

Executive Board Minutes

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approval 2/27*

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

January 23, 2006

Meeting called to order at 4:36P by President Williams.

Minutes: December minutes approved as distributed.

Financial Reports: Financial reports (12/05 Council, 11/05 CSA) accepted as distributed.

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 Febru-

ary'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 Partnership 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 to benefit the Emergency Assistance Fund this Sunday; plus any raffle prizes welcome.

Evening With Labor

- Scheduled for Saturday 3/25, at the Washington Hilton again. Circulated sample menus for review (approved to go with tilapia instead of salmon as the fish this year). President Williams noted that Senator Sarbanes and Mayor Williams are the special honorees of the evening. Awards ceremony will be scheduled expeditiously to focus on tributes to honorees.

Union Cities

- 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 pending plan may include a possible strike within next month. Ratliff circulated a sign-on letter to WMI and asked Board members to sign and circulate the letter (which will be posted on the website for download).

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- President Williams offered congratulations on the recent victories on healthcare and the living wage, with the overrides of MD Governor Ehrlich's vetoes. Special thanks to Mark Federici and UFCW 400 for their leadership and hard work. Federici said that "We took on the biggest and the baddest, and it was organized labor all working together that did it. Walmart threw the kitchen sink at us and we said let 'em come and they did, and now they're back home and we won."

- Endorsement process: President Williams reviewed existing endorsement process; statewide & national offices handled by State AFL-CIO, local endorsements by CLC. Craig Simpson reviewed proposed changes, which include:

- Executive Board would conduct candidate interviews, and to do so early (in April).

Present: Williams, Renne, Ratliff, Cernak, Smith, Olshefski, Herbekian, Campbell, Allen, S. Reed, Pappas, Falwell, Bridges, Boardman, Federici, Goldman, Cuttitta,
Excused: Dyer, Lozupone,
Absent: Bunn, Johnson
Guests: Mike Golash, ATU 689; Pam Cohen, Laborers' District Council, Esker Bilger, ATU 689; Emil Abate, UNITE HERE 27; Dwight Bowman, AFGC District 14; James Ivey, AFSCME Council 20, Mike Reichert, AFSCME Council 20.

Staff: McKirchy, Garlock, Simpson (Consultant)

- Each affiliate would designate one spokesperson, although they'd be welcome to bring as many participants as they want. A 2/3 vote would be required for a recommendation; absent unanimous consent after a straw poll, delegate strength (based on affiliated members) will be applied to the vote. The recommendations were moved, seconded and approved.

- Message and Issue Emphasis for 2006: Simpson reviewed draft political message and issues emphasis, including Good Jobs, Quality Schools and Affordable Health Care. Discussion ensued.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56P
Respectfully submitted,
Bob Campbell
Recording Secretary