



Executive Board Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

March 20, 2006

4:13P Meeting called to order by President Williams

Minutes: Moved and seconded to approve as distributed. Correction: G Johnson was present at February Executive Board

Financial Reports: Reports of the Metro Washington Council and Community Services Agency received.

Correspondence: none

Evening With Labor

Fred Allen reported
- Evening With Labor is this Saturday 3/25
- Adbook is 68 pages, 4 more than last year
- Tickets available up to Friday
- Still looking for raffle prize donations
- Reception 6:30-7:30P; program agenda is to honor Mayor Williams, then dinner, then honor Senator Sarbanes (Sweeney will be part of this section)
- President Williams noted other upcoming "retirements" by longstanding political allies includes Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan, DC City Council Chair Linda Cropp etc; President Williams also recommended renaming the Outstanding Citizen Award the Wilhemina Rolark Outstanding Citizen Award in honor of this recently-deceased longstanding friend of labor, and to include a \$2,000 award to United Black Fund in her name.
Moved and seconded to approve.
- President Williams gave special recognition to 1st VP Frannie Olshefski, who's retiring as President of IBEW 26 after 45 years in the local, and who is also stepping down from the Council's Executive Board to spend more time with his family. Olshefski is the longest-serving

member of the Metro Council at about 30 years. President Williams asked for motion that the Council express our appreciation for all his service and specially recognize him at Evening With Labor. Moved and seconded to pay tribute to Olshefski. Approved.
- Chris Garlock previewed the Year in Photos slide show that will play during the Evening with Labor reception.

Union City

Chris Garlock
- Washington Ballet dancers, members of AGMA: won tentative contract settlement; will be at tonight's Delegate meeting to report on settlement
- Georgetown Living Wage campaign update: big rally Friday 3/31
- Waste Management/Teamsters 639 update: strike possible as early as 3/31; affects 88 local drivers. Kathleen McKirchy reported on strike prep training session yesterday; asking folks to donate to CSA's strike support

Community Services Agency

Kathleen McKirchy
Update/reminder on CSA's DOES grant to do outreach/recruitment for building trades apprenticeships; working on getting the word out. Have gotten 40 responses already.

President's Report

Jos Williams
- This Friday is the signing of historic DC Project Labor Agreement; first shot in turning DC into a union town when it comes to public works projects. Also in the pipeline: Convention Center hotel; library, Anacostia waterfront, maybe a hospital.

COPE

Craig Simpson
- 3/20 Political Directors meeting this morning focused on voter registration; next meeting set for next month.
- Reviewed endorsement process, especially questionnaires, which will be online and will require answers.
- Recommendations: questionnaires be approved with final modifications subject to approval by President Williams; candidates will not be considered for endorsement unless they answer all required questions; no interviews recommended in Maryland Congressional Districts 4, 5 8 and the DC non-voting rep since none of the incumbents seem to be facing a competitive race; recommend scheduling interviews for DC Mayor, DC Council Chair, Montgomery County Executive on 4/17 beginning at 9A, interviews to be 25 minutes each; recommend that questionnaires be sent to MD District 25 delegate candidate Shirley Thompson and MD District 20 delegate candidate Tom Hucker; recommend action be taken on any early Maryland state endorsements at 4/17 Board and delegate meetings in order to bring any endorsements to State Federation COPE meeting on 4/25; President Williams asked for sense of body, not an official vote, as he wants to discuss these recommendations with other board members as well. Board members concurred with recommendations.

Reports:

- Kathleen McKirchy: Maryland Housing Authority home-buying assistance program materials available
- President Williams: AFL-CIO

Present: J Williams, B Campbell, L Cernak, S Reed, C Goldman, J Pappas, D Reed, M Golash, F Allen, R Scott
Excused: F Olshefski, R Herbekian, G Renne, L Bridges, J Lozupone, J Boardman, T Ratliff, M Federici, G Johnson, M Cuttitta, S Falwell, A Smith, G Pinder
Absent: D Dyer, E Bunn, N Saunders
Guests: Wanda Shelton-Martin, DC APRI; Rodney Sewell, LI-UNA District Council
Staff: K McKirchy, C Garlock, C Simpson (consultant)

recently finalized agreement allowing NEA locals to affiliate; discussion ensued, also covering Solidarity Charter issue.

Meeting adjourned 5:31P