



# Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

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## DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2016

Meeting called to order by President Jeter at 6:35 pm

**Minutes:** Greenfield should be Greenhill; approved as corrected.

**Financial Report:** Moved and seconded to receive; approved.

**Executive Board report:** DCNA and BLET resolution recommendations  
Correspondence: approved: \$500 to UPO, \$500 to WIN  
Information: Board accepted 2015 audit and approved 2017 budget.  
Moved, seconded and adopted.

### Affiliate Reports

- **Alex Kimball, SEIU 32BJ:** big 11/29 action at DCA at noon in support of contracted workers there. Part of nationwide Fight for \$15 day of action; also to send a strong message to incoming Trump administration. AFL-CIO's Tefere Gebre has been confirmed as attending.

- **Herb Harris, BLE/IBT:** Rail Safety issue and bill in DC City Council. Accident in DC earlier this year underlined danger facing us all; finally City Council is taking action to improve safety. Coming up for second and final reading next month. Please support the resolution and send a letter from your local to City Council.

- **Allison Burket, UNITE HERE 23:** DCA food workers just won a union and we'll be proud to join our brothers and sisters at SEIU 32BJ on 11/29. With the recent successful contract at AU, we've now bargained over 50 contracts in the last year; thanks to everyone for your support, but also this is the concrete way that we stand up for worker rights.

- **Liz Davis, WTU 6:** on behalf of DCNA reported on the ongoing push for FT nurses in DCPS; asked support for resolution.

- **Eric Starin, OPEIU 2:** like ATU 689, our contract expired last summer and we're not getting anywhere with negotiations, and we've now been hit with layoffs, and possible 500 more, so we have a big fight ahead of us.

- **Jackie Jeter, ATU 689:** Thanks very much to everyone who came down to WMATA last week to support our fight for safety and jobs. Hearings coming up in January; public should turn out and oppose budget cuts that will affect service and safety. Everyone is affected.

- **Matt Kent, APWU:** bill to enact automatic voter registration under consideration at DC City Council; expansion of Motor Voter law. Passed Council unanimously but has not yet been signed by the Mayor or been reviewed by Congress. DC would be 7th state to approve; Oregon has enrolled over 200,000 new voters in its first year, of which 100,000 actually turned out to vote.

President Jeter opened up a discussion of "What's next for labor?" after the recent election. "Where do we go from here?" Concern about attacks on public sector workers.

Ideas: internal organizing; voter registration; start planning for 2018.

Talk to your unions and internationals. Attend 11/30 1-3p meeting at UFCW 400 about how to support immigrants.

Extensive and lively discussion ensued. Jeter: bring your energy and thoughts to our December meeting! "We hold the key to changing the labor movement in our own hands. That's our saving grace. We must organize internally and organizing. We are the union, the mighty mighty union and we WILL prevail."

Adjourned 8p

*Respectfully submitted,  
Dena Briscoe, Secretary*

50/50 raffle: \$53, won by Jackie Jeter

### Attendance

Frank Barile, Local 99; Dena Briscoe, APWU, Nation's Capital and Southern MD; Michael Bukta, IAM 1759; Allison Burket, Unite Here 23; Carl Carson, OPCM 891; Kevin Cashman, CEPR; Melvin Cherry, IBEW 26; Barbara Churchill, IATSE Local868; Cynthia Collins, SEIU 400 PG; Elizabeth Davis, WTU 6; Michael Flood, AFSCME 2921; Riley Gaines, IBEW 26; Larry Greenhill Jr, IBEW 26; Herbert Harris, BLET Division 482 / IBT; Korey Hartwich, NNU; Donald Havard, IUOE 99; Edward Hill, AFGE 2782; Ann Hoffman, NWU/UAW 1981; Asher Huey, DC-Baltimore Pride At Work; Jackie Jeter, ATU 689; Roland Jeter, ATU 689; Gwend Johnson, BTU DC Chapter; Faye Lawson, ATU 689; Richard Murphy, IBEW 26; Elaine Newman, NCAUR; Gino Renne, UFCW 1994 MCGEO; David Richardson, AFGE 12; Doug Rosenthal, AFM 161-710; Saul Schniderman, AFSCME 2910; Ari Schwartz, DC Jobs with Justice; Michael Spiller, OPEIU Local 2; Eric Starin, OPEIU 2; Ian Stublarec, OPEIU 2; Gina Walton, AFGE 1975; Gregory Warner, IBEW 26; Robert D. Williams, NALC 142; Sybil Williams, AFGE 2876