



# Delegate's Meeting Minutes

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Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

May 15, 2006

6:40P Meeting called to order by Trustee Fred Allen (GCIU 538-C)

New delegates sworn in: John Brasseaux, IATSE Local 22

Minutes: Moved, seconded and approved as distributed.

#### Delegate Attendance

Allen, Fred GCIU 538-C  
Ayres, Vance IUEC 10  
Clay, Chuck IATSE 22  
Cusick, John AFM 161-710  
Ferrufino, Ruben Dario-LABORERS 657  
Frederick, Anthony LABORERS 657  
Freeland, Ronald LABORERS 657  
Frum, Stephen DCNA  
Geety, Harry IUOE 99  
Greenhill Sr, Larry IBEW 26  
Lowery, Jim IUEC 10  
Lozupone, Jerry Washington Bldg Trades Council  
Page, John IATSE 22  
Pullium, Mark Mailers 29  
Schniderman, Saul AFSCME 2910  
Scott, Randolph IBEW 26  
Sewell, Rodney LABORERS' JTF 657  
Sexton, Mark IUOE 99  
Shelton-Martin, Wanda OPEIU 153  
Shields, John  
Washington Bldg Trades Cncl  
Stern, Edward AFGE 12  
Warrick, Gerald LABORERS 657  
Williams, Sybil AFGE 2876  
**ALSO ATTENDING: Ann Hoffman, NWU; Alan Schuitema, CWA 2107**

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Craig Simpson reported that sixty candidates have been interviewed in Montgomery County. DC interviews and Prince George's County interviews are coming up soon. Questionnaires for area candidates are available online now at [www.dclabor.org](http://www.dclabor.org). Check for updates, as these are updated regularly. At the June 19 Delegate's Meeting, votes for endorsement will be conducted and two days later, on June 21, the Labor 2006 Kick-Off will feature labor-endorsed candidates and is an important event to showcase our political power.

Voter enhancement project: any local union that wants to get membership lists enhanced with updated addresses, phone numbers and political info should contact Chris Garlock asap to get in on this project.

Kathleen McKirchy introduced the Council's new Political Mobilizer, Rick Powell.

#### Community Services

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported that some 300 District residents turned out for the 6th annual Labor-2-Youth and Adult Career Fair, organized by the Community Services Agency of the Metropolitan Washington Council AFL-CIO and co-sponsored by the DC Department of Employment Services. Thanks to the dozens of locals and employers who participated.

#### Reports

Tony Perez, UFCW Local 400, reported on the pending Retail Accountability Act in DC City Council, and stressed the need to turn up the heat on Councilmember Orange to move the bill (the Metro Council is sending out an E-Activist Action Alert).

Ilana Lipsett, DC Employment Justice Center, reported on the Injured Worker Protection Act, which especially affects DC government workers injured on the job. This bill is also stuck in Councilmember Orange's committee.

#### UNION CITY

Tony Perez, UFCW Local 400 updated delegates on the ongoing campaign against WalMart Big Box-type stores, reporting that Local 400, Jos Williams and others turned out at a recent WalMart press event touting a "community agreement" featuring watered-down community standards in Prince George's County.

Coordinator Chris Garlock reported that: UFCW 1994's organizing campaign at WSSC has resumed; plans are progressing for the 2006 Labor FilmFest (set for 9/14-17); introduced Sara Keeshan-Wallace, who will be the new Assistant Union Cities Mobilizer, taking over from Sara Troshynski, who's returned to school in the Midwest.

Tom Hucker, former Executive Director of Progressive Maryland, reminded delegates that he's a candidate for delegate in Maryland's 20th Legislative District and urged participation in his upcoming labor fundraiser in June.

Wanda Shelton-Martin, APRI, thanked the Council for supporting and participating in APRI's Annual Dinner on April 13.

Ann Hoffman, DC VOTE, reported that "it's possible that DC may actually finally get a voting representative, thanks to the recent support of VA Representative Tom Davis. Many obstacles remain but we're very excited."

AFGE Local 12 reported that their new report on the workplace bullying issue is now available online at [L12bullying.googlepages.com](http://L12bullying.googlepages.com)

Meeting adjourned 7:21P

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert Campbell*  
Recording Secretary

*COPE 50-50: 2 sets of baseball tickets raffled off.*

