



# Executive Board Meeting Minutes

**Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO DRAFT February 27, 2012**

Meeting called to order by President Williams at 4:07pm

**January Minutes** were moved, seconded and approved

**Financial Report:** January 2012; moved and seconded to receive; approved.

**Correspondence:** The following contributions were approved: \$350 to IBEW 26 (Poker Run); \$250 Jews United for Justice (Labor Seder).

## **Community Services Agency**

CSA Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported that the Community Services Agency (CSA) received funding from the Marpat foundation to help with strategic planning for the Agency. A CSA Board retreat will be held in July and the goal is to take a new look at CSA's mission, ensure that fundraising and program activities align with the mission, and that CSA is providing services that affiliates and working people find useful. McKirchy will reach out to affiliates for their feedback and ideas for improving CSA. CSA raised an estimated

\$12,000 for their Emergency Assistance Fund from locals, including \$10,000 from ATU 689, which was the proceeds from their annual holiday party, and \$2,500 from AFSCME Council 26, which pays for all its locals. The fund has about \$7,000 in it now. President Williams encouraged affiliates to make at least an annual contribution of \$300 to CSA as the Emergency Assistance Fund is an invaluable asset to help their members.

## **Union Cities**

Union Cities Coordinator Chris Garlock thanked everyone who turned out for the Feb. 10 Conservative Political Action Committee rally and showed a preview of the slide show of photos that will be on display at the Evening with Labor, highlighting the multitude of activities by the local labor community in 2011. Chris also reported that the last chance to make corrections to the 2012 Metro Washington Council Directory of Affiliates before it goes to press will be Wednesday, 2/29. Julia Kann, Union Cities Assistant Coordinator, made several announcements on upcoming

events and rallies including the Tax Day action on April 17. Kann also gave an update on Occupy DC. A rally was held Feb. 27 outside Freddie Mac to prevent the foreclosure on the home of Bertina Jones, a Prince George's County resident. As a result, Freddie Mac committed to modify her mortgage loan. Tony Perez of UFCW 400 reported on the UFCW 400 contract negotiations at Giant and Safeway: Safeway has asked for 36 concessions including a new wage tier starting below their current wage. UFCW 400 members will vote on their contract on April 3rd. Tony thanked all the unions that sent letters to Giant and Safeway in support of their contract. MD State Delegates Brian Feldman and John Bohanan and MD Comptroller Peter Franchot refused to send letters of support

## **MD COPE**

Rick Powell, Political/Legislative Coordinator, reported that the MD State and DC AFL-CIO voted to endorse the following individuals for Maryland's Congress-

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **Board**

Allen, Fred; GCC 538-C  
Ayres, Vance; Washington DC Building Trades Council (WBCTC)  
Bowman, Dwight; AFGE District 14  
Bridges, Linda; OPEIU 2  
Briscoe, Dena; APWU, Nation's Capital and Southern MD Local  
Falwell, Sandra; DCNA/NNU  
Frederick, Anthony; Laborers 657  
Garland, Anthony; ATU 689  
King, Brenda; DCNA  
Martin, Kendall; Ironworkers Local 5  
Murphy, Michael; IUOE 99  
Perez, Tony; UFCW 400  
Renne, Gino; UFCW 1994 MCGEO  
Saunders, Nathan; WTU 6  
Taylor, Katherine; 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers-East  
Williams, Jos; Metro DC Council

### **Staff**

McKirchy, Kathleen; Community Services Agency  
Garlock, Chris; Metro Council  
Powell, Rick; Metro Council  
Solomon, Alya; Metro Council  
Kann, Julia; Metro Council

### **Guests**

Jeter, Jackie; ATU 689  
Jeter, Roland; ATU 689  
Richardson, Dave; AFGE 12  
Williams, Lateefah; ATU 689



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sional Districts: District 6: Rob Garagiola; District 8: Chris Van Hollen; District 5: Steny Hoyer. However, President Williams reported that the DC Labor Council took a "No Endorsement" recommendation for Steny Hoyer and a "No Recommendation" position for Chris Van Hollen to the MD State and DC AFL-CIO because Van Hollen and Hoyer disrespected the Council's endorsement process by not returning their questionnaires on time and not attending scheduled interviews. Powell reported that there is a chance to pick up a Democratic seat in District 6 and urged the unions to participate in the labor-to-labor operation. Powell also reported that Jim Lowery of IUEC 10 was appointed to the MD State and DC AFL-CIO Executive Board.

Doris Reed (ASASP), Prince George's County/Montgomery County COPE Chair reported that there were various individuals running for PG School Board and that she would like to recommend the endorsement of the following candidates on behalf of SEIU 400, AFSCME

2250 and ASASP: District 1: David Murray; District 4: Sandy Vaughns; District 5: Deidre Jackson; District 7: Carletta Fellows; District 8: Edward Burroughs. The motion to endorse these candidates was moved and seconded. Discussion ensued about the merits of these individuals and the reasons for the recommendations. Passed unanimously.

Jayson Williams, Legislative Director and Kerry Watson from Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker's office reported on the MD State Senate Bill 892 (gaming legislation) in Annapolis. Williams and Watson reported that Baker supports a casino and entertainment facility at National Harbor and not at Rosecroft. The project will create 1,200 construction jobs, 700 jobs for highway and road development and 5,000 permanent jobs. Baker supports a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) and Labor Peace Agreement on this project and would like our assistance to help pass the legislation. Williams also gave an update on the Governor's proposal

to transfer some fiscal responsibility of teacher's pensions to the county. Baker opposes this proposal.

## **DC COPE**

DC COPE Chair Fred Allen (GCC/IBT 285) reported that the DC COPE voted to endorse the following candidates for the DC City Council: Ward 2: Jack Evans; At-Large: Vincent Orange. Motion was moved and seconded. Approved. A motion was made to delay action for endorsement for Wards 4, 7, and 8 pending the results of a poll. Moved and seconded. Approved. Allen also reported on Evening with Labor and urged for more ticket sales.

## **Reports of Board Members**

Gino Renne of UFCW/MCGEO 1994 reported that Maryland Governor O'Malley's proposal to transfer some fiscal responsibility of government employees' pensions to the Counties is "outrageous" and the Governor "must create a progressive tax structure to generate more revenue." A motion was made and second-

ed for President Williams to send a letter to the Governor, and Speaker of the MD State House opposing the proposal and urging creation of a progressive tax structure to generate more revenue. Approved.

Katherine Taylor of SEIU 1199 reported that 1199, along with other unions at the United Medical Center (UMC), will be hosting a membership town hall meeting to discuss the recent audit of the UMC.

Nathan Saunders of WTU 6 reported that they will be hosting an Education Forum in Ward 7 at Woodson H. S. If any union would like to add questions to their questionnaire, please contact Nathan.

*Adjourned: 6:35pm*