

# Delegate Meeting Minutes

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## Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

April 25, 2010

### Meeting called to order at 6:37P by President Williams.

**New Delegates:** The following delegates took the Oath of Office: Bill Preston (AFGE 17); Edith Lowden (OPEIU 2); Richard Sawatzki (OPEIU 2).

**Minutes:** March minutes approved.

**Financial Report:** March report received.

**Correspondence:** The following Executive Board recommendations for contributions were approved: Martin Luther King DC Support Group, \$100; Jews United for Justice Labor Seder, \$250; ACLU Bill of Rights Dinner, \$150; CBTU Annual Awards Reception, \$300; APRI Annual Birthday Celebration, \$100; UFCW Mid-Atlantic Political Action Committee 2011 Person of the Year Dinner, \$1,000; Baltimore Labor Council COPE dinner, \$350; MD Delegate Joanne Benson fundraiser, \$80; Teamsters 639 golf tournament, \$250; DC Vote annual dues, \$250; DC Jobs with Justice annual dues, \$100.  
**TOTAL: \$2,930**

### Community Services Agency Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported on several upcoming events:

- **Labor Night at the Nats**, July 29; tickets are still available, with Iron Workers 5 set to

throw out the first ball unless another local buys more than 500 tickets. Any local buying 50 or more tickets gets their name on the big screen.

- **Golf tournament**, September 26; looking for more volunteers to help plan. Both events are fundraisers for the Emergency Assistance Fund.  
- **Prison Book Drive:** CSA is coordinating a book drive for area prison libraries suffering budget cuts. Most people in prison usually get out someday and return to the community," said McKirchy. "Anything we can do to help them prepare for re-entry while they are still inside is a worthwhile venture."

### Union Cities

#### Coordinator Chris Garlock reported:

- **National Nurses United/ Washington Hospital Center:** nurse Geri Lee reported that NNU is back in negotiations at WHC but the administration canceled the union's strike vote in retaliation for distribution of a leaflet exposing safety concerns at the hospital and with little progress made thus far, picketing is planned for 5/6, 9, 16 & 23

- **UNITE HERE Local 25:** successful conclusion to the nine-and-a-half week strike by workers at the Madison. Not only did the workers get their jobs back – or a generous buy-out offer – but the hotel management agreed to a “me-

too” provision so they’ll have to abide by what’s agreed to by the rest of the DC hotels under the master hotel agreement.

### - Downtown Safety/ Hospitality and Maintenance (SAMs) workers plan rally

**4/28:** SAMs workers are trying to form union and employer Downtown BID is using tax dollars to “stamp out the voice of its employees.” See below for details.

- **2010 DC Streetheat slideshow with music:** shorter version of the slideshow shown at Evening with Labor, focusing on 2010 Streetheat actions set to rousing song by the Dropkick Murphy's and received a round of applause upon completion. Assembled/ edited by Chris Garlock and Adam Wright.

### - Upcoming events:

\*Wednesday 4/27, 12-1:

**Farmworkers To Protest British Tobacco;** British Embassy; 3100 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest

\*Thursday, 4/28, 8-9:30a:

**SAMs Workers Rally For A Contract;** Newseum; 555 Pennsylvania Ave NW

\*Thursday, 4/28: 2p: **Labor College Hosts Workers Memorial Day observance,** 10000 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD

\*Fri/Sat, 4/29 (6-8:30p) & 4/30 (12-3p): **Maryland State and District of Columbia's International Workers' Day celebration**

### COPE Report

#### Coordinator Rick Powell reported:

- DC At-Large campaign: update on coordinated campaign supporting Labor Council endorsee Vincent Orange; vote is tomorrow and with low turnout expected, labor's endorsement/turnout is expected to be a critical factor.

- **2011 Annapolis Session:** characterized as the “least productive” ever, as labor was forced to fight a number of “purely defensive” battles against anti-worker legislation that had no chance of passage in the Assembly or signature by the Governor.

- **Montgomery County:** updated on the MAPS effort and plans to develop strategies to confront the attacks on public sector workers.

- **Prince George's County:** Mel Franklin, new Prince George's County Councilmember, has five bills that labor is interested in, and that comprise the “Omnibus Economic Development” package. PG COPE to resume.

- **Tri-County:** Regular Meeting Tuesday, 4-26-11; Jim Lowery also reported on efforts by Building Trades in Prince George's County.

### Reports of Affiliates

- **Johnny Walker, AFGE 383:** Reported on coalition opposing Department of Youth

Rehabilitation Services nomination; also confirmed that Public Employee Relations Board has recommended that fired labor leader Robert Mayfield be reinstated to his city job.

- **Walter Carroll, A. Philip Randolph Institute, DC:** annual dinner is this Saturday; ATU 689's Jackie Jeter is keynoting.

- **Desmond Serrette, Staff Person for Congresswoman Donna Edward:** reported that Dennis Serrette's (CWA) retirement party will be this Friday at CWA headquarters.

- **The DC Labor Chorus** then performed several songs for the delegates to promote their upcoming Spring Concert, with organizer Elise Bryant promising "You ain't heard nothin' yet!"

#### **Meeting adjourned at 8:10P**

*The 50/50 raffle was won by Ann Hoffman, NWU, who donated \$24 to the CSA.*

#### **ATTENDANCE**

*Fred Allen GCC 538-C  
Avis Buchanan AFGE 2782  
Walter Carroll DC APRI  
Chuck Clay IATSE 22  
John Cusick AFM 161-710  
Vanessa Dixon Doctors Council DC / AFSCME NUHHCE  
Rick Ehrmann NEWSPAPER GUILD 35  
Jo Freeman NWU/UAW 1981 2  
Riley Gaines IBEW 26  
Larry Greenhill IBEW 26  
David Hershfield AFGE Council 1 12  
Ann Hoffman NWU/UAW 1981  
George Hogan IBEW 26  
William Linehan IUEC 10  
Jim Lowery IUEC 10  
Kendall Martin Ironworkers Local 5  
Yvette Martin-Gross AFGE 631  
Elaine Newman NCAUR  
William Preston AFGE 17  
David Richardson AFGE 12  
Clifton Savoy Sheet Metal Workers 100  
Saul Schniderman AFSCME 2910  
Mark Sexton IUOE 99  
John Walker AFGE 383  
GUESTS: Geri Lee Nurses United*