executive Board at the April meeting. He also gave a short update on major bills pending in Annapolis including minimum wage, collective bargaining for state court and community college employees and prevailing wage.

DC COPE

Assistant Legislative and Political Coordinator Alya Solomon reported on the status of minimum wage, paid sick days and wage theft legislation.

Evening with Labor

Dinner Chairman Fred Allen (GCC 538/IBT) updated the delegates in the date of the event, March 15, and the deadline for ads. "We are looking to have another great turnout for this signature event."

Reports of Locals, Constituency Groups and Allies

Ed Smith (IAFF 36) reported on a recent arbitration award win. The arbitrator upheld everything the local was looking for, including tour of duty being negotiable, but that will take further action locally as PERB has ruled that it is not a mandatory subject of bargaining.

President Williams indicated he would call a meeting of the public sector unions to formulate a strategy as this ruling could have impacts on all.

Dan Blumenthal, AFSCME Local 3870, indicated that an organization called the Montgomery County renter's Alliance is working with MCGEO/UFCW 1994 and will be active in candidate forums highlighting increasing rents and renters' rights. Rob Leardo reported on DC's TENAC and their candidate forum to be held March 14. President Williams asked if the two groups could coordinate.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

50-50 raffle was won by Russ Davis, Retired AFGE 2782

Delegate attendance

Kadija Ash AFGE, Local 2978
Kewana Battle-Mason ATU 1764
Tommy Bell, AFGE 1975
Dan Blumenthal/AFSCME 3870
John Brasseur IATSE Local 22
Benoit Brookens AFGE 12
LaVern Byrd AFGE 2782
Joseph Chisolm IAFF Local 36
Cynthia Collins SEIU Local 400 Pg
Elizabeth Davis WTU 6
Rick Ehrmann NEWSPAPER GUILD 35
Randy Erwin NFFE-IAM Local 2
Sandra Falwell DCNA/NUU
Michael Flood AFSCME 2921
TIFFANY FLOWERS UFCW 400
Frederick Gordon IAFF Local 36
James Gordon DC Firefigther Local 36
Theresa Haas IFPTE Local 70
Drew Halunen National Federation of Federal Employees
Karen Hemphill AFGE 383
Edward Hill AFGE 2782
Charles Hottinger IAFF Local 36
Dabney Hudson IAFF Local 36
Aona Jefferson AFSA/CSO 4
Doris Johnson AFGE 12
Ottis Johnson AFGE Local 1831
LaKisha Little DCNA
Roosevelt Littlejohn NFFE (IAM-AW) FD 1
Clifford Lowery AFGE 1975
Yvette Martin-Gross AFGE 631
Robert Mayfield AFGE 2978
Jim McGrath Tenac D.C. Tenants
Alan Perry IATSE 22
Kenneth Pitts AFGE 383
William Preston AFGE 17
David Richardson AFGE 12
Alletta Samuels AFGE 1000
Franklin Silberstein AFGE 2782
Edward Smith IAFF 36
Eric Starin OPEIU 2
Ian Stublarec OPEIU Local 2
Timothy Traylor AFGE 383
Bradley Van Waus NNU
Gina Walton AFGE 1975
Thomas Webb AFGE 3615
Michael Wilson UFCW 400 (Respect DC)
Michelle Wyvill OPEIU 2