

# Executive Board Meeting Minutes

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## Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

November 16, 2009

President Williams called the meeting to order at 4:15p.

President Williams recommended the appointment of Jimmy Tarlau (CWA District 2) and Dwight Bowman (AFGE District 14) to fill vacancies on the Executive Board; it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the recommendations. President Williams welcomed Jimmy Tarlau, who was present, to the Board.

The regular order of business was suspended so that Caroline Kettering of Bond Beebe could present the Council's 2008 audit. She reviewed the audit, which she noted was a "clean" audit that found no significant issues. It was moved, seconded and approved to receive the audit.

**Minutes:** The October minutes were corrected to reflect Fred Allen and Vance Ayres excused absences.

**Financial report:** The October financial report was moved, seconded and approved to receive.

**Correspondence:** President Williams, noting that no contributions have been made since June while a contributions criteria was developed, made recommendations for contributions totaling \$2,520; see next page for details. It was moved, seconded and approved to recommend the

contributions to the delegates for action.

### Community Services Agency:

*Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported:*

- Holiday baskets: collecting contributions for needy families, who will receive gift cards. Prefer no toys this year, as gift cards are much more effective and easier to distribute. Locals wishing to "adopt a family" can do so by contacting CSA.
- Bowling tournament: the annual event benefiting CSA's Emergency Assistance Fund is set for January 31, 2010 and teams can sign up now. As usual, looking for donations of excess convention materials etc for give-aways.
- GSA Pre-Apprentice Training Program: new program is up and running, with four (of 6) staff hired and 21 people attending class being held at the Cement Masons. Great group of folks includes a female interested in construction work.

### Union Cities

*Coordinator Chris Garlock reported:*

Streethat: recent & upcoming activities:

- AFGE's TSA campaign to represent Transportation Security Officers kicking off at all three

area airports; working with AFGE and NoVA ALF to assist.

- Ironworkers on strike against Wings Corp
- 2010 Affiliate Directory: expect to be available at December meeting
- Labor FilmFest update:
- AFL-CIO's Labor Film Poster collection being donated to the Labor FilmFest; in discussions with National Labor College now to permanently display the exhibit in the Kirkland Center
- 1st Canadian Labor FilmFest – which has worked with the DC Labor FilmFest to develop -- kicks off this weekend in Toronto; will be there to help make it a successful launch.

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*Coordinator Rick Powell reported:*

- Proposed DC Mayoral poll: projected cost \$25,000-\$40,000; President Williams reported commitments of \$22,000 thus far (AFGE \$5,000, AFT \$5,000, Sheetmetal \$2,000, UFCW 400 \$5,000, AFSCME 20 \$5,000).
- Report on Campaign Contribution Limits, in MD, DC and Setting Up Metro Council PAC; Powell noted that if 50 affiliates set up political action entities within their locals of 5 members

Present: Jos Williams, Doris Reed, Merle Cuttitta, Linda Bridges, Carnell Reed, George Johnson, Dan Dyer, Anthony Garland, Fred Allen, Dena Briscoe, Vance Ayres

Excused: Sandra Falwell, Gino Renne, Carl Goldman, Riley Gaines, Michael Murphy, Chuck Graham

Absent: Faith Jones, Mark Federici, John Boardman, Jaime Contreras, Anthony Frederick, Tommy Ratliff

*Guests: Tony Perez, UFCW 400, Dave Rodich, SEIU 500, Jackie Jeter, ATU 689*

each, that would provide a base of 250 activists for labor political campaigns

- Outline For Housing Economic Development Omnibus Bill, Update on Take Back D.C. Coalition & Peoples Counsel Conflict; reported on related issues of PEPCO rate increase – which would increase utility costs for DC consumers – and Mayor Fenty's nomination of an inexperienced head of the Office of the People's Counsel in place of 18-year veteran – and highly-rated – consumer advocate Betty Noel. Also noted the Mayor's attempt to slip the nomination through by having his ally on the Council review it at a "roundtable" this Friday rather than the usual hearing, which would require

30-day notification. It was moved, seconded and approved to join the Consumer Utility Board and other allies in opposing the nomination of Ms.

Beasley to head the OPC.

- Alya Mbamba reported on Mayor Fenty illegally routing more than \$82 million in contracts to friends through Department of Parks & Recreation projects without City Council review or approval.

President Williams congratulated Capital Area/Southern Maryland APWU President Dena Briscoe who last week won re-election to another 3-year term. He also noted that after not adjusting the Council's per capita tax since 2007 he'll be requesting an increase -- most likely of \$0.02 to \$0.03 -- at next month's meeting, to take effect January 2010, as this year's Council expenses are on track to exceed revenues. He also noted the need to make sure all affiliates are paying on their full membership, and that all area locals are affiliated with the Council. He also noted that the Council's per capita is less

than many comparably-sized Labor Councils. He requested that the Treasurer convene a meeting with the Trustees to review the budget and necessary increase; Treasurer Linda Bridges (OPEIU 2) said she'd do so and requested a list of affiliates and their membership.

**Reports**

- Tony Perez, UFCW 400: Thanks from Don Cash for support of last Saturday's Minority Coalition Ball which raised funds for sickle cell anemia research. Also noted that the menhaden fishing situation had been resolved satisfactorily.
- Jimmy Tarlau, CWA District 2: layoffs at Verizon looming, expected to be 2-400 people in the DC area; campaign planned on this issue.
- Anthony Garland, ATU 689: WMATA fighting arbitration award, even though they always lose these battles; the local is lobbying Metro board members on this issue;

planning to collect contributions for CSA at their upcoming holiday party.

- Dan Dyer, OPEIU 2: Local 2 facing the same issues at WMATA.
- Vance Ayres, WBCTC: third nuclear power plant at Calvert Cliffs should be a go; working with Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton on PLAs for federal government projects.
- Merle Cuttitta, SEIU 500: tentative agreement reached on contract for Montgomery Community College part-time faculty; includes commitment to address disparity between full and part-time faculty and healthcare access by PT faculty; agreement covers 1,000 workers.
- Fred Allen, GCC: awaiting latest decision on a new US Public Printer to replace Republican hold-over who's been creating problems for GPO workers and unions.

The December meeting will be on the 21st; meeting adjourned at 6:10P

**Council Correspondence; November 2009**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Request/Purpose</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Sheet Metal 100	18-Sep	Kileen Memorial Tourney	\$250
DCEJC	22-Sep	Labor Day Breakfast	pass
Del Tom Hucker	11-Oct	Garden Party/Wine Bar Reception	\$125
DC Vote	13-Oct	Champions of Democracy Awards	\$250
County Cncl Eric Olson	14-Oct	Fundraiser	\$100
Tenants & Workers United	22-Oct	Annual Celebration	pass
Aisha Braveboy (MD 25)	5-Nov	Bowling fundraiser	\$100
Roger Manno (MD del)	5-Nov	Breakfast fundraiser	\$125
Yvette Alexander (DC 7)	5-Nov	Birthday Celebration	\$100
UFCW Minority Coalition	14-Nov	Annual Ball	\$200
Nancy Navarro	16-Nov	Fundraiser	\$100
Boilermakers 193	21-Nov	Dinner/Dance	pass
Downtown Cluster of Cong	21-Nov	Homeless Walk	\$200
George Leventhal	2-Dec	Reception	\$100
Joseph Vallario Jr	2-Dec	Breakfast fundraiser	pass
Labor Heritage Foundation	2-Dec	20th Annual Dinner	pass
Reuben Collins II	2-Dec	Reception	\$70
Del Mary-Dulaney James	9-Dec	Dessert reception	pass
transAfrica Forum	15-Dec	FSAM Commemoration	pass
Eleanor Holmes Norton	17-Dec	Covenant House Christmas Party	\$100
IUEC Local 10	30-Jan	JATC Graduation Dinner	\$250
ACLU		2009 Year-End Donation	pass
Casa de Maryland		MultiCultural Center "Buy a Brick"	\$100
Councilman Michael Brown		Constituent Services Fund	\$100
US Labor Against the War		annual dues	250