



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES: April 18, 2016

Meeting called to order by President Jeter at 6:55pm.

New Delegates sworn in: AFGE 12- Gregory Green II; AFSCME 2921- Natambu El-Shabazz; APWU 140- Arron Brown; ATU 689- PL Dates Jr; Alexis Bobo; IAM 1759- Susan Taylor; IATSE 772- Lynn Jackson; IFPTE 70- Kevin Cashman; IBEW 1900- Aaron Tyler; UFCW 400- Boaz Young-El, Alan Hanson, Kimberly Mitchell; UFCW 1994- Coleson Breen, Gabriel Acevero, Ryan Conlon, Erin Yeagley; UNITE HERE 25- Mable Boatwright; Linda Martin, Samuel Epps; WTU 6- Cheryl Miller.

Minutes: Minutes of the March 2016 meeting moved, seconded and approved.

Financial Report: for the month of March 2016 received for audit

Executive Board Report

Correspondence – The Board approved the following expenditures:

DC Democratic State Committee, 4/28/2016: Kennedys-King Awards \$375 (3 tickets)

IUEC Local 10, 5/27/2016, Golf Tournament: \$200 sponsor tee

NoVA Labor, 5/20/2016, Annual tribute dinner: \$750, 1/2-page ad & 2 tickets

IBEW 1900, 5/9/2016, Golf tourney: \$100.00 sponsor tee

Printcraft National Bowling Tournament GCIU, 538-C Fred Allen, 5/1/2016, \$100 FP ad

Total approved: \$1,525

Year-to-date: \$3,900

The Board also took the following actions: COPE Recommendations (SPELL OUT) Evening With Labor Committee identified to report back at next meeting of the Executive Board

Resolution in support of Federal Railroad Administration crew size rule (SMART Local 100)

Finance Committee to be re-activated.

Acceptance of the Executive Board report was moved, seconded and approved.

President's Report

Appointments of Andrew Washington (AFSCME Council 20) as DC COPE Chair and Cynthia Collins (SEIU 400) as Montgomery/Prince George's County Vice-Chair

Executive Board chose APRI for final constituency group seat. Moved, seconded and approved.

Reports of Programs

Community Services Agency: Executive Director McKirchy reminded the delegates about Labor Night at the Nats on July 22 and the annual CSA Golf Tournament on Monday, September 26, both of which raise funds for the Emergency Assistance Fund. She also alerted the delegates to the Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive and their 60-second PSA was shown. All are encouraged to leave food out by their mailboxes on Saturday, May 14. She also indicated that CSA is collecting funds and non-perishable food to be able to support CWA strikers out at Verizon.

Union Cities: Chris Garlock reported on the Verizon strike, there's an ongoing list of strike locations on the DC Labor website.

Verizon rallies this week:

Weds/Maryland: 11a, 13100 Columbia Pike, Silver Spring MD

Thu/DC: 12 noon, Verizon Wireless store, 1314 F Street NW

2016 Laborfest-Flyer card is ready for unions to pass out to members, the event locations will be posted on the website soon.

COPE Report: COPE Coordinator David Dzidzienyo reported on the COPE recommendations regarding endorsements in the upcoming DC City Council primaries, which was for no endorsements except for Vincent Orange. After extensive discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to accept the recommendations, with one "no" vote. David reported on union density in the various DC wards, pointing out that there are more than enough union votes to win, if they turn out. Discussion ensued, including the question about why labor doesn't run more of our own candidates (specifically in DC, in relation to the number of No Endorsement recommendations).

Reports of Affiliates, Allies

DCYTU reported on their activities, including May Day rally and Jason Roe reported that his shop at AFGE has raised over \$400 for strike fund.

Bruce Wolf, OPEIU 2: reported on Cuba trip by labor delegation and DC budget, including enforcement of wage and hour, just 200,000 out of millions of dollars at DOES.

Mike Wilson, UFCW 400, reported on possible sale of eight Giant stores.

Jim Griffin, IBEW 1900: Excelon has just purchased PepCo, have to wait and see effect on our members.

*Present: Briscoe, Falwell, Griffin, Jeter, Richardson, Washington
Staff: Jimenez, McKirchy, Garlock, Dzidzienyo*



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Carlos Jimenez circulated resolution from Smart 100 on train safety; approved by board earlier today. Moved, seconded and approved. NNU delegate raised process question about why the originator of the resolution is not present to explain the resolution.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

IATSE 22 member won the 50/50 raffle

Resolution in support of Federal Railroad Administration crew size rule

WHEREAS, the safe operation of freight and passenger trains is vital to commerce; and the Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO supports efforts to keep train operations safe in the Metropolitan Washington, DC area; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) regarding adequate staffing on trains, a factor we believe is vital to ensuring safe train operations; and

WHEREAS, polling across America from North Dakota to Alabama shows overwhelming bi-partisan support of two-person crews, with 83 to 87 percent of those polled in favor of mandating that trains be operated by a crew of at least two qualified individuals; and

WHEREAS, national studies show that a minimum of two on-board crew members are vital to operate a train safely and minimize the likelihood of train-related accidents; and

WHEREAS, virtually all trains in North America are already operated by crews of at least two individuals, making the economic impact of this proposed rule minimal; and

WHEREAS, the FRA agrees that, while advancements in automated technology such as Positive Train Control (PTC) systems improve railroad safety, they are not a substitute for a train's on-board crew members,

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO does hereby support the FRA's proposed ruling, requiring that trains operated in America be operated by no less than a two-person crew; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be filed with the United States Department of Transportation in the form of comments in support of the proposed federal rule.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2016.