



# Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES: May 19, 2014

*Meeting called to order by President Williams at 4:18pm at OPEIU Local 2's offices in Silver Spring, 8555 16th Street, Suite 550*

**Minutes** of the April 21 meeting, which were combined Executive Board and Delegates minutes, were moved, seconded and approved as distributed.

**Financial Report** through April 30, 2014 was moved, seconded and received.

**Correspondence** - the Board approved the following expenditures:  
\$300 to sponsor a tee at the Washington Building Trades Council's annual Dad's Day Golf Outing 6/6/14  
\$105 for three tickets to the Maryland/DC Alliance for Retired Americans Dinner honoring outgoing president Frank Stella 6/21/14  
\$1750 for a full page ad and table for the Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO Salute to Leadership Dinner honoring among others our own President Williams 6/20/14  
TOTAL Expenditures approved- \$2155

**Community Services Agency Report**  
Executive Director McKirchy reminded Board members of Labor Night at the Nats on July 18 and that we are a little behind on sales at the moment. She also requested that some labor folks step up to the plate to serve on the Golf Committee to help support that event scheduled this year for September 22. She informed the Board that the Emergency Assistance Fund has been out of money for about a month and she is keeping the list of who has been referred to the program that we have had to refer elsewhere so they can be offered direct assistance one we have funds. Several Board members made pledges of donations totaling \$4000 which will help until we can roll over proceeds from Labor Night at the Nats in July. She thanked the Board for their generosity.

**Union Cities**  
Mobilization Coordinator Chris Garlock reported on DC LaborFest activities to date and alerted the Board to the remaining events in May

and in June. He reminded board members of tomorrow's (5/20) rally in support of funding for public transit in Upper Senate Park at noon.

### COPE Reports

MD COPE Report - Rick Powell, Legislative/Political Coordinator, introduced Montgomery/Prince George's County COPE Chair Doris Reed (ASASP) and they reported on the COPE Committee recommendations on the races still to be considered.

The Committee urges "No Recommendation" in the Prince George's County Council, District 6 race with incumbent Derrick Leon Davis, who has made disparaging comments about labor and has not really been a leader on the County Council. The Committee also recommends endorsement of the "Democratic Leadership Team" slate for the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee. The remaining Montgomery County races the Committee has left for the Executive Board to decide.

The Executive Board, after discussion and deliberation, voted to take the following actions:  
Montgomery County Executive- No Recommendation  
Montgomery County Council At-Large- Marc Elrich, Vivian Malloy, Beth Daly  
County Council District 2- No Recommendation  
County Council District 4- No Recommendation  
County Sheriff- No Recommendation

All other local races were done at last month's meeting and the list of these and state Assembly endorsements can be found on [www.dclabor.org](http://www.dclabor.org) on the COPE page.

Powell discussed a plan for targeting certain races and UFCW 1994 indicated they could take on the responsibility for District 17 since it overlaps with a county council district they are targeting. President Williams made a pitch for contributions to help pay for the campaigns.

DC COPE: President Williams indicated that, relative to the Mayoral race, he was still waiting for issues to be sent to him by several Board members for development of a "priorities document" to be delivered to Democratic candidate Muriel Bowser. He indicated, and other Board members spoke to, the fact of the fall primary allowing more time to work with her and obtain commitments on our issues before formally endorsing. Board members indicated the meeting held in April with her was a good first step but much more discussion needs to occur.

Board Members in Attendance: Williams, Goldman, Bridges, Murphy, Boardman, Tarlau, D Reed, S Reed, Renne

Guests in attendance: Mike Wilson, UFCW 400; Eric Starin, OPEIU Local 2; Josh Ardison, UFCW 1994; John Shields, WBTC; Sam Epps, UNITE HERE Local 25; Andrew Washington, AFSCME Council 20; Mike \_\_\_\_\_, AFSCME Council 20

Staff in attendance: Garlock, Powell, McKirchy



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Staff will send out a request to all Board members to forward major issue concerns for inclusion in the document which will be sent to Board members for review before it goes to candidate Bowser.

### Reports of Board Members

John Boardman, UNITE HERE Local 25, reported that the Marriott Marquis Convention Center Hotel has now opened. They met with 440 staff prior and it took them 27 minutes to get them signed up for the union, which was voluntarily recognized right away. They have started negotiations.

Carl Goldman, AFSCME Council 26, reported that at the FAA, one of the two agencies which allow for wage bargaining, they recently won raises, signing bonuses and got pay for performance off the table.

Andrew Washington, AFSCME Council 20, alerted the Board to the Quinn case pending before the Supreme Court which would do away with Fair Share dues arrangements in the public sector. If the decision goes the wrong way it will be disastrous for public sector unions.

John Shields, Sheet Metal Local 100, which will soon be SMART - Sheet Metal, Rail, Air, Transportation Union - announced that by July 1, the Washington Building Trades Council will change its name to CHOICE - Community Hub for Opportunities in Construction Employment. This is the new entity born from the dissolution of the separate Baltimore and Washington councils. New field staff reps will be Rod Easter, Jeff Guido and Steve Courtien.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dena Briscoe, Recording Secretary*