

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO
Executive Board Meeting
January 31, 2019

3:45P: President Jeter called the meeting to order.

President Jeter explained the election situation; she overlooked appointing an Election Committee in December, then due to the government shutdown, we haven't been able to reliably reach all affiliates, so she asked the AFL-CIO for permission to reschedule the election to the March Council meeting. That permission was officially granted today in an official letter from President Trumka. Therefore, the nominations of candidates will take place at the February Delegates meeting.

It was moved and seconded to appoint an Election Committee with the following members: Ann Hoffman (NWU); Mike Spiller (OPEIU 2); Faye Lawson (ATU 689); David Fernandez-Barrial (AFSCME 2910); Benjamin Pryor (ASASP); approved unanimously.

Roll Call of Officers

Present: Briscoe, Bunn, Carson, Collins, Davis, Desmond (represented by Shannon Jones), Fields, Greenhill, Griffin, Harris, Jeter, Reed, Renne, Richardson, Washington.

Excused: Federici, Havard

Absent: Bast, Clay, Contreras, Courtien, Dyer, Ratliff

2019 Election

Eric Bunn (AFGE) asked about how the composition of the Board is determined. Pres. Jeter referred to Article 4. It was clarified that while the constitution does not specify specific seats for specific unions, Pres. Jeter noted that past practice is that certain unions have had certain seats (e.g. AFSCME). Discussion ensued about the process for conducting MWC elections, with references to Articles 7 and 8. Another question had to do with what happens with Board members who don't attend or participate. Discussion ensued. Griffin raised issue of an anonymous letter that's been circulated alleging that the Council is violating the constitution by not following the proper timeline, in terms of notification about the election. President Jeter acknowledged missing appointing the election committee in December, and said that was why she made the request to the AFL-CIO to reschedule the election, and read the letter from President Trumka granting the schedule waiver. Dan Fields noted that he's never been advised of his duties as a trustee for the Council. President Jeter referred to Article VII, which spells out the make-up of the Board, and Article IX, which details the duties of MWC officers. Pres. Jeter said she's going to distribute copies of the MWC constitution and urged the Board members to familiarize themselves with it to ensure that we operate properly. Extensive discussion ensued on need for greater involvement and participation by Board members

or their representatives.

Pres. Jeter reviewed the election schedule: appointment of election committee Jan 31 meeting, nominations at February 25 meeting, election at March 18 meeting.

Minutes

Move and seconded to approve the December minutes; approved unanimously.

Financial Reports

Treasurer Bunn reviewed four financial reports for 2018: activity by month, budget vs. actuals, activity by class, and statement of financial position comparison. Bunn noted that per the discussion at the December meeting, moving forward there's going to be a clearer separation/clarification of line items so that it's clearer where the Council's income and expenses are going. Question about what the \$1,500 in "Direct Public Support" is (it was a contribution to support Union City Radio); discussion ensued and Eric said that in the future, narratives will be added to clarify such things. Bunn added that he's recommending that the "organizing" income and expense lines be changed to "mobilization" to more accurately reflect the activity.

2019 Budget discussion: The Board went into Executive Session and asked staff to leave the room. No further notes available.

6:40P: Adjourned