



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES: September 15, 2014 (DRAFT)

The President called the meeting to order at 7:25pm at the AFL-CIO. The President welcomed back the delegates after the summer recess and he requested a moment of silence for Ray Abernathy, longtime labor PR and communications person who passed away yesterday.

New delegates sworn in: Eugenia Ordynsky, AFGE 12; LaVerne Byrd, AFGE 2782

Minutes: The minutes of June 16, 2014 were moved, seconded and approved with the addition of David Richardson, AFGE 12, who was in attendance at that meeting.

Financial report: The financial report of August 2014 was moved, seconded and received. (need expenditure report added here)

Correspondence: Delegates approved the following expenditures, totaling \$1,075:
Sheetmetal 100, 9/19/2014 Golf Tournament: \$250.00
Dick/Ayanna Gregory, 9/26/2014 play: \$250.00
AFL-CIO 10/9/2014 Meany-Kirkland Human Rights Award: \$25.00
Joe Uehlein 10/19/2014 Seeger Tribute: \$250.00
JUFJ 10/26/2014 Heschel Vision Awards: \$200.00
Edith Patterson, Charles County Delegate: \$100.00

The Board approved the following endorsement recommendations:
DC- Edward "Smitty" Smith (Atty General); Elissa Silverman and "No Position" (2 At-Large City Council seats); Brianne Nadeau (Ward 1); No Position (Ward 3); Charles Allen (Ward 6), Donna Brockington (ANC 4D-04- member of AFGE 32).

Montgomery County- For positions now occupied on the County Council by Nancy Floreen, George Leventhal and Hans Reimer, No Position, No Endorsement and No Endorsement respectively. No Endorsement (District 1); No position (District 2); No Endorsement (District 3); Nancy Navarro (District 4)

Sheriff- No Position; Clerk of Court- No Position; County Executive- No Position

Prince George's County Council- Deni- Taveras (District 2); No Position (District 4); No Endorsement (District 6)

Clerk of Court- Sydney Harrison

Tri-County Area- County Commissioners- Peter Murphy (President); Amanda Stewart (District 3). Democratic State Committee- Dual endorsement for Jeff Guido (CHOICE) and Greg Waller (IBEW 1900)

The Board recommended No Position on the DC legalization of marijuana initiative.

The Executive Board Report was moved, seconded and approved, after discussion and voting on one of the At-Large positions for the DC City Council.

Community Services Agency - Director Kathleen McKirchy strongly urged delegates to help support CSA financially by making personal contributions, getting the 2014 campaign flyer out to members and encouraging support by rank and filers during the DC One Fund, United Way and CFC campaigns. This is labor's agency and services cannot continue to be provided to unions and their members without financial support.

Union Cities - Chris Garlock, Organizing/Mobilization Coordinator, introduced Rich McDermott, NABET 31/CWA, who reported on a huge win for 300 CNN workers who lost their jobs and union recognition 11 years ago, as the NLRB ruled in their favor and awarded back pay, re-hiring and that CNN must "make whole" the impacted workers. Garlock then updated the delegates on another win, Daycon workers, members of Teamsters Local 639 who had gone on strike 3-4 years ago and also recently won large back pay awards. He asked Jackie Jeter, ATU 689 to update members on the "transit month" anti-privatization efforts who also announced that ATU national office has purchased the National Labor College and expects to be able to open up services to members of other unions besides ATU. He alerted delegates to the new website and its format and features, including alerting delegates to the calendar section for activities this week. Several delegates thanked Garlock for his help with their local's websites and events and the delegates gave him a great round of applause for work well done.

COPE: COPE recommendations were dealt with in the Executive Board report above.



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The President reported that the Young Trade Unionists are looking for more active members and encouraged all locals to identify young members for this committee. These are the union leaders of the future and we need to bring them along.

The President introduced President Fred Mason, Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO, who announced an historic agreement between the state federation and the labor council to financially support its legislative/political efforts for DC, as it is a critical part of the state federation jurisdiction. He also discussed the Governor's race in Maryland, indicating that we can't take anything for granted and we need to mobilize extra hard between now and November 4.

Reports of Locals, Constituency Groups and Allies

Ann Hoffman, NWU, reported on the Congressional hearing on DC Statehood that was held earlier in the day, indicating that the proponents ably articulated reasons for statehood and why the anti-arguments carry no water. As a representative of DC VOTE, she will keep the labor council updated.

Rick Ehrmann, Newspaper Guild 35/CWA, reported that the Washington POST's new owner has appointed a new publisher, first one not of the Graham family, who came out of the Reagan administration. Contract negotiations start soon, this is not a good omen, and the local will keep the council updated as things unfold and will request help when needed early in the process.

Gwend Johnson, DC CBTU, indicated that she would submit her report to C. Garlock for inclusion on the website.

Vanessa Dixon, DC Doctors' Council, reported on efforts to amend the process for evaluation of potential contracting out of public work to private contractors to allow for more input from stakeholders and DC government unions.

Roland Jeter, ATU 689, reported that on March 15, 2015, the NAACP will be holding an anniversary march and activities at the Edmond Pettus Bridge in Selma, details to be forthcoming.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dena Briscoe (APWU 140)
Secretary

Delegate Attendance

Thomas Blanton MARCC
Donna Brockington CLUW, Metro DC Chapter (AFGE)
Benoit Brookens AFGE 12
LaVerne Byrd AFGE 2782
Carl Carson OPCM 891
Cynthia Collins SEIU Local 400 PG
Jean Dearden AFL-CIO Campaigns Department
Vanessa Dixon-Briggs CIR/SEIU 1957
Sabrathia Draine-Ishakwue DCNA
Rick Ehrmann NEWSPAPER GUILD 35
Sandra Falwell DCNA/NNU
George Farenthold American Income Life / OPEIU 277
Donald Havard IUOE 99
Ann Hoffman NWU/UAW 1981
Jackie Jeter ATU 689
Roland Jeter ATU 689
Gwend Johnson CBTU DC Chapter
Ottis Johnson AFGE Local 1831
Faye Lawson ATU Local 689
Nikki Lewis DC Jobs with Justice
Jim Lowery IUEC 10
Ruth Lowery IAMAW 193
Yvette Martin-Gross AFGE 631
Robert Mayfield AFGE 2978
Rich McDermott NABET-CWA 31
Cory Medina Working America
Eugenia Ordynsky AFGE 12
Kenneth Pitts AFGE 383
Dave Richardson AFGE
Saul Schniderman AFSCME 2910
Franklin Silberstein AFGE 2782
Eric Starin OPEIU Local 2
Timothy Traylor AFGE 383
Bradley Van Waus NNU
Andrew Washington AFSCME COUNCIL 20
Bruce Wolf OPEIU 2