



# Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

February 27, 2017

**Call to Order** (3:13p) by 1st VP Gino Renne

**Minutes** (December 2016); approved as distributed

**Correspondence:** approved \$200 for Teamsters 639 May 12 Golf Tourney and \$100 for the Printcraft (GCIU) Bowling Tourney.

**Financial Report** (December 2016, January 2017 reports) Amir Malik (Bond Beebe) was in attendance and helped explain the reports. Reserves are actually a little better than expected, and the overall financial situation is improved to the tune of \$100,000 better compared to 2016. EWL pre-pays over next month and then will be spent after the event. Overall assessment is “a good start for the year.” Moved, seconded and approved to accept report as submitted

### Old Business

Growth Committee Update: Executive Director Carlos Jimenez reported on status of the project with CHOICE to delve more deeply into strategic campaign on economic development.

### Legislative Committee Update

Political and Legislative Affairs Director David Dzidzienyo reported on the Paid Leave bill; Chairman has decided to open this back up for changes, in an unprecedented move. He also reported on recent developments in PG County, especially regarding the lack of accountability of the school board.

### Resolutions

*Resolution in Opposition to changes in the DC Workers' Compensation Program proposed by the DC Office of Risk Management*

Sandra Falwell (DCNA) reports that this would be a unilateral benefit cut due to supposed emergency. Affects all public sector unions. Resolution approved as distributed.

### AIR B&B Resolution

Sam Epps (UNITE HERE Local 25) reported on how Air B&B -- “the Uber of housing” -- is affecting the local housing market. Proposed bill would require licensing and set up enforcement mechanisms. This is “an existential threat to our hotel workers here and across the country,” Epps said. Resolution approved as distributed.

Video here: <https://youtu.be/86FNpF5vx0A>

### Supporting Immigrant Workers and Families Resolution

Dyana Forester (UFCW 400) reported on the ongoing issue of how to protect immigrant workers and take strong public stands on this issue. March 10 training is one way; resolution is another. Resolution approved as distributed.

David Dzidzienyo also referred folks to the COPE report from last month and flagged an upcoming event this Friday -- 8a at Freedom Plaza -- by WTU 6, which has gone almost 5 years without a contract.

### Department Reports

Recent or Upcoming Events or Updates

- March 10 Immigrant Rights training

CSA: Kathleen McKirchy reported:

- Bowling report; 77 teams, should make almost \$10,000 off the event for Emergency Assistance Fund.
- Reminder- 2017 Emergency Assistance annual contributions due (if you want your members to be eligible); minimum \$300 per year.
- Labor Night at the Nats July 28

Union Cities: Chris Garlock reported:

- Labor-Media Breakfast report: record participation this year — 50+ — and usual good exchange between reports and labor folks. Thanks to AIL for sponsoring again this year.
- 2017 DC LaborFest update: Director John Sayles has confirmed his attendance at the May 16 screening at “Matewan” at AFI.
- UC Reader Survey report: readers continue to be very engaged with Union City and in fact readership is up (to nearly 34,000) in recent months.

Evening With Labor: Kathleen McKirchy reported:

- Ad deadline (3/1) reminder
- Update on Awards; Carl Goldman is this year's JC Turner award-winner and he thanked the committee and the Board.

### Attendance

*Present: Briscoe, Carson, Clay, Collins, Falwell, Fields, Flood, Goldman, Greenhill, Havard, Reed, Renne, Richardson*

*Excused: Bunn, Contreras, Courtien, Davis, Dyer, Federici, Jeter, Washington*

*Absent: Griffin, Ratliff*

*Other: Dyana Forester (UFCW 400); Sam Epps (UNITE HERE 25)*



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### Executive Director's Report

- MD/DC AFL-CIO president Fred Mason retiring April 11; meeting on 4/12 to elect next President.
- Want to focus next month on the 2018 elections
- New affiliations: SMART DC Leg Board; Laborers 11; AFGE 1603, AFGE 1410, CWA-NABET 31 also wants to re-affiliate.
- Met with NoVA CLC president Virginia Diamond; also new president is coming in Baltimore.
- March 4 training for union members who want to run for office, "Path to Power."
- Thanks to everyone who's asked us to turn out recently, including Unite Here 23 at airport, NNU at Holy Cross, UFCW 1994 at Montgomery County.

### New Business

- Executive Board vacancies: Sandra Falwell nominated Dennis Desmond, Laborers 11 and Dyana Forester nominated Herbert Harris, BLET/IBT to replace to replace John Shields (SMART) and Ed Smith (IAFF 36).

### Announcements/Misc

- Dena Briscoe, APWU: our union has concluded the Staples boycott; Staples will no longer try to place post offices there. It was a long, hard fight, thanks for the support.
- Chuck Clay, IATSE 22: finishing up negotiations with Washington Ballet. Starting talks at Strathmore; will keep you posted. Also mentioned that the DC COPE discussed preparing for RTW "impending doom"; also we're happy that Puzder withdrew but the rally against him was staffed by a non-union staging company.
- Michael Flood, AFSCME 2921: meeting with new Chancellor on March 7 to deal with some outstanding issues regarding labor-management rules.
- Carl Goldman, AFSCME 26: we have this new, unpopular boss, we're very concerned about what he's going to say in the State of the Union, especially about cuts to programs.
- Sandra Falwell, NNU: rally Tuesday at 6p at Lafayette Park to show resistance to Trump administration. Getting ready to go into negotiations at Children's Hospital.
- Doris Reed, ASASP: Thanked Gino for running such a tight meeting today.

*Adjourned 4:57pm*