



# Delegate Meeting Minutes

## Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

September 20, 2010

Meeting called to order at 6:45p by President Williams

**Minutes:** June minutes ACCEPTED as distributed with the correction that David Richardson (AFGE Council 1) was in attendance. July minutes approved as distributed.

**Financial Report:** August financial report received as distributed.

**Correspondence:** Recommendations of the Executive Board (below) accepted:

- DCEJC: 9/28/2010 Labor Day Awards Dinner \$1500 table
- Jews United for Justice: 10/24/2010; Heschel Vision Awards \$250 1/4 page
- United Construction Workers: Thanks for the Council's support in their struggle; received
- ILCA: Union City wins Best Electronic Newsletter award 2010; 250 1/4 page

Total: \$2,000

**President's Report:** President Williams reported: - MD/DC AFL-CIO Labor 2010 GOTV Rally this Friday, 9/24, 6-9P at ATU 689; labor candidates, including Gov O'Malley, will be there. Campaign kick-off Maryland is now a battleground state so labor will be key in the battle to maintain control of Govern-

nor's mansion.

- One Nation demo/march on Saturday, 10/2 on The Mall: President Williams introduced MD/DC/VA One Nation Coordinator Jocelyn Woodard and Kevin Byrne (AFL-CIO) to review the planned activities. Woodard, former Political Director for the Metro Council, distributed materials -- cards & posters -- for delegates to distribute to members. "The coalition that voted for change wants, jobs and justice and are continuing to fight efforts to go back," said Woodard. "Major turnout is expected so we need help getting folks out, managing the event -- especially marshals -- and then the civic engagement afterwards as we head toward the mid-terms." One Nation DC Field Coordinator Kemry Hughes spoke as well. Have already distributed 30,000 pieces of literature. "We voted for one city on 9/14 now we need to work for one nation," he said. Kevin Byrne reported on marshal recruitment and training; thousands of buses are coming in and the people need to be brought into DC from the bus staging areas. There are four ways to help: promote event to members; distribute materials; link to One Nation website; recruit marshals

### Community Services

**Agency**  
Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported:

- Golf Tournament 9/27: 104 registered so far; can do 144 so space open; should be gorgeous day; benefits Emergency Assistance Fund which is now empty. President Williams emphasized need for support for tourney to replenish the fund.
- United Way/CFC Campaigns: it's that time of year again. Union member support has dropped in last few years so we really need to get word out that CSA needs their support. Flyers available from CSA or download from our website. CSA staff is available for presentations to locals anytime anywhere. Your support is much appreciated!

### Union Cities

Coordinator Chris Garlock reported:

- 10th annual DC Labor FilmFest 10/12-19
- Union City ILCA award: 3rd win, 2nd as top winner

### COPE

- Political Coordinator Rick Powell reported on results in Maryland.

### Delegate attendance

John Brasseux IATSE Local 22  
Barbara Childs AFSA 4  
Cynthia Collins SEIU 400 PG  
Stephen Courtien IUPAT 51  
John Cusick AFM 161-710  
Rick Ehrmann GUILD 35  
Sandra Falwell DCNA  
Ina Fells AFSCME Council 26  
Daniel Fields SEIU 722  
Michael Flood AFSCME 2921  
Riley Gaines IBEW 26  
Harry Geety IUOE 99  
Larry Greenhill IBEW 26  
Ann Hoffman NWU/UAW 1981  
Jessica Ingerick OPEIU 277  
Eartha Isaac AFGE 2978  
Aona Jefferson AFSA/CSO 4  
Gwend Johnson CBTU DC Chapter  
Geri Lee Nurses United  
William Linehan IUEC 10  
Lori Marlowe Nurses United  
Yvette Martin-Gross AFGE 631  
Robert Mayfield AFGE 2978  
Elaine Newman NCAUR  
Tony Perez UFCW 400  
David Richardson Afge  
Eric Starin OPEIU 2  
Jimmy Tarlau Cwa District 2  
John Walker AFGE 383

- Denise Riley, MD/DC AFL-CIO Political Director reported on why Maryland is a battleground state and "we need everyone pitching in to support labor's candidates."
- Desmond Serrette, Congresswoman Donna Edwards (D, MD) staffer, reported on her primary win.
- Assistant Political Coordinator Alya Solomon reported on the DC efforts in the mayoral and Council races and thanked Council affiliates for all their support and hard work. Knocked on over 7,000 labor doors in DC.

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- President Williams referenced the Independent Expenditure Campaign and said there will be more reports in Union City but he wanted to be sure that in addition to recognizing Rick Powell's efforts as well as the entire IEC team, AFGE's Johnnie Walker really stepped up and was a huge help. Truly "the most coordinated and effective campaign we've done. I'm really proud of what we did in this campaign."

### Affiliate Reports

- Gerri Lee, Nurses United: update on current status of effort to win a contract at Washington Hospital Center (WHC). Last offer was rejected overwhelmingly and there's been no movement since then. Approved a 1-day strike but have not yet scheduled that. Priority now is to affiliate with National Nurses United; we're too small to take on WHC parent company MedStar on our own. Hope to finalize that in early October. Have won the jobs back for 9 of the 18 nurses unfairly fired. Sandra Falwell noted that she and DCNA support this affiliation and look forward to welcoming the WHC nurses.
- John Cusick, AFM 161-710: Washington Ballet contract has been rejected as of last week because the Ballet wants to perform with recorded music rather than a live orchestra (did so at the 2009 Nutcracker). So no contract with the Ballet at this point and are planning actions to advise the public they're paying full price for half the product.
- Anna Jefferson, CSO 4: we're negotiating contracts at DCPS that expired in 2007; impasse in June.
- Michael Flood, paraprofessionals: latest in their struggle at DCPS; 3 years since they had a contract.
- Larry Greenhill (IBEW 26): Washington Convention Center; reached a tentative agreement for 19 workers after 22 months bargaining; agreement includes raises.
- Rick Ehrmann, Newspaper Guild: Guild and AFL-CIO have reached a tentative agreement for AFL-CIO staff as of late last week; also nice new contract at ILCA. At DPE, the contract has been extended. NASW contract is still a problem though; former independent local; planning an informa-

tional picket Friday from 11:30-12:30 though not asking for Streetheat support at this point.

- Gwend Johnson, DC CBTU: will be back on track after Nov elections. Join me in congratulations to President Williams for the award at the CBTU regional meeting last weekend recognizing his service to the region over the years. President Williams noted that Gwend also received a similar award and also deserves a hand.
- Eartha Issac: issue about Union Station
- Alya Solomon: DC COPE schedule updates for the fall will be posted on the website calendar.

Meeting adjourned 8:35p

*The 50-50 was \$36, won by Dave Richardson for COPE*