



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES: June 16, 2014 (DRAFT)

President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:40pm at the AFL-CIO.

New delegates sworn in: Barbara Churchill, IATSE 868 (treasurers and ticket sellers) and Doris Johnson, AFGE 12 (US DOL)

The President asked for a special order of business to allow for a presentation to the delegates by Michael Vander Putten, AT&T Union Mobility Account Executive. He reminded delegates that this firm is the only unionized wireless company, with 120,000 union members as employees. They offer significant discounts on service plans to union offices (22%), union employees (18%) and union members (15%). He handed out materials and cards. Individuals can contact the labor council office for his information as well.

The President also introduced Corey Medina of AFL-CIO Working America, reminding the delegates that they can assist with issues campaigns, organizing community members in support of labor initiatives, and they win 86% of the campaigns with which they are involved.

Returning to the regular order of business:

Minutes: The minutes of May 19, 2014 were moved, seconded and approved.

Financial report: The financial report of May 31, 2014 was moved, seconded and received.

Executive Board Report: The Board filled two vacancies with John Shields, SMART 100, and Andrew Washington, AFSCME Council 20. The Board passed the resolution "Support US Postal Workers; Don't Buy Staples" and indicated it would promote this among the affiliates. The Board approved the following expenditures:
DC Jobs With Justice I'll Be There Awards, June 12, \$600 full-page ad
DC Labor Chorus, Love Songs from the Liberation Wars, July 21, \$125 quarter page ad
Insulators Local 24 Annual Golf Outing, July 1, \$300 tee sign
DC CLUW, Annual Awards Luncheon, July 20, \$175 half page ad
TOTAL \$1200, year to date expenditures \$5790.

The Executive Board Report was moved, seconded and approved.

Community Services Agency- Director Kathleen McKirchy reminded the delegates of Labor Night at the Nats on July 18 and the Annual Golf Tournament coming up on September 22, both fundraisers for the Emergency Assistance Fund.

Union Cities Report- President Williams introduced Kelly Marie Fay Rodriguez, from the AFL-CIO Office the Executive Vice-President, and Eduardo Pena, UFCW 400, who discussed the upcoming training and citizenship registration event. Training is provided to volunteers who will help non-citizens fill out citizenship application forms to apply for naturalization. Many union members do not now enjoy the benefits of citizenship including voting, better job security, ability to travel freely, serving on juries etc. The training will be held Thursday June 19, 5:30-7p at the AFL-CIO and the sign-up day for those seeking citizenship is Saturday, June 28, 9a-3p at the AFL-CIO.

COPE Report: Legislative/Political Coordinator Rick Powell updated the delegates on the final leg of the Maryland primary campaigns for the June 24 primary. Volunteers are needed for this coming Saturday for literature drops at union households and for election day to cover polling places.

Reports of Locals, Constituency Groups and Allies:

Ed Smith, IAFF Local 36, reported that the DC City Council held a hearing last week on the continuing delay of Mayoral transmittal of the 2014 contract arbitration case recently decided. The Office of Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining apparently sent the Council the arbitrator's award missing some critical paragraphs. With the Committee of the Whole looking at two entirely different looking sets of documents (the original, un-altered decision; and then an "edited" copy provided by the OLRB's Office), they had to begin a series of questions, trying to determine who in fact authorized the "editing", and why a legal decision was edited in the first place.

Frank Stella, president of Maryland Alliance for Retired Americans reminded the delegates of the luncheon Saturday, June 21 at IUPAT District 51 offices in Lanham. He passed out the ticket and ad forms.



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Saul Schniderman, AFSCME 2910, reported on behalf of the Labor Heritage Foundation on two events- the "Labor Opera" by the DC Labor Chorus occurring on June 21, and the Great Labor Arts Exchange coming up June 20-22 in Takoma Park. Information about both is available at www.dclabor.org.

Donna Brockington, DC CLUW, informed the delegates about the Annual Gloria Johnson Awards Luncheon to be held July 20 at IBEW local 26. Honorees are Kim Tucker (MD State and DC AFL-CIO) and Wanda Shelton Martin (NY State Nurses' Association). She provided the event flyer to delegates.

Bruce Wolf, OPEIU Local 2, and member of US Labor Against the War, reminded delegates that there are unions in Iraq and many of those impacted in recent events are union members and workers, and that care must be taken in any US actions to protect the civilian population.

Gwend Johnson, DC CBTU, thanked the delegates for support of their convention activities and for personal support she received from folks during a recent accident and recovery. She indicated there would be a chapter meeting in August, details to come.

Robert Mayfield, AFGE 2978, reported that the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) is critical to DC public employees and their work lives and encouraged the labor council to continue its actions to ensure quality and qualified individuals are selected to sit on this board.

President Williams reported on the recent DC Jobs With Justice "I'll Be There Awards" event held last week in the AFL-CIO lobby, that the turnout was great and awardees included Reverend Graylan Hagler and former MWC staffer Alya Solomon.

A moment of silence was held on behalf of former ATU 689 President and MWC and Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO board member James Allen Jr., who passed away over the weekend.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dena Briscoe (APWU 140)
Secretary

Attendance

Donna Brockington	CLUW, Metro DC Chapter (AFGE)
Eric Bunn	AFGE District 14
Sonia Burguillo	SEIU
Barbara Churchill	IATSE Local 868
Benito Diaz	Working America
Theresa Haas	IFPTE Local 70
David Hershfield	AFGE Council 1 12
Edward Hill	AFGE 2782
Ann Hoffman	NWU/UAW 1981
Doris Johnson	AFGE 12
Gwend Johnson	CBTU DC Chapter
LaKisha Little	DCNA
Rick Malachi	SEIU 722
Ed Malaga	AFM 161-710
Yvette Martin-Gross	AFGE 631
Robert Mayfield	AFGE 2978
Elaine Newman	AFSCME
Alan Perry	IATSE 22
Saul Schniderman	AFSCME 2910
Eric Starin	OPEIU Local 2
Francis Stella	MD/DC ARA
Ian Stublarec	OPEIU Local 2
Bruce Wolf	OPEIU 2