



# Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

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## DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES: November 16, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Williams at 6:39pm.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting moved, seconded and approved with addition of Cynthia Collins, SEIU 400 as a delegate in attendance.

**Financial Report:** for the month of October 2015 received.

**Constitutional Amendment Vote-** Delegates provided with copies of the proposed amendment which reads "Add New Section to "Article VII Officers" on page 5:

*Section 5. In between regular meetings of the Executive Board, an Executive Committee to be comprised of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice-Presidents, may meet to conduct Council business, pursuant to the AFL-CIO Rules Governing State Federations and Central Labor Councils."*

After discussion the amendment was moved, seconded and approved unanimously. It will now be forwarded to the AFL-CIO for final review and approval.

### Executive Board Report

**Correspondence:** \$200 to UPO Inspire Foundation in conjunction with DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton's annual holiday party for children; President Williams urges all Board members and affiliates to join the Council in supporting (last year we raised a total of \$800).

LaRuby May Thanksgiving request will also be forwarded to all affiliates (get from Jos). Moved, seconded and approved. President appointed **JC Turner Award Committee** (Mike Murphy (IUOE 99), Chairman, Doris Reed (ASASP), Fred Allen, (GCC 538C/IBT), Thomas Ratliff (IBT 639), and Jimmy Tarlau (CWA) members).

**TPP Resolution-** approved to move forward to the DC City Council to approve opposing this trade agreement.

The Board approved the following award recommendations for the awards to be given out by the **AFL-CIO Civil Rights** Department at their conference in January:

Labor- Arlene Holt Baker; Community- Jews United for Justice; Government- DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton; Faith- Reverend Lionel Edmonds, Washington Interfaith Network

### Reports of Programs

**Community Services Agency:** Executive Director McKirchy reminded the delegates about the Holiday Basket Project; looking for donations of non-perishable food, gift cards, financial contributions and adopting of needy families. The Annual Bowling Tournament will be held Sunday, January 31 at the Crofton Bowling Centre and the registration flyers were distributed.

**Union Cities:** Mobilization Coordinator Chris Garlock gave an update on the Safeway distribution center (Teamsters 730, 639 & IUOE 99). He also reminded delegates that he is collecting information for the 2016 Directory and indicated we would be alerting locals to the number of delegates they are entitled to, and who they now have on file. Locals need to update this information asap. Planning for the 2016 LaborFest is underway.

**COPE Report:** COPE Coordinator David Dzdzienvo reported on some bills moving through the DC City Council- Bill 21-334, Amendment to Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010, hearing held last week; Bill 21-0415 Bill 21-0370 Unemployment Compensation Benefit Modernization Amendment Act of 2015. He also updated delegates on the "Increase Minimum Wage to \$15" Initiative.

### President's Report

**2016 Evening with Labor.** The event will be held Saturday, March 12 at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

He asked John Boardman (UNITE HERE 25), Co-Chair of the Search Committee, to provide an **update on the Executive Director search.** Boardman reported that there are two finalists at the moment and at least one more first round phone interview is to be conducted. He expects the Committee to be able to forward one finalist to the Executive Board by November 24.

**AFL-CIO MLK Civil Rights Conference update-** event is January 15-19 and you can register on-line. MWC and CSA staff are providing assistance with the planning of events at this conference.

The President alerted delegates to the **hearing to be held on privatizing the department of Liquor Control** in Montgomery County, whose workers are now under contract with UFCW 1994/MCGEO. We need to pack the hearing room on November 30 and you can sign up starting at 6:15 at the County Council headquarters in Rockville.



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### Reports of Affiliates, Allies

**Michael Vander Putten, Union Account Executive, AT&T Mobility**, gave an overview of their unionized services and discounts available to unions and their members and handed out materials.

**Barbara Churchill, IATSE 868**, reported that they had successfully organized the box office workers at Strathmore Music Hall in Rockville and after some initial shenanigans by management they have had their first bargaining session.

**Gwend Johnson, DC CBTU**, reminded delegates that the annual CBTU national conference will be at the Washington Hilton end of May and she will be needing volunteers for various activities. She also presented CSA Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy with \$775 worth of gift cards from Giant, Safeway and Shoppers for the Holiday Basket Project, donated by members of CBTU. She was thanked profusely by the Director.

**Cynthia Collins, SEIU 400**, indicated that they will be dedicating their new space and naming it after their late president, Sonny Reed, on January 3, and they are honoring his birthday, December 7, with some staff events.

**Nikki Lewis, DC JWJ**, thanked everyone for their support of their "I'll Be There" Awards event and fundraiser held last month. It was a great success and they met fundraising goals. She also handed out info cards on worked protection laws in DC and whom to call if a worker thinks their boss is not following the law. Enforcement of all these great laws we get passed is critical otherwise they are hollow victories.

**Vanessa Dixon, CIR guest**, wondered if a moment of silence had been observed for the late Rick Malachi of SEIU 722 who passed a few months ago unexpectedly. It had been observed but recognition was again provided to him.

**Benito Diaz, WPFW Local Station Board guest**, reported that the station finally has a General Manager and it is one the Board supported.

**Bill Orleans, guest**, urged the delegates to support the annual Greenbelt, MD Labor Day Parade. He thought it

was critical to get the word out early so a real presence could be at the event in 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Dena Briscoe, Secretary*

*50-50 of \$45 was won by Saul Schniderman, AFSCME 2910, who donated \$25 back to CSA.*

Board members in attendance: J Williams, J Boardman  
New Delegates sworn in: Dyana Forester, UFCW 400

### Delegate attendance:

Annie Ament, AFM 161-710  
Frank Barile, IUOE Local 99  
Aaron Bast, Ironworkers 5  
John Boardman, UNITE HERE 25  
Luigi Buitrago, AFGE 2978  
Barbara Childs, AFSA/CSO 4  
Barbara Churchill, IATSE 868  
Cynthia Collins, SEIU 400 PG  
Benito Diaz, Working America  
Rick Ehrmann, Newspaper Guild 32035  
George Farenthold, OPEIU 277 (American Income Life)  
Tiffany Flowers, UFCW 400  
James Griffin, IBEW 1900  
Donald Havard, IUOE 99  
David Hershfield, AFGE 12  
Edward Hill, AFGE 2782  
Ann Hoffman, NWU/UAW 1981  
Aona Jefferson, AFSA/CSO 4  
Gwend Johnson, CBTU DC Chapter  
Nikki Lewis, DC Jobs with Justice  
Lakisha Little, DCNA  
Robert Mayfield, AFGE 2978  
Elaine Newman, NCAUR  
David Richardson, AFGE 12  
Saul Schniderman, AFSCME 2910  
Mark Sexton, IUOE 99  
Eric Starin, OPEIU 2  
Ian Stublarec, OPEIU 2  
Susan Thaul, IFPTE 75  
Timothy Traylor, AFGE 383  
Michael Wilson, UFCW 400

*Guest(s):  
Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, CIR/SEIU 1957  
Bill Orleans  
Michael Vander Putten, AT&T*