

# Delegate's Meeting Minutes

DRAFT: for approval 2/27

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

January 23, 2006

Meeting called to order at 6:30P by President Williams

Minutes: December minutes accepted as distributed. Wanda Shelton-Martin, DC APRI reported that the actual date of their annual Dinner/Dance is April 15; she'll email information for updating on the website.

Financial report: Received as distributed (12/05 MWC, 11/05 CSA).

## Delegate Attendance

Allen, Fred GCIU 713-S  
Bridges, Linda OPEIU 2  
Buchanan, Avis AFGE 2782  
Cusick, John AFM 161-710  
Ehrmann, Rick TNG 35  
Ferruffino, Ruben Dario LABORERS 657  
Frederick, Anthony LABORERS 657  
Freeland, Ronald LABORERS 657  
Geety, Harry IUOE 99  
Greenhill Sr, Larry IBEW 26  
Hershfield, David AFGE 12  
Hogan, George IBEW 26  
Johnson, Gwend CBTU DC  
McCoy, Vera AFSCME 1072  
Putnam, Joyce OPEIU 2  
Reyes, Victor LABORERS 657  
Richardson, David AFGE 12  
Richardson, Tyrone TEAMSTERS 730  
Saunders, Nathan WTU 6  
Schniderman, Saul AFSCME 2910  
Scott, Randolph IBEW 26  
Sewell, Rodney LABORERS' JTF 657  
Shelton-Martin, Wanda OPEIU 153  
Starin, Eric OPEIU 2  
Tarlau, Jimmy CWA 2336  
Walker, John AFGE 383  
Warrick, Gerald LABORERS 657  
Williams, Sybil AFGE 2876  
Woodall, John E. TEAMSTERS 730  
PLUS: Walter Carroll IBEW 26; Riley Gaines, Ann Hoffman, Tommy Bell

Correspondence:

- From Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (an OPEIU Local 2 shop), requesting participation in their Annual Honors Gala, March 11, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency. \$750 Community Sponsor; tickets \$150 each, tables of 10 \$1500. \$100 contribution approved.

- From the James M. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship Fund requesting participation in their annual event and ad book. Tan page \$1000, white page \$800, half page \$500 (did half page last year). \$500 approved.

- From the DC Prisoners Legal Services Project for a contribution in any amount to help their work with this difficult population. Tabled to February.

- from TransAfrica Forum requesting a contribution in any amount to assist in their work focusing on humane policies that affect people of the African world. Tabled to February

- From Opening Minds (formerly National Conference for Community and Justice) requesting a contribution of \$1000 to meet basic operating costs. Tabled until February's meeting.

- From Maryland Delegate Sue Kullen thanking the council for its contribution of \$250.

- From DC Chief Financial Officer Natwar Gandhi, thanking President Williams for being a guest speaker at the Annual Labor-Management Part-

nership Awards Program in his department, and for all the work he has done to promote effective partnerships in the DC government

- From the Center for Policy Alternatives, thanking President Williams for the great remarks introducing Honorable Augustus Hawkins at their annual awards luncheon.

- Invitation from National Archives for a private tour of the ongoing worker exhibit; Chris will follow-up to set up for those interested.

Community Services Agency:  
- Bowling tournament coming up Sunday; some 1P lanes available; some 10A lanes. Benefits the Emergency Assistance Fund.

## UNION CITY:

- Washington Ballet update: dancers still locked out, negotiations bogged down.

- Waste Management Update. T. Ratliff, Teamsters 639 reported on the current contract status, no settlement since expiration last fall. Garlock reported that the Council is working closely with the Teamsters on developing strategy and tactics; a sign-on letter to will be posted on the website for download.

- Archives photo show: labor has been invited to a special guided tour.

- Iraqi Labor leaders video screening 3/15

- Reminder to send in your digital photos for posting on

*Present: Williams, Allen, Olshefski, Bridges, Cernak, Campbell, Herbekian, Pappas, Falwell, Ratliff, Pinder, Smith, D Reed, Goldman*

*Excused: Dyer, Lozupone, Boardman, Cuttitta, S Reed, Federici, Renne*

*Absent: Johnson, Bunn*

*Staff: McKirchy, Garlock, Simpson.*

the website and use in the on-screen presentation at the Evening with Labor festivities.

## Evening With Labor

- Saturday, March 25, 6:30P at the Hilton Washington

- Honorees are Senator Paul Sarbanes and DC Mayor Anthony Williams

- Locals can advertise on the big screen for an additional \$100

## COPE

- Craig Simpson reported on override victories in Maryland

- Executive Board adopted new guidelines for endorsements and issue development

- Moving a labor agenda; organizing around three themes: Good Jobs, Quality Schools and Affordable Health Care.

## AFFILIATE REPORTS:

- Gwend Johnson, CBTU: In process of doing local membership drive.

- Ann Hoffman, NWU DC: reported on local activities. Also, as a member of CLUW, she reminded delegates that

January is National Cervical Cancer month; posters available.

- Jimmy Tarlau, CWA District 2: CWA won recognition for 300 Cingular workers in VA, which makes 70,000 organized in the last four months. Now there's no reason to have anything but a Cingular phone. Coverage is improving as Cingular merges with AT&T. Jim Pappas, CWA 2336, added that Verizon Wireless isn't just non-union, they're anti-union. Answered question about VOIP (voice over internet); if you want to go with it, go with Verizon, which is union.

#### Community Allies

- Tom Hucker, Progressive Maryland: thanked everyone for their dedication and help on the Maryland overrides. Did a poll recently out of concern that Governor Ehrlich might try to push a tax cut; showed big public support for schools etc. Now working for prevailing wage on school construction.  
- Karen Minatelli, DC Employment Justice Center: working on DC Living wage bill, which we expect to pass soon, \$11.75; also assisting injured DC Gov employees on workers compensation; hope for legislation to provide paid days off for things like when they're sick or family members are sick.  
- Mackenzie Baris, DC JWJ: also been working on DC Living Wage; moving forward on Big Box retail standards legislation, working with UFCW and with ACORN; supporting new worker organizing.

Executive Board/Officer Nominations: President Williams turned the meeting over to the Election Committee: Wanda Shelton-Martin, Keith Hickman & Dario Ferrugino. President Williams noted that the AFL-CIO and the Change to Win unions have worked out an agreement that CTW union representatives may serve as officers of local CLCs as long as they complete Solidarity Charter applications, which all the local CTW locals have done. The following nominations

were made by Dwight Bowman, AFGE District 14, and duly seconded.

- President: Jos Williams, AFSCME 2477 & 3910.  
- 1st VP: Frances Olshefski, IBEW 26  
- 2nd VP: Roxie Herbekian, UNITE HERE Local 7  
- 3rd VP: Gino Renne, UFCW 1994  
- Secretary: Bob Campbell, CWA 2108  
- Treasurer: Linda Bridges, OPEIU 2  
- #1: Lou Cernak, IUOE 99  
- #2: Sonny Reed, SEIU 400  
- #3: Dan Dyer, OPEIU 2  
- #4: Jerry Lozupone, WBCTC (IBEW 26)  
- #5: John Boardman, UNITE HERE 25  
- #6: Carl Goldman, AFSCME Council 26  
- #7: Tom Ratliff, Teamsters 639  
- #8: Eric Bunn, AFGE 2725  
- #9: Mark Federici, UFCW 400  
- #10: George Johnson, AFSCME Council 20  
- #11: Merle Cuttitta, SEIU 500  
- #12: Jim Pappas, CWA 2336  
- #13: Doris Reed, ASASP  
- #14: Sandra Falwell, DCNA  
- #15: Archie Smith, Teamsters 730  
- #16: Gene Pinder, Laborers District Council  
- #17 Left open until the constituency groups meet and nominate their representative.  
- Trustee #1: Nathan Saunders, Teachers Local 6  
- Trustee #2: Mike Golash, ATU 689  
- Trustee #3: Fred Allen, GCIU 538C  
- Sgt at Arms: Randolph Scott, IBEW 26

There were no other nominations for any position.

Instructions were provided on the election, which will be held the 4th Monday in February.

Adjourned 7:41P

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert Campbell, Recording Secretary*

50/50 raffle winner: \$30 COPE winner, Rosie the Riveter action figure and Troublemaker's Handbook