



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES: February 2, 2015 (draft)

The meeting was called to order by President Williams at 4:19pm.

Minutes – the minutes of October 20, 2014 were moved, seconded and adopted as presented.

Financial Report – The president asked for the indulgence of the Board “since we are still working things out with the new accounting firm.” A full report will be available at the February 23 meeting.

Correspondence – The Board approved the expenditure of \$250 for an ad for the apprentice graduation adbook for Elevator Constructors Local 10 to be held February 7, 2105. Two letters were received in response to the Council’s request to Maryland lawmakers not to privatize the Division of Liquor Control in Montgomery County.

Community Services Agency- Kathleen McKirchy, Executive Director, gave a Bowling Tournament report on the event held Sunday, January 25. Although there were slightly fewer teams, it was a great event and folks had fun. Pledges still coming in so we won’t know the final tally for about two weeks. Winning teams were Printcraft locals and Iron Workers Local 5. The president thanked the director and Board member Fred Allen (GCC 285C) for their hard work putting together the event. The Director also reported that Labor Night at the Nats will be Friday, July 17 against the Dodgers. Tickets will be on sale after Evening with Labor.

Union Cities- Mobilization Coordinator Chris Garlock gave a strike update on the Teamsters 639 strike against TW Perry. It’s still on-going, watch Union City for support activities. He reminded the Board that the 2015 Directory of Affiliates is about ready to go to press. He asked everyone to check their listing one last time for any corrections. The 2nd annual Labor-Media

Breakfast will be held February 20 from 8:30-11 am at the AFL-CIO. Great opportunity to meet with local press and advance our labor issues. The 2015 DC LaborFest is coming up in May and more info will be coming out soon.

COPE Report

The President made some opening comments then Legislative/Political Coordinator Rick Powell discussed the proposed timeline for Ward 4 and Ward 8 Special Election Endorsement activities which came from DC COPE. Much discussion ensued with the following motion being moved, seconded and adopted:

Questionnaires to candidates by Tuesday, February 17 to be returned by Friday, February 27.

Candidates who will be invited for an interview will meet with the Executive Board convening as the DC COPE Committee on Friday March 6 beginning at 10am. We will try to get the AFL-CIO for this. Delegates are free to attend but only the Executive Board will be voting. Also at this meeting decisions will be made about what kind of a campaign to be run and a budget for any agreed upon campaign.

Endorsement recommendations from the March 6 meeting will be voted on by the MWC delegates at the regular March 16 meeting.

President's Report

President Williams said that it is time for the Executive Board to think about the future of the Council and its leadership and goals, and him to think about some other life activities. He is planning on retiring, at least partially, once the current term is over in February 2016. He proposed a Board retreat to be held in April to discuss structure, charge, leadership, planning and transition, and identified a steering committee to work with him to plan the retreat- Gino Renne (MCGEO 1994) and Jackie Jeter (ATU 689) to be co-chairs with members Elizabeth Davis (WTU 6), Steve Courtien (CHOICE), Andrew Washington (AFSCME Cn 20) and John Boardman (UNITE HERE 25). John Boardman (UNITE HERE 25) expressed his gratitude for the many years of service President Williams has devoted to this Council and agreed that a strategic retreat will be a good way to move forward.

Evening with Labor is Saturday, March 14 with invite cards and ad and ticket contracts available. Discussion ensued about invitations for Maryland political leaders as well as about COPE awards and how they are determined and how to proceed with them in the future.

President Williams led a short discussion about the Bowser Transition Committee, on which several Board members served. Apparently the

Present: Fred Allen, John Shields, Steve Courtien, Jimmy Tarlau, Kendall Martin, Dena Briscoe, Andrew Washington, Carl Goldman, Eric Bunn, John Boardman, Elizabeth Davis.
Excused:
Absent:
Guests: Mike Reichert (AFSCME Council 20)
Staff: McKirchy, Garlock, Powell



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final Transition Report has not been released so we don't know how labor recommendations fared. John Boardman (UNITE HERE 25) who was a Transition Committee Co-Chair agreed to follow-up and ensure Board members have access to it.

Reports of Board Members

Elizabeth Davis (WTU 6) indicated she would be forwarding information to the Council regarding the initiative by Care-First to change from non-profit to for-profit status. This would adversely affect the community and needs to be looked at closely if not opposed.

Steve Courtien (CHOICE) reported that they have signed Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) for the South Capitol Street bridge and they are working on two more projects in DC as well.

Dena Briscoe (APWU NCSML) indicated that the national USPS negotiations are starting with their new APWU president and with a new Postmaster General. APWU will be mobilizing for these negotiations; USPS has some givebacks they will be demanding. She was asked to update the Board on the Boycott Staples campaign and indicated it was still in progress but will find out more information so that people can keep up the effort.

Andrew Washington (AFSCME Cn 20) reported that they may be relocating. He also urged everyone to follow the Supreme Court case regarding service fee (agency shop) provisions in the public sector. If these arrangements are struck down, public sector unions will be devastated.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.