

Metropolitan Washington Council Executive Board Meeting May 18, 2020 (Via Zoom)

- Roll call of Officers and Executive Members
- Call to order
- Juanita Sanchez (AFL–CIO) reviewed the Code of Conduct mandated by the AFL – CIO concerning participants’ behavior during meetings. Chris Garlock will be the contact for the Council and Gina Walton will be the contact for the election committee .
- Motion made by Jim Griffin (IBEW 1900) to accept April Executive Board minutes seconded by George Farenthold (OPEIU 277).
- Financial report was given by Treasurer Eric Bunn (AFGE), who stated that Labor Key (the new per capita billing system) is not coordinating with Quick Books. Example the invoices are not correct. Mr. Bunn recommended not to approve the Financial report for May until it can be corrected. Motion was made by George Farenthold (OPEIU 277) and seconded by Dan Fields (SEIU 722) to table. It was also reported that Jo Combs and Eric Bunn will be taking training on Labor Key as well as the MWC’s auditor.
- Election Committee member Larry Greenhill resigned from the Committee and Chuck Clay (IATSE 22) was appointed. Chuck Clay accepted the position.
- Acting President Andrew Washington discussed the fact that unemployment payments are behind. CSA can help members in need during the pandemic. He also reported no major issues for the Metro Council. Former DC Councilwoman La Ruby May was invited to discuss issues at a future meeting. Reopening DC committee recommendations. Chuck Clay was selected to the labor focus group. Motion made by Chuck Clay (IATSE 22) to accept the President’s report, seconded by George Farenthold (OPEIU 277). Robin Burns (DCNA) abstained.
- Jaime Contreras (SEIU 32BJ) discussed Metro Council staff contract negotiations with the Guild about health care. Andrew Washington discussed the health care exchange providers using accurate quotes. Eric Bunn discussed the health care extension for staff. Contract negotiations date back to expiration of the previous contract at the end of 2018. The Guild has also raised the issues of David Stephen’ 90-day pay increase after his probationary period.
- Discussion about the cost of Election Buddy going the allotted time for the election. Candidates will have 3 minutes to speak to the Delegates. Eric Bunn requested a print-out of the locals in arrears.
- June 10th Swearing-in of new Delegates to Metro Council. No one’s voting strength will be reduced. Per capita payments will reflect April 2019 to April 2020, per the constitution. Wanda Shelton-Martin discussed that the wrong name was used for NUHHCE 1199 and the per capita was incorrect. Jim Griffin said that IBEW 1900’s

per capita payments were incorrect as well and asked if it would affect their voting strength. The original cost of Election Buddy was \$1,398.00 but to cover additional prep work the board increased the cost allowance to \$2,500.00. Motion made by Andrew Washington to approve the increase, seconded and approved by the committee as a whole.

- Community Service Agency raised \$15, 000 to assist members during the COVID 19 pandemic. Please send your requests to CSA.
- Affiliate Reports
- Chuck Clay IATSE 22
- Jim Griffin (IBEW 1900): There are three power plants in Maryland; one has closed and the workers are upper middle- aged worker with specialized jobs skills in the coal industry.
- DCNA added nurses to the unit. DC Mayor to build new hospital with no urgent care units in the the facility.
- 1199 SEIU asked that we call Congress to ask for Hazardous pay for Healthcare workers.
- Labor Nite with the Nationals is canceled; the Golf Tournament is also canceled.
- Building Futures program is a multi task program.
- Moved, seconded and approved to accept committee reports.
- David Stephens COPE report: DC City Council primary race endorsements: Robert White, Trayvon White, Jordan Grossman, Janeese Lewis George and Anthony Lorenzo were endorsed by Metro Council. Prince George's County endorse Congressman Anthony Brown. Motion made by George Farenthold, seconded by Chuck Clay to accept the COPE report.
- Union Cities: Chris Garlock said unless there were questions, he would stand on his report as submitted.
- Motion made to adjourn; George Farenthold, seconded by Chuck Clay
- Meeting adjourned.

Cynthia Collins, Recording Secretary